

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 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 forestland (out of 1645 ha) in Kherem area in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of M/s Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited (Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/35810/2018)– regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to APCCF (Cons) & Nodal Officer(FCA) letter No. FOR 742/Cons/2017/487-88 dt. 12.02.2025 wherein it has been requested to arrange to refund the money paid towards NPV in to the account CAMPA by the User Agency. In this regard, it is to inform that after examination of the matter in the Ministry, it has been desired that following information may be submitted by the State Government for further consideration of the proposal:

- i. Details of funds, if any, utilized by the State Government under any scheme may be submitted.
- ii. Inspection report from officer not below the rank of CF/CCF of the area may be carried out and a report giving details of factual situation and violation, if any, committed by the User Agency during the intervening period may be submitted to the Ministry.
- iii. In accordance with condition no (iv) of the in-principle approval, action to remove encroachment from the forest area were required to be taken by the State Government. Status of action taken by the State on the removal of encroachment from the forest area may be submitted to the Ministry.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to furnish information/documents, as indicated above, to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Shillong of MoEF&CC.
3. The APCCF—cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.