

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

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Dated: 14th September, 2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,  
Itanagar.

**Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2(iii) of FC Act, 1980, towards grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for contract area "AA/ONDSF/KHEREM/2016" measuring 200 ha. of forest land (out of 1645 ha) in Kherem area in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh in favor of M/s Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No. No.FOR.742/Cons/2017/2568-70 dated 11.07.2022 forwarding additional information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 07.08.2019. After examination of the Compliance Report in the Ministry the State Govt. is requested to offer the comments on action taken to remove encroachment from the forest areas and also on the justification provided for the sparse vegetation noted in the reserve forest area w.r.t. the conditions no. (iv) and (v) of stage-I approval vide letter dt 07.08.2019.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the comments and information as mentioned above for further consideration of the proposal in this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shillong, of MoEF&CC.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.