

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

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Dated: 2nd September, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests and Environment,
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.

Sir

I am directed to refer to letter No. For.572/Cons/2014/2720-21 dated 09th November, 2020 forwarding additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 28.09.2020 w.r.t the above mentioned proposal. After analysis of the additional information it is observed that the desired information is not complete. State government is requested to submit following information.-

- i. The CA area for 190 ha. has been identified in degraded unclassified community forests and notified as village Reserve Forest (VFR) namely 'Muktur VFR'. The area identified for CA is not a degraded forest as per guideline 2.4 rather it is declared as reserved forest under the local act such area cannot be accepted for CA for a private entity. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to identify the new area for CA and the details and KML file of newly identified CA land may be forwarded to this Ministry.
- ii. The clarification given by the State Govt. with respect to the point no. iii of this Ministry's letter dt 28.09.2020 is not clear. In this regard the user agency may be requested to either submit the NOC from the user agency to which the area is already diverted, w.r.t the Oil drilling lease/ mining lease area falling in the Coal Block namely Namchik - Namphuk or remove the area which is overlapping with the coal mining from the map and submit the revised area for diversion.

In view of above, I am directed to request to the State Govt. to provide suitable justification/information on the above mentioned points at the earliest to this Ministry for further consideration of this proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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