

**Government of India**  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Dated: February, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary, Forests  
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,  
Itanagar.

**Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2(iii) of FC Act, 1980, towards grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for contract area “AA/ONDSF/KHEREM/2016” measuring 200 ha. of forest land (out of 1645 ha) in kherem area in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of M/s.Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited. (Online proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/35810/2018).**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No.FOR.742/Cons/2017/6441-43 dated 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 forwarding the compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 07.08.2019, it was observed that the User Agency has not submitted the undertakings of the condition No. (i), (iii), (ix), (x), (xi) and (xvii) of the Stage –I approval letter dated 07.08.2019.

Further, w.r.t to condition no. iv of Stage- I approval i.e "*State Government shall take credible action to remove encroachment from the forest areas*", as per the Ministry letter dated 08.11.2023, the request of the State Government for delinking of condition regarding removal of encroachment on forest land was not acceded to. Hence, the State Government is requested to comply with the said condition and also submit undertakings of condition No. (i), (iii), (ix), (x), (xi) and (xvii) of the Stage –I approval letter dated 07.08.2019.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to submit the complete compliance of the Stage-I approval letter dated 07.08.2019 along with undertakings to this Ministry at the earliest, for further consideration of the proposal for Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

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

Pradesh, Itanagar.

2. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer, (FCA), Government Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

3. The DDGF (C) Regional Office, Shillong, MoEF&CC.

4. User Agency.

5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.