

Forest Clearance for Dirok Development project - Submission of Observations reply

Our Proposal Number: FP/AS/IND/16231/2015 and Query raised by your office on 05/3/2016

In perspective of observations raised on application submitted for forestland diversion for laying of underground gas pipeline through Digboi Reserve Forest and Upper Dehing Reserve Forest (West Block), we would like to inform that requested documents and maps are uploaded as directed in the observation. A reply is also enclosed herewith to explain the context in detail.

**Observations and Reply on forest application submitted for diversion of Forest Land – Proposal No-FP/AS/IND/16231/2015, Query raised on 05/3/2016**

Observations / Query received	Response
<p>A-2-(xiii) - List of Proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion of forest land submitted by the User Agency in the past (if any), may be furnished in the prescribed table and uploaded.</p> <p>In case the same is not editable or loadable in the appropriate space of the format the same may be uploaded as additional information temporarily for our scrutiny.</p>	<p>List of proposals submitted for forest land diversion by OIL in the past .</p> <p><b><i>Reference: Additional Information – Annexure: 1</i></b></p>
<p>C(ii)-(b)- After the verification of the KML file sent by you through Email, it reveals that the proposed forest area mentioned in the Form A Part 1 and the total area calculated out from the KML file does not tally. As the area proposed is 4.5 ha whereas the area enveloped in the KML file is 4.117 ha. So please clarify or rectify the disparity.</p>	<p>The suggested corrections are made and the revised KML file uploaded.</p>
<p>C-(iii) – No action has been taken for rectification of the Total station/D.G.P.S. points, placed in the centre point only of the turning of the alignment in the uploaded scan copy of 1: 50,000 scale SOI toposheet map as communicated vide our E-communication dated 11/02/2016. So action may be taken for plotting the additional coordinates (right and left) furnished as additional information in the SOI toposheet and also reflect the same in the legend of the map.</p> <p>Moreover, the proposed area reflected in the Form A Part 1 as 4.5 ha does not tally with the area (4.26 ha) depicted in the uploaded scan copy of 1:50,000 scale SOI toposheet map. So clarify the disparity and uploaded accordingly.</p> <p>C- (iv) - Similar action may be taken as noted against the column C-(iii) and upload accordingly.</p>	<p>As suggested additional co-ordinates (right and left) plotted in the SOI topo sheet and due to shortage of space in legend, co-ordinates are provided in subsequent pages after the map.</p> <p>The suggested corrections are made and the revised maps are uploaded</p>

	Similar action taken as suggested against the column C-(iii) and revised map uploaded.
<p>I-(ii) - The pipe alignment map furnished along with application form of SBWL and NBWL clearance is not similar to the one furnished for forest clearance. Hence cannot be accepted. So a new pipeline alignment map may be furnished to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife for their acceptance with intimate to this office. Please note that, the forest land proposed for the project cannot be use for non-forestry purpose unless the pipelines are alike in both the proposal i.e. Wildlife and F.C. act Forest clearance.</p>	<p>New pipeline alignment map furnished to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife and intimated regarding the reason for change in the pipeline route.</p> <p>Documents regarding this uploaded in the additional information section.</p> <p><b><i>Reference: Additional Information – Annexure: 2</i></b></p>
<p>K- (i) - A certificate from the concerned Deputy Commissioner in support of the Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi Division Letter No. B/G-8 (a)/F.C. A c t / 2 0 1 6 / 0 3, dated 02/01/2016, stating that the Recognized Right of Primitive Tribal Group and Pre Agriculture Communities are not being affected in execution of the proposed project may be furnished.</p>	<p>In view of the above we would like to inform that we have already approached the Deputy Commissioner of Tinsukia district, but due to the State Assembly Elections in Assam, we have been told that FRA certificate can be issued only after completion of election campaign. We therefore, request you to kindly consider the recommendation given by DFO of Digboi Division vide his Letter No. B/G-8 (a)/F.C. A c t / 2 0 1 6 / 0 3, dated 02/01/2016.</p> <p>We assure that we would submit the certificate immediately after receiving the same from the Deputy Commissioner office.</p>
<p>L – (i) –It is mandatory for the user agencies to provide Non-forest land or Revenue forest land in lieu of the forest land to be diverted. As such your comment not applicable against the column L-(i) is not appropriate.</p>	<p>Oil India Limited being a central PSU company this condition shall be exempted.</p> <p>As we are unable to edit the section L, we have provided the required response with authorization of the</p>

	responsible person and uploaded in the additional information section. <b>(annexure -3)</b>
1. Kindly clarify the reason for reflecting the coordinates points in the KML file with serial no 57 instead of 1.	Maps are edited and now pipeline entry into forest area is indicated by TP 25. As the pipeline starts from GPP and will end at Kusijan GGS therefore GPP is the origination point and assigned as TP-1.