

RECOMMENDATION LETTER OF PROPOSED UNDERGROUND GAS PIPELINE BY OIL  
INDIA LTD. FOR DIROK FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(For forest land to be diverted under FCA)

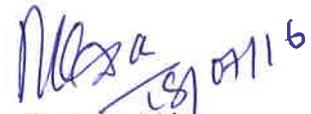
Oil India Limited has submitted a proposal (proposal No. **FP/AS/IND/16231/2015**) for diversion of forest land (under section 2 of FCA-1980) **4.8444 ha** for the purpose of underground gas pipeline.

On inspection, it was found that the land required by the user agency is a forest measuring 4.844ha of Digboi RF (West Block) and Upper Dehing RF (West Block). The required forest land is unavoidable and bare a minimum required for the project.

The proposed underground pipeline route is selected along the periphery of the Reserve Forest, where the density of the forest is low, preventing felling large number of trees. Only 11 up-girth trees is required to be cut for the proposed pipeline. As the density of the forest is low in the proposed route, disturbance of wildlife will be minimum.

There is no human habitation/ protected archeological/ heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument along the pipeline route within the forest land.

**Recommendation:** Presently no works in violations of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is taking place. Therefore the project is recommended for its acceptance subject to observance of applicable rules / regulations and Forest Conservation Act ,1980.

  
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