

The subject proposal is for the grant of petroleum mining lease (PML) for Kherem Block under sec 2(iii) of FC act 1980 without calling for any diversion of Forest land, unlike other mining lease like coal, open cast mining bauxite etc. In case of PML the grant of PML given only preferential right to the user agency over the lease area. The same does not allow the user agency (HOEC) for breaking /diversion of forest land. For any such breaking or diversion of forest land user agency HOEC will apply Forest clearance under sec 2(ii) Of FC act 1980 separately. In this regard Central empowered committee (CEC) report dated 25th Feb 2014 & consequent honourable supreme court order dated 8.8.2014 on PML may kindly be referred.