

PART-III

(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

14. Yes, the site has been inspected by the undersigned on 05/07/2012 alongwith Divisional Forest Officer, DoomDooma Division and the staff M/S Oil India Limited is proposing to acquire 3.545 hacts. for the drilling site in Compartment No. 1 of Mesaki Reserved Forests, Mesaki Reserved Forests was constituted vide Govt. Notification No. 4242 R dtd. 18/11/1921 and covers an area of 1366.80 Hacts. The individual area is poor stocked misc. spp with cane and shrubs having stock density of >0.4 evidences of primates, ungulates and other avian fauna were seen during the inspection by the undersigned in the compartment. As per working plan of Sri A. C. Das, D. C. F. (1974-75 to 1988-89) those forest were managed under Miscellaneous plantation working circle with an aim to try growing plywood spp. in a shorter rotation to produce maximum outturn of plywood timber on area basis and also to cover up the blanks and degraded forests as early as possible. Subsequently, as per the working plan of DoomDooma Division written by Sri Suresh Chand, IFS, (1990-1991 to 1999-2000), these compartments have again been placed under miscellaneous plantation working circle with the object of management to improve the irregular stock to a more uniform crop. The silviculture system prescribed has been conversion to uniform by raising plantations. At present the working plan is under revision. Since the area is poor stocked (density > 0.4) there will be a sacrifice of 70 nos. of trees and 117 nos. of pole stage tree crops from the proposed forest area besides cane and medicinal shrubs. In lieu of a acquisition of total area of 3.545 hacts. Of Reserved Forests, Oil India Ltd. will be under taking compensatory afforestation in 7.5 hacts of degraded land of compartment no. 1 of Mesaki RF, which has been identified and duly inspected by the undersigned on 05/07/2012.
15. Yes, the undersigned is in agreement with the information and the recommendations given by the Deputy Conservator of the Forest in Part-II.
16. (i) M/S Oil India Limited is a public sector company devoted to the exploration and production of oil and gas. Production of oil is of immense importance to the Govt. from both economic and defence angles.
- (ii) The proposed plot has been selected after through seismic survey conducted by M/S Oil India Limited and question of diversion of the proposed site or making available of some other plot outside the RF does not arise. The forest site proposed in the minimum exclusively meant for drilling purpose.
- (iii) There will be no submersion of the adjoining area due to drilling or otherwise and there will be no problem of oustees.
- (iv) Necessary safe guards will have to be taken by the user agency to ensure that flare-ups a spill ovens do not affect the adjoining vegetation around the drilling site and do not affect the wild life habitat.
- (v) Since flare-ups may affect the photo periodism and floral behaviour of the adjoining forest areas, it will be appropriate if some light screens are put against flare-ups to control light damages especially during night hours to photo-sensitive plants on animals like slow Loris etc.
- (vi) Since the project is an immense importance for generation of oil for national use and will generate enough employment by virtue of opening of ancillary industries and making provision of jobs for the local people. The proposal may be refcommended after exercising the necessary safe guards as reffered to above.

Date: 31/7/12
Place: Jorhat

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