F. No. 8-118/2006-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)

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> الم Dated:|GJuly, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2(iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for grant of petroleum mining lease (PML) over 75.0 sq. Km (7,500 ha) of forest land in favour of Chief Engineer, Oil India Limited, Duliajan in Ningru extension Block, Changlang District in the State of Arunachal Pradesh – regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh letter No. letter no. FOR.642/Cons/2015/629-31 dated 25.04.2019 submitted additional information as sought vide this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 26.05.2016 on the above subject proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal with additional information was discussed in Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 27th June 2019. The minutes of the meeting may kindly be seen at <u>parivesh.nic.in</u>. The FAC **deferred the proposal with following direction:**

"State Government shall give the exact forest area (as per definition of 'forest' defined in Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12.12.1996) proposed to be a part of this PML".

In view of above, State Government may be requested to provide the exact forest area (as per definition of 'forest' defined in Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12.12.1996) proposed to be a part of this PML along-with documentary evidence for further consideration of proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Sharma) 15.7 19

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF(HoFF), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
- 3. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
- 4. Guard file.
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi..