No.8-35/82-Forest (Cons)
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
(Deptt. of Agri. & Cooperation).

New Delhi the 15th May,1982.

To

The Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Forest Department,
Itanagar.

Subject:- Release of 37.990 ha. of forest land in Tirap
district, Arunachal Pradesh for drilling location and
oil collecting stations of Kharsang by Oil India Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Fun.39/
10-1/82/76, dated 8th March,1982 on the above mentioned subject,
seeking the prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with
Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980.

2.0   The proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee
constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the afore-
said Act.

3.   After careful consideration of the proposal of the State
Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the aforesaid
committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under
Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for release 37.990 ha.
of forest land for establishment of drilling locations and oil collec-
ting Stations by Oil India Ltd. in Tirap district, subject to the
following condition :-

    i) equivalent or more area should be brought under re-
        servation from adjacent areas to compensate for the
        loss forests involved.

    ii) adequate compensation should be recovered from Oil
        India Ltd. for the loss of forest produce/wealth and
        for raising plantation of similar species in the new
        CoF area converted into reserved forests.

    iii) in the areas proposed to be released to Oil India Ltd.,
        whichever area becomes excess after construction to
        the drilling/collecting stations or completing explo-
        ration should be returned to the Forest Deptt. after
        planting it up suitably.

    iv) Further, as and when wells are abandoned the area should
        revert to the Forest Deptt. without any circumstances.

                            Yours faithfully,

                            Sd/-
                            M.V. Kesavan
                    Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To:-

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

The Resident Chief Executive, OIL, P.O.Duliajan Assam,
Pin-786602. (Attn. Shri K U V Pandalai)

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