

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

No. 294864/2025/236

Dated Dispur, the June, 2025

To : The Assistant Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India, MoEF& CC, FC Division,
Jor Bagh Rd, Lodi Colony,
New Delhi 110003

Sub: Submission of Compliance Report of the conditions laid down in the “In-Principal approval/Stage-I” for diversion proposal of 1.781 hectare forest land for development drilling of exploratory location TLAB in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat – reg.

Ref: Government of India letters No. 3-ASB/122/2022/GHY dated 09.02.2024 & No. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY dated 21.10.2024.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the report regarding compliance of the conditions enlisted in the Central Government's "In-Principle Approval" for the above-mentioned forest diversion proposal as given below for favour of your kind information and necessary action.:

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Yours faithfully

**Digitally signed by
MAUCHUMI BARUA**

Date: 10-06-2025

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

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Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department

Memo No. 294864/2025/236 -A

Dated Dispur, the June, 2025

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

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Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND
HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM
ARANYA BHAWAN, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

No. FG.27/FCA/ONGC/Golaghat Divn.

Date: 02.06.2025

To

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Therefore, you are requested to kindly forward the compliance report to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for onward necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Rajendra G Garawad
Approved
Digitally signed by
Rajendra G Garawad
Date: 2025.06.02
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 Chief Conservator of Forests &
 Nodal Officer (FC Act)
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Copy for kind information to:

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2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi.
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4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Wildlife Division, Nagaon.
6. The General Manager (E&T) i/c HSE-A & AAB Basin, ONGC, Jorhat.

**DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT DRILLING OF EXPLORATORY
LOCATION TLAB IN DOYANG RESERVED FOREST**

PROPFORMA

1	State/ District /Forest Division to which the proposal relates	Assam/ Golaghat / Golaghat.
2	Name of User Agency, nature of proposal	The General Manager (E&T) i/c HSE-A & AAB Basin, ONGC, Jorhat. Proposal for diversion of forest land for development drilling of exploratory location TLAB in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.
3	Extent of Forest area involved	1.781hectare of Reserved Forest area
4	Whether original, or extension	Original
5	If extension of lease, please clarify if proposal involves additional forest area, and if so, specify	Does not arise.
6	Date of 1 st stage clearance	09.02.2024.
7	Extent of CAMPA charges, head wise viz.	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	The amount has been paid for consolidated CA in the location TLAA proposal No. FP/AS/MIN/140108/2021
	(b) Additional CA.	NIL
	(c) Penal CA	NIL
	(d) Catchment Area Treatment	NIL
	(e) Wildlife Management Plan	Rs. 54,00,000 /-
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified/ protected areas	NIL
	(g) Net Present Value	Rs. 19,89,199/-
	(h) Any other charges/ Levies (Pl specify)	NIL
8	Details of Bank Drafts (Bank, Draft No, Date & Amount), head wise against items indicated in paragraph 7 above	NIL
9	Whether deposited by RTGS, if so the particulars and date of remittance	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 19,89,199/- & Rs. 54,00,000 /- into the Ad-hoc CAMPA account through online web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) of MoEF & CC on 07.02.2025 & 23.05.2025
10	Bank (Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex/ Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar) in which deposited with date deposition.	As stated in column No. 9 above.
11	Any other remarks	NIL

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**Chief Conservator of Forests &
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Purchased by : LILY P CHAWANG
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Property Description : FOREST CLEARANCE FOR ONGC
Consideration Price (Rs.) : 0
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First Party : LILY P CHAWANG
Second Party : NA
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Undertaking of Oil and Natural Gas Limited (ONGCL) to comply the conditions of In Principle Approval vide letter no. F No. 3-ASB/122/2022/GHY dated 09.02.2024 and amended IPA condition letter no. F.No. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY dated 21.10.2024 for diversion of 1.781 ha of Forest Land for drilling of exploratory location TLAB in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division, Assam and Proposal No-FP/AS/MIN/113884/2020.

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2. The onus of checking the legitimacy is on the users of the certificate.
3. In case of any discrepancy please inform the Competent Authority.

1. Legal Status of Forest Land:

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), hereby undertakes that, Legal Status of Forest Land proposed for diversion will remain unchanged.

2. Payment of Net Present Value (NPV):

ONGC undertakes that, to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. Permission for Forest Entry and Borehole Activities:

ONGC undertakes that, to seek permission of concerned Divisional Forest Officer before entering into the forest area and borehole shall be dug with prior permission of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project.

