

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

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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
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.regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter no. letter No. FOR. 642/Cons/2015/2257-62 dated 09.04.2024 requesting to issue necessary approval under Section-2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, towards grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) over an area of 252 ha at Goju Anchal Forest Reserve.

2. In this regard, the State Government is informed that the matter of removal of encroachment cannot be delinked from grant of Stage 2 approval for the extant proposal. Furthermore, it is informed that the reply received from the State Government, dated 9.4.2024 cannot be treated as compliance of FAC conditions for the proposal. As communicated vide MoM dated 10.4.2024, the State Government is asked to take immediate legal action to evict encroachments from the forest area.

The State Government is also informed that if any change of Stage-I conditions approval letter dated 16.02.2021 is required, a proposal for change of conditions may be sent to the Ministry with complete justification for non-compliance of earlier conditions and cogent reasons for change of conditions.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer, (VSESA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The DDGF (C) Regional Office, Shillong, of MoEF&CC.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.