

Reminder-V

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

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New Delhi – 1100 03.

Dated: November, 2022

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2(iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for grant of petroleum mining lease (PML) over an area of 252 ha. {originally proposed 75.0 Sq. Km. (7,500 ha)} of forest land (Goju Anchal Forest Reserve) in favour of Chief Engineer, Oil India Limited, Duliajan in Ningru Extension Block, Changlang District in the State of Arunachal Pradesh..

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Arunachal Pradesh letters No. FOR.642/Cons/2015/3808-12 dated 29.09.2022 w.r.t the above mentioned subject proposal for grant of Stage-II approval. In this regard, I would like to refer to this Ministry letter of even no. dt.16.02.2021, 05.01.2022, 14.07.2022 and 22.08.2022 vide which it was requested to take immediate legal action to evict the encroachment from the forest area and Integrated Regional Office (IRO) shall monitor the steps taken by the State Government to remove the encroachment from the forest area and report to the Ministry on monthly basis. The report in this regard is still awaited. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the requisite information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Further, I would like to inform that the Ministry vide Notification dtd. 28.06.2022 issued the Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2022. In this regard it is informed that the FC Rules 2022 will be applicable to all the proposal as per the clarification issued vide this Ministry's letter 18.07.2022.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

2. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati- **With a request to coordinate with Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for early response and also furnish IRO's monitoring report as sought in the matter.**
4. The User Agency.