File No.8-33/2019-FC

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division)

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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 this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 09.01.2020 wherein it was requested to furnish the information on the following points and submit the proposal through online on Ministry's website i.e. **https://parivesh.nic.in**:

- 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 who 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.
- 2. It is further informed that as per the para 1.20. Reopening/reconsideration of Proposals of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 & guidelines as issued by this Ministry states that in cases where the State Government is requested to furnish clarification or additional information relating to a proposal, all particulars should be made available to the Central Government within 90 days. If such particulars are not received within 90 days, the proposal may be rejected by the Central Government for non-furnishing of essential information. But the same has not been received even after a period of three months.

In view of above, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is again requested to submit the requisite information within one month from the date of issue of this letter failing which the project proposal will be liable for consideration for rejection by this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

- 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. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
- 4. User Agency
- **5.** Monitoring Cell, FC Division., to upload and issue through e-mail to all concerned incl. user agency.