F. No. 8-33/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 9ᵗʰ January, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
State Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 94.712 ha of Forest Land for drilling of Oil well at 27 new locations in changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Geo-Enpro Petroleum Limited seeking forest clearance under Section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the vide their letter no. FOR/Cons/2004/2421-25 dated 28ᵗʰ October 2019 forwarded a physical copy of the proposal for seeking prior approval under Section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 for diversion of 94.712 ha of Forest Land for drilling of Oil well at 27 new locations in changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Geo-Enpro Petroleum Limited. On preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Ministry, the following observation are made:

i. Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed in degraded forest land in Namphuk RF, Nampong forest division whereas the user agency is M/s Geo-Enpro Petroleum Limited which is a private entity for which compensatory afforestation on forest land is not permissible.
ii. The shape/KML file for the propose area of diversion and sites identified for compensatory afforestation is not given.
iii. The instant proposal has not yet been uploaded on web portal.

In view of above State Govt. is requested to submit the proposal through online on Ministry's website i.e. **https://parivesh.nic.in**, and also furnish clarification on the points as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. User Agency
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC.
5. Guard File