

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

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Dated: As per e-Signature

To,

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Assam,
Dispur.

Subject: Proposal for change in Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land of seven diversion proposals in favour of ONGC Ltd.- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Assam's letter eCF No.234262 dated 15.04.2022 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 30.04.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at www.parivesh.nic.in. The Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong and Nodal Officer, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, Government of Assam and after going through the facts of the proposal, decided that the proposal shall again be placed before AC after receipt of the following: -

- i. The Regional Office shall undertake a Site Inspection of the CA lands identified by the State Government and submit a report to the Ministry with its recommendations regarding suitability of the CA land identified specially keeping in view the size of the land parcels and their manageability.
- ii. The State Government shall identify a single patch of NFL cumulatively for the said seven diversion proposals (details are as under) and ensure that the CA land area is not lesser than the total area proposed for diversion. The State Government shall submit the CA scheme, site suitability certificate, KML file and DGPS maps for the said CA site.

Sl. No.	File No.	Name of the Proposal	Area (in ha)
1.	3-ASB/124/2022/GHY	Proposal for diversion of 1.731 ha of forest land for exploratory location SPAA in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	1.731
2.		Proposal for diversion of 1.781 ha of forest land for exploratory location TLAB in Doyang R	1.781

	3-ASB/ 122/2022/GHY	Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	
3.	3-ASB/117/2022/GHY	Proposal for diversion of 1.889 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location DPAB in DOYANG Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	1.889
4.	3-ASB/121/2022/GHY	Proposal for diversion of 1.76783 ha of forest land for exploratory location TLAA in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	1.76783
5.	3-AS B/116/2022/GHY	Proposal for diversion of 1.8212483 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location SUAD in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	1.8212483
6.	3-AS B/ 125/2022/GHY	Proposal for diversion of 2.1 ha of forest land for exploratory location KSAI in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	2.1
7.	3-AS B/126/2022/GHY	Proposal for diversion of 2.2091 ha forest land for exploratory drilling location ELAJ in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.	2.2091
Total			13.2991783

In view of the above, the Government of Assam is requested to kindly furnish the above information/clarification at the earliest for further processing of the proposal under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

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(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati.
2. The DDGF (C) Regional Office, Shillong, MoEF&CC **with a request to submit a Site Inspection Report of CA land with recommendations.**
3. The CCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Assam, Guwahati.
4. The DIGF (C), Sub-office, Guwahati of MoEF&CC.
5. The Monitoring Cell, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. User Agency.