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No. WL/FG/Proposal/ONGC/Drilling TLAB/Golaghat

Date: 09.05.2025

To,

General Manager (E&T),
I/c HSE-A&AA Basin, ONGC, Jorhat.

Sub: Deposition of 2% of total project cost for preparation and implementation of Human Elephant/Wildlife Conflict mitigation and elephant centric wildlife conservation plan for Golaghat District in connection with the seven diversion proposals TLAA, TLAB, DPAB, SUAD, SPAA, ELAJ & KSAI.

Ref: 1. Your letter No. ONGC / JRT/ A&AAB /HSE /HEC /2025 /1, dated 08.05.2025.
2. This office letter No. WL/FG/Proposal/ONGC/Drilling TLAB/Golaghat, dated 09.05.2025
2. Govt. of India, MoEF & CC (Forest Conservation Division) letter dated 26.12.2024 **(copy enclosed)**.

Madam,

With reference to the subject and letters cited above, it is to inform you that the preparation of Human Elephant/Wildlife Conflict Mitigation and Elephant Centric Wildlife Conservation Plan is under process and shall be approved in due course of time.

In view of the above, as per Govt. of India letter dated 26.12.2024 quoted under reference-3, it is requested to deposit 2% of the total project cost for the seven diversion proposals mentioned above, in the account of CAMPA, as estimated below.

(a) Total project cost for the seven diversion proposals.

1. Loc. TLAB = Rs 27,00,00,000/-
 2. Loc. DPAB = Rs 27,00,00,000/-
 3. Loc. SPAA = Rs 27,00,00,000/-
 4. Loc. KSAI = Rs 20,00,00,000/-
 5. Loc. TLAA = Rs 20,00,00,000/-
 6. Loc. SUAD = Rs 20,00,00,000/-
 7. Loc. ELAJ = Rs 20,00,00,000/-
- Total amount = Rs 161,00,00,000/-**

(b) 2% of the total project cost = Rs 161,00,00,000 x 2% = Rs 3,22,00,000/-

In this regard, it is requested to deposit amount of Rs 3,22,00,000/- (three crore twenty-two lakhs only) for preparation and implementation of Human Elephant/Wildlife Conflict mitigation and elephant centric wildlife conservation plan for Golaghat District in the account of CAMPA, the bank account details of which is given below.

Bank Name – Union Bank of India.

Account No. – 150617299

IFSC CODE – UBIN0996335

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Vinay Gupta, IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam.

Copy for information and necessary action to DFO, Golaghat Division, Golaghat.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam.

Copy for information to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
2. CCF & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam.

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110 003

Dated: 26th December, 2024

To

Addl. Chief Secretaries (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State Government/UT Administrations

Sub: Clarification on the provisions of guidelines given under para 1.22 of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Rules, made thereunder – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. A/MOEFCC/24/281 dated 16.10.2024 received from Federation of India Mineral Industries, FIMI requesting for uniform guidelines for fixing charges of Wildlife Management Plan(WLMP) and Soil and Moisture Conservation Plans(SMCP) , prepared and implemented in compliance of approvals granted under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this connection, it is to inform that the matter has been examined in the Ministry in light of submissions made by the FIMI. After examination of the same, the following is clarified:

- i. The Guidelines at para 1.22 of the Chapter-1 of Consolidated Guidelines issued on 29.12.2023 by the MoEF&CC provides for an optional arrangement for the User Agencies and States to forward the compliance of in-principle approval to the Central Government in such cases where due to unavoidable circumstances, there is delay in the preparation of Wildlife Management /Soil and Moisture Conservation Plans and its submission along with the compliance of in-principle approval granted earlier. In such cases, the User Agency can make an upfront payment of 2% of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management and 0.5% in lieu of the cost of implementation of Soil and Moisture Conservation Works for submitting the compliance of in-principle approval.
- ii. However, in cases where there is no delay and the WLM/SMC Plan has been prepared by the User Agency before submission of compliance of in-principle approval, the provision of upfront payment of 2% and 0.5% shall not be applicable. In such cases, the User Agency needs to make the payment towards the actual cost of implementation of the WLMP/SMCP, as provided for in the estimate of the approved WLM/SMC Plans.
- iii. Further, measures to be suggested in the Wildlife Management or SMC Plan should be based on the requirement of site i.e. site-specific interventions need to be taken in the area to mitigate the impact of the diversion of forest land. The same should be incorporated in the WLMP and SMC Plans. The values of 2% and 0.5% provided in para 1.22 of the Consolidated Guideline are only indicative values and they cannot be considered as a standard

benchmark for preparing the WLMC or SMC which should be based on the specific field requirements . Therefore, it is appropriate for the States/UTs to prepare these Plans based on the actual cost of the interventions required to be made at the site and not based on the indicative financial outlay totalling to 2% (for WLMP) or 0.5% (for SMCP) of the total project cost.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government/UT Administrations to take into consideration the above clarifications while arriving at the cost of WLMP and SCMP.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Signed by

Charan Jeet Singh

Date: 26-12-2024 14:38:40 (Charan Jeet Singh)

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Yours faithfully

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1. PCCF & HoFF, all States/ Union territories Administrations
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), all Regional Offices of MoEF&CC
3. The Nodal Officer (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), all States/ Union territories Administration
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. Guard File.