

# इंद्रधनुष गैस ग्रिड लिमिटेड

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## Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited

(A JV of IOCL, ONGCL, GAIL, OIL & NRL)



IGGL/GHY/NEGG/Mizoram/FCA/2022/1

Date: 08.06.2022

To,  
PCCF  
Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Aizawl, Mizoram.

Subject: Diversion of Forest Land for the proposed Panisagar- Aizawl Natural Gas Pipeline Project (Mizoram State) vide online Proposal No: FP/MZ/Others/154974/2022

Sir,

With reference to above mentioned subject matter and referenced online proposal no. FP/MZ/Others/154974/2022. And your office letter no. No.8.22013/19/2020 – FC /PCCF/ 36 dated 19.05.2022 regarding the details of Compensatory Afforestation in favor of North East Gas Grid (NEGG) Pipeline Project of M/s Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL).

This is to inform you that in line with the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 & as per the directives of Govt. of India, a Joint Venture Company, named **Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd. (IGGL)** has been formed comprising five prestigious Public Sector Undertaking Companies i.e. IOCL, ONGC, GAIL, OIL & NRL in order to develop, operate and maintain Natural Gas Pipeline Grid in North Eastern part of India along with associated infrastructure for supplying Natural Gas to various customers in the region. The pipeline grid would connect to State capitals of all States of North Eastern part of India i.e., Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura & Sikkim.

Also as per the CA Provision Clause 2.5 (i)/f of the Forest Conservation Act, CA shall be raised and maintained at the cost of the user agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area diverted in the cases of The projects implemented by the Central Government/PSUs. IGGL is a JV of 05 major Oil and Gas PSUs of India viz. IOCL, ONGC, GAIL, OIL and NRL, entrusted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to implement the North East Gas Grid in all the states of the NE. \*Attached are letters issued by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for reference.

The detail of proposed diversion of forest and requirement of land for Compensatory Afforestation is given below:

Sr. No.	Territorial Division	Type of Forest	Proposed Diversion of Forest land (Ha)	Requirement of CA Land	Remarks
1	Kawrthah	RF	12.8856	25.7712	
2	Mamit	RF	17.3802	34.7604	
3	Aizawl	RF	4.7305	9.4610	
Total			34.9963	69.9926	

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In view of the above requirement of land for Compensatory Afforestation, IGGL is requesting your good office to kindly arrange the desired land of **69.9926** Ha for Compensatory Afforestation through the various Divisions under your jurisdiction and all the applicable cost, as per norms, shall be paid by IGGL accordingly.

Looking forward for your kind cooperation and support in implementation of National Importance project for the benefit of the state of Mizoram, as a whole.

Thanking You

  
For Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited  
**Chief Project Manager**  
Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd.  
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Minister  
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Skill Development & Entrepreneurship  
Government of India

New Delhi 8.10.18  
D.O. No.L-12019/3/2017/GP-II/...  
Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Sir,

As you would be aware that Natural Gas Pipeline Grid is being developed in North-East Region of India as per Government's vision and part of commitment for the development of North-East Region.

2. Five major Oil & Gas CPSEs namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), GAIL India Limited (GAIL), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Numaligarh Refineries Limited (NRL) have entered into a Joint Venture Agreement for implementation of the project and a JV company namely Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) has been formed. PNGRB has issued provisional authorization to IGGL on 14.09.2018 for development of North-East gas pipeline grid. The approximate length of the proposed pipeline grid would be 1650 kms with an estimated cost of 9265 crore. The grid would connect to capitals of 8 North-Eastern States. A map showing North-East gas pipeline grid including length of the pipeline in each state is annexed.

3. This pipeline grid would enable natural gas supplies to various types of consumers' viz. industrial, commercial, PNG (Domestic), CNG (Transport) etc. and immensely help in substituting the liquid and other polluting fuels. The pipeline grid would ensure reliability and uninterrupted natural gas supplies to the consumers.

4. Various pre-project activities for this pipeline grid have already been commenced and efforts are being made to commence the physical works at the earliest. The Chief Operating Officer, Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited has been asked to seek convenience of your office/officers and solicit necessary assistance in this regard. I request you to provide necessary support for expeditious completion of the project.

With regards,

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,  
  
(Dharmendra Pradhan)

**Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Govt. of Assam  
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DO No.L-12019/3/2018-GP.II(Pt.)  
February 02, 2021

Dear Sir,

1656 Km long North East Gas Grid (NFGG) pipeline project connecting North-Eastern States is being executed by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL), a Joint Venture Company of IOCL, ONGC, GAIL, OIL & NRL at an estimated cost of Rs.9265 crore. The foundation stone for the project was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister in February 2019 and Government of India has also approved 60% Viability Gap Fund (VGF)/Capital Grant for the project. Upon commissioning, the project would ensure reliable and uninterrupted supply of natural gas supplies to consumers' viz. Industrial, Commercial, PNG (Domestic), CNG (Transport) etc. across the region.

2. About 176 Km of the route alignment of NEGG traverses through 4 districts of Meghalaya. I am given to understand that a portion of the pipeline passing through Meghalaya shall be laid through forest land under Narpuh Reserved Forest of Jaintia Hills Division and consequently a degraded forest land of about 6.7 hectare is required from IGGL for diversion to forest department for compensatory afforestation.

3. You would agree that IGGL, being a JV and promoted by five Government companies is involved in a project of strategic importance for the nation. The nature of the company and the project executed deserves treatment as per Government department norms for the purpose of diversion of degraded non-forest land for compulsory afforestation.

4. In view of the importance of this prestigious pipeline project for uninterrupted natural gas supply to North Eastern region, I request you to issue suitable directions to the concerned forest department for making available degraded non-forest land for the purpose of compulsory afforestation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Tarun Kapoor]

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