

No. 3- AS B 059/2005-SHI/1350-52

July 19, 2006

To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
Rehabari, Guwahati.

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 1.99 ha + 1.78 ha + 1.73 ha of forest land for drilling location in South Nambar R.F. under Golaghat Division.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FRS. 100/2002/11 dt. 18.8.2005 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its In-principle approval for diversion of 1.99 ha + 1.78 ha + 1.73 ha of forest land for drilling location in South Nambar R.F. under Golaghat Division of Golaghat District subject to the following conditions:

(i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over double the area in degraded forest land i.e. 3.98 ha , 3.46 ha & 3.56 ha identified at Nambar North R.F under Golaghat Range with the State Forest Department.

(ii) The State Govt. shall charge NPV (Net Present Value) of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt. 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998- FC (Pt. II) dt. 18.09.2003 and 22.09.2003 in this regard.

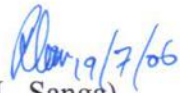
(iii) All the funds i.e. Rs.2,75,000/-for compensatory afforestation, Rs. 1,92,450/- for Over head cost & Rs. 31,90,000/- for NPV received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc CAMPA in the respective account of your State in the Corporation Bank, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase – I, Lodi Road New Delhi vide Ministry's letter D.O No. 5-2/2006-FC Dated 20.5.2006 and as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

After receipt of compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal will be considered for its final approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall

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not be effected till final approval to the proposal is granted by the Central Government. Joint inspection report regarding status of drilling sites already approved & whether commercial production started in these wells shall be submitted to this office.

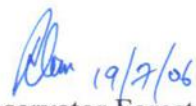
Yours faithfully,


(R.L. Sanga)

Dy. Conservator Forests(C)

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2. The Nodal Officer, O/o The PCCF, Government of Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati.


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