

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

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New Delhi- 110003,
Dated:20-06-2025

To

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat for diversion of 2.2091 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location ELAJ in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division, Assam (Online Proposal No. FP/AS/MIN/139315/2021)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Assam letter No. 294880/2025/239 dated 10.06.2025 on the above subject wherein compliance conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval dated 12.02.2024 was submitted to the Ministry and to inform that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed following:

- i. Compliance of the condition no. (xix) of the in-principle approval has not been reported completely as the user agency has mentioned that drilling process cannot be halted after sunset due to complexities involved as stipulated in the said condition. Therefore, State Government is required to either submit the complete compliance or seek amendment in the condition (xix) of the in-principle approval.
- ii. Necessary undertaking in compliance of condition No's. (xx), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxvii), (xxxii), (xxxiii) and (xxxiv) of in-principle approval, stated to be submitted, have not been received along with the compliance. The same needs to be submitted.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to submit above information to this Ministry at the earliest, for further consider of the proposal for Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

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

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati.

2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong, MoEF&CC.
3. The CCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Assam, Guwahati.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. The User Agency.