

**F. No. 8-118/2006-FC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(FC Division)**

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**Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017**

To

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

Sub: **Diversion of 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 540.668 Sq Km (54,066.80 ha) of forest land in favour of Chief Engineer, Oil India Limited, Duliajan in Ningru Block, Changlang District in the State of Arunachal Pradesh – regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No. FOR.14-8/Cons/2003/Part/292-95 dated 07.04.2017 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting convened on 16.05.2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 16.05.2017 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in).

2. After thorough deliberation FAC recommended the proposal for approval under section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 with general, standard and following specific conditions:

- A) The area of the PML shall be revised. The state government shall submit the revised map and area by excluding the area of Namdhapha tiger Reserve, National Park, Buffer zone of Namdhapha tiger reserve, Eco-sensitive zone area of the protected areas. The file shall be processed and submitted to competent authority for approval on receipt of revised area of Petroleum mining lease along with DGPS coordinate and map.
- B) No physical diversion of forest land will be allowed and no breaking up of forest land to be permitted.
- C) The project proponent has to pay NPV for the area, as applicable.
- D) The grant of permission under section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 will not confer any right on the project proponent for diversion under section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- E) The forest department will be free to manage the forest area as per normal management practices and working plan prescriptions
- F) State government to confirm complete compliance of the provision of FRA 2006 prior to executing/ granting forest area on lease.
- G) The permission is subject to confirmation of NPV amount for the area from Adhoc CAMPA.
- H) User agency shall pay penalty for drilling 13 wells, covering an area of 36.142 ha, without valid clearance under Forest conservation Act 1980.
- D) The user agency shall seek approval under section 2(ii) of FC Act for violations committed for drilling 13 wells covering a forest area of 36.142 ha .

- J) Since the User agency has violated the provisions of FC Act and Rules made thereof, the quantum of penalty shall be imposed and realised as per the recommendations of the committee, constituted for this purpose by the FAC and accepted by the competent authority in the ministry.
3. **The State Government shall submit the revise map and area by excluding the area of Namdhapha tiger Reserve, National Park, Buffer zone of Namdhapha tiger reserve, Eco-sensitive zone area of the protected areas for execution of lease.**

The file shall be processed and submitted to competent authority for approval on receipt of revised area of Petroleum mining lease along with DGPS coordinate and map.

4. In view of above, the State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is requested to submit the compliance on the para (3) above so that the approval of the Central Government under Section 2(iii) of FC Act, 1980 concerning diversion of 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 540.668 Sq Km (54,066.80 ha) of forest land in favour of Chief Engineer, Oil India Limited, Duliajan in Ningru Block, Changlang District in the State of Arunachal Pradesh would be granted.

Yours faithfully,



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The PCCF, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Add. PCCF (Central) Regional Office, Shillong.
4. **User agency.**
5. Guard file.
6. Monitoring Cell.



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