4. Plugging of Borehole:

ONGC undertakes that, proper plugging of borehole shall be made after exploration activities are complete to the satisfaction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

5. Tree Felling Restrictions:

ONGC undertakes that, No tree felling shall be undertaken for exploration activities. Project activities shall be restricted to clearing of bushes and lopping of tree branches if any for the purpose of site preparation.

6. Compensation for Loss of Flora and Fauna:

ONGC undertakes that, for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding. Any damage done in this regard shall be compensated by the User Agency from the project cost as per assessment of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

7. Use of Existing Forest Roads:

ONGC undertakes that, No new road shall be constructed for transporting prospecting tools and machines. ONGC will use the existing forest road/path with prior information to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The area used for path during the prospecting work shall be restored to its original status of forest after completion of prospecting work.



8.No Additional Construction Activities:

ONGC undertakes that, No other construction activities shall be done by the User Agency on forest land. Existing path and roads only will be used by the User Agency for the purpose of prospecting activities and drilling of bore holes will be limited to

01 no. with diameter of 17 1/2" within forest land will be dug. No other physical breaking of forest land will be taken up. However, in case a requirement arises for additional bore hole, due intimation and permission will be sought.

9.Changes in Borehole Specifications:

ONGC undertakes that, to report any proposed changes in the borehole diameter or the number of boreholes to the concerned Regional Office in advance for approval and recommendations to the Central Government.

10.Protection of Wildlife:

ONGC undertakes that, adequate measures shall be taken to ensure that prospecting activities do not harm the wildlife in the area. Any damage done in this context shall be compensated as per assessment, by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

11.No Labour Camp on Forest Land and no work after sun set:

ONGC undertakes that, No labour camp will be established on the forest land.

Exploratory drilling is a short term project of about 3 months to explore the presence of hydrocarbons in the subsurface. The drilling process is a continuous job that cannot be halted because of the complexities involved. Therefore, it is not possible to stop drilling in between. It will continue day and night until completion.

It may please be noted that in the 2nd Regional Workshop held at Shillong, hosted by MoEF&CC on 23.01.2024 the same was raised & the matter is under due consideration by MoEF&CC.

12.Usage of Collected Samples:

ONGC undertakes that, the samples collected during the prospecting shall be used purely for investigation purposes and shall in no case be used for trade or commerce purpose.

13.Phased Tree Felling:

ONGC undertakes that, trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO.

14.Provision of Alternative Fuels:

ONGC undertakes that, will provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.



15.No Changes to Layout Plan:

ONGC undertakes that, the layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

16.No Transfer of Forest Land:







ONGC undertakes that, the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

Date: 26.05.2025

Place: Jorhat

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lily P. Chawang', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Lily P.Chawang
GM (E&T) -I/C-HSE, A&AA Basin

Sl. No.	Proposal Detail Online Help/Query	App- ication_No	Date of IN- PRINCIPLE	Amount to be Paid/Amount Paid (in Rs.)	Payment Status	Payment Detail	Demand Letter
1	FP/AS/MIN/113884/2020 (../viewreport.aspx? pid=FP/AS/MIN/113884/2020) ONGC, Drilling of Exploratory Location TLAB	MIN1138842020920	09 Feb 2024	CA: 0/- , Addl CA : 0/- PCA: 0/- , CAT : 0/- Safety Zone: 0/- , Addl PA : 0/- NPV: 0/- , 2% of the project cost of the location TLAB as : 5400000/- Total : 5400000/-	 Paid	Fund Demand Verified by Nodal Officer On Bank Name : Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment : NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On : 19 May 2025 Transaction Date : 23 May 2025	Demand Letter (../writereaddata/Fundpdf/140520251239162829_FPASMIN1138842020_U Generated Challan (../UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN113884
2	FP/AS/MIN/139315/2021 (../viewreport.aspx? pid=FP/AS/MIN/139315/2021) ONGC Drilling of Exploratory location ELAJ	MIN1393152021036	12 Feb 2024	CA: 0/- , Addl CA : 0/- PCA: 0/- , CAT : 0/- Safety Zone: 0/- , Addl PA : 0/- NPV: 0/- , 2% of the project cost of the location ELAJ as : 4000000/- Total : 4000000/-	 Paid	Fund Demand Verified by Nodal Officer On Bank Name : Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment : NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On : 20 May 2025 Transaction Date : 23 May 2025	Demand Letter (../writereaddata/Fundpdf/140520251233573145_FPASMIN1393152021_U Generated Challan (../UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN139315
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5	FP/AS/MIN/35222/2018 (../viewreport.aspx? pid=FP/AS/MIN/35222/2018) ONGC exploratory Drilling Location KSAI	MIN352222018405	09 Feb 2024	CA: 0/- , Addl CA : 0/- PCA: 0/- , CAT : 0/- Safety Zone: 0/- , Addl PA : 0/- NPV: 0/- , 2% of the project cost of the location KSAI as : 4000000/- Total : 4000000/-	 Paid	Fund Demand Verified by Nodal Officer On Bank Name : Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment : NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On : 19 May 2025 Transaction Date : 23 May 2025	Demand Letter (../writereaddata/Fundpdf/140520251241523717_FPASMIN352222018_U Generated Challan (../UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN352222
6	FP/AS/MIN/87902/2020 (../viewreport.aspx? pid=FP/AS/MIN/87902/2020) ONGC, Drilling of Exploratory Location SPAA	MIN879022020947	09 Feb 2024	CA: 0/- , Addl CA : 0/- PCA: 0/- , CAT : 0/- Safety Zone: 0/- , Addl PA : 0/- NPV: 0/- , 2% of the project cost of the location SPAA as : 5400000/- Total : 5400000/-	 Paid	Fund Demand Verified by Nodal Officer On Bank Name : Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment : NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On : 19 May 2025 Transaction Date : 23 May 2025	Demand Letter (../writereaddata/Fundpdf/140520251238093630_FPASMIN879022020_U Generated Challan (../UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN879022

