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01st July, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary
Environment & Forests Department,
Government of Assam
Dispur, Guwahati.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 2.16 ha of forest land for drilling location of ONGC (SUAA) under Doyang Reserve Forest in Golaghat Division.

Sir,

This has reference to the State Govt letter No. FRS.93/2012/131 dated 12th December, 2012 and on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal, In-Principle approval was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 18.12.2013 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-Principle Approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

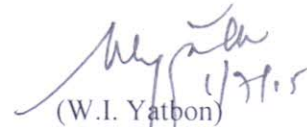
In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government letter No. FRS.93/2012/159 dated Dispur, the 11th June, 2015 of Govt of Assam and confirmation of Ad-hoc CAMPA, New Delhi letter No 1-4/2013-CAMPA dated 26.06.2015, '**Final Approval**' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.16 ha of forest land for drilling location of ONGC (SUAA) under Doyang Reserve Forest in Golaghat Division subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised by the State Forest Department over 4.32 ha of degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation in Upper Doigrung RF of Golaghat Range in Golaghat Forest Division of Golaghat District as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt.
- (iii) Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
- (iv) In view of observation made by this office in the field, wherein area previously diverted to this user agency have been encroached by individuals/Govt Departments, Gram Sabha etc, the area to be diverted should be secured by posting security personnel, chain-link fencing etc to avoid encroachments in future.
- (v) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (vi) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- (vii) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Deptt.).
- (viii) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.

- (ix) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- (x) All other clearances / NOCs under different rules / regulations / local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/1998-FC(Pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
- (xi) The period of exploratory drilling will be for a period of two year and in case of non-completion of the drilling, the user agency shall apply for extension through the State Govt 6 (six) months prior to the expiry of approval period
- (xii) Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by APCCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

This has the approval of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central).

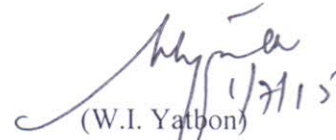
Yours faithfully,



Deputy Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati.



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After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to inform that the Central Government hereby conveys its **"In Principle Approval"** for diversion of 2.16 ha of forest land for drilling location of ONGC (SUAA) under Doyang Reserve Forest in Golaghat Division subject to the following conditions:

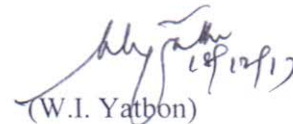
- i. The User agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over 4.32 ha of forest land identified for compensatory afforestation in Upper Doigrung RF of Golaghat Range in Golaghat Forest Division of Golaghat District.
- ii. The State Govt shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest land diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guideline issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2001-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.
- iii. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization/revision of the same by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- iv. All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc CAMPA Fund (CAF) in New SB account No. SB01025200 of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, new Delhi-110003.
- v. The User agency shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillars duly numbered and deposit the fund regarding regeneration and protection to the State Forest Department.
- vi. The In-Principle approval conditions will be monitor under the overall supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

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- vii. The period of exploratory drilling will be for a period of two year and in case of non-completion of the drilling, the user agency shall apply for extension through the State Govt 6 (six) months prior to the expiry of approval period.

After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be affected by the State Govt till final approval orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

This has the approval of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central).

Yours faithfully,


(W.I. Yathon)

Deputy Conservator of Forests(C)

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