

- NOTE FOR REFERENCE -

- i. Proposal towards re-grant of Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease covering 540.668 sq km in Arunachal Pradesh was originally submitted on 27.10.2004 in Form-A as well as Form-B.
- ii. Same has been processed by the Ministry under Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/1478/2006.
- iii. Subsequent to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order passed on 08.08.2014 on NPV issue, a combined proposal for 615.668 sq km combining the two PMLs of OIL – namely Ningru PML covering 540.668 sq km and Ningru Extension PML covering 75.00 sq km in Arunachal Pradesh was submitted during Oct' 2014.
- iv. Above was forwarded to the Ministry by Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh vide letter No. FOR.14-8/Cons/2003/Pt/358-59 dated 02.03.2015.
- v. Recently, Ministry wrote to Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (copied to OIL) on above vide letter No. F. No. 8-118/2006-FC dated 21.07.2015 – copy attached below for ready reference.
- vi. The subject proposal on Ningru PML (540.668 sq km) is in response to Ministry's above letter dated 21.07.2015. *[For Ningru Extension PML covering 75.00 sq km, a separate proposal under Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/14231/2015 has been submitted].*

Enclo : Ministry's letter dated 21.07.2015

F. No. 8-118/2006-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 21st July, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for issuance of permission under FC Act, 1980 towards grant/re-grant of Ningru and Ningru Extension Petroleum Mining Lease covering 615.668 sq. km. (61566.8 ha) falling under Lohit and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of M/s Oil India Limited (OIL).

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter no. FOR.14-8/Cons/2003/Pt/358-59 dated 02nd March, 2015 for issuance of permission under FC Act, 1980 towards grant/re-grant of Ningru and Ningru Extension Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) covering 615.668 sq. km. falling under Lohit and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of M/s Oil India Limited.

The matter has been examined in the Ministry in detail. It has been found that there is a variation in the proposal originally submitted by the State Government on 22.09.2006 and the current proposal. The original proposal for renewal of mining lease was for diversion of 540.668 sq. km. of forest land at Ningru area of Lohit and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh. No proposal for extension of PML in Ningru Extension area was received by this Ministry in the past. Therefore, it is necessary that the State Government clarifies whether the user agency intends to execute the two separate mining leases for 540.668 sq. km. in Ningru area and 615.668 sq. km. in Ningru & Ningru Extension area or they are intending to execute a single mining lease for both the areas. In case user agency intends to execute the separate mining lease then the proposal for prior approval of Govt. of India for assigning of the forest land by way of lease for the purpose of executing PML under Section (iii) shall be submitted for the two areas separately and in case they want to have a combined mining lease for both the areas, then a combined proposal may be submitted under Section 2(iii) in accordance with the Ministry's guidelines dated 24.06.2015.

Further, it is clarified that the proposal forwarded by the State Government on 2nd March, 2015 is found to be incomplete. Only Part-I of the form has been submitted. As per the guidelines, the complete proposal is required to be submitted by the State Government. Therefore, you are requested to take action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(B.K. Singh)

Director (Forest Conservation)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Arunachal Pradesh.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
4. User Agency: The General Manager, NEF, Oil India Limited, Duliajan-786602, Assam
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF.
6. Guard File.



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