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8	pid=FP/AS/MIN/113896/2020 ONGC, Drilling of Exploratory Location DPAB	MIN1138962020473	09 Feb 2024	CA: 0/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 2109825/- Total: 2109825/-	Paid	Fund Demand Verified by 30 Jan 2025 Nodal Officer On Bank Name: Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment: NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On: 07 Feb 2025 Transaction Date: 07 Feb 2025	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/210120251308195203_FPASMIN1138962020_U Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN113896
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10	pid=FP/AS/MIN/139446/2021 ONGC Drilling of Exploratory location SUAD	MIN1394462021956	09 Feb 2024	CA: 0/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 2034153/- Total: 2034153/-	Paid	Fund Demand Verified by 30 Jan 2025 Nodal Officer On Bank Name: Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment: NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On: 07 Feb 2025 Transaction Date: 07 Feb 2025	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/210120251309596105_FPASMIN1394462021_U Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN139446
11	pid=FP/AS/MIN/140108/2021 ONGC Drilling of Exploratory Location TLAA	MIN1401082021294	09 Feb 2024	CA: 9422415/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 1974490/-, 50% of CA cost as Over Head 4711208/- Cost of protection and Fencing 20000000/- of CA Land Bank: 36108113/- Total: 36108113/-	Paid	Fund Demand Verified by 30 Jan 2025 Nodal Officer On Bank Name: Union Bank Of India Mode of Payment: NEFT/RTGS (Challan) Challan Generated On: 07 Feb 2025 Transaction Date: 07 Feb 2025	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/210120251301569493_FPASMIN1401082021_U Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=MIN140108
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CA Scheme for 13.3 Hectare Artificial Regeneration (AR) Plantation for ONGC Ltd.

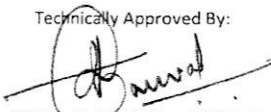
Area (ha.)	13.3
Spacing (m x m)	2 X 2
Number of Saplings/ ha	2500
Length of Fence (RM)	2072 *
Wage rate (Rs.)	353
Increase in wage rate for subsequent years by a factor	1.1 **

Sl. No.	Particulars of works	Units	Qty./ Ha.	Total Qty.	Rate/ Unit	Amount (Rs.)	Applicable rate of GST/ Cess etc.	
							GST	Labour Cess
A	ERECTION OF FENCING							
	(a) Cost of full chain link fencing (4' ht with 10 guage 3" dia link) with 2 strand barbed wire, to be filled on pre-cast RCC pillars of specific specification and size (2.1m x 0.125m x 0.125m) as per detail specification attached at 2.5 m apart, including transportation, fitting and fixing for 2072 RM @ Rs. 1661/RM as per estimate (Inclusive of 14.05% GST and 1% Labour Cess)	RMs		2072	1661	3441592		
	Sub Total					3441592		
B	INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLANTATION AREA							
	Construction of Camp Hut with installation of Ring Well/ Tube Well	Nos.		1	225000	225000.00		
	Cost of tools & implements	Set		1	10000	10000		
	Cost of RCC signboard & Gate including fitting and fixing of the same	Nos.		1	40000	40000		
	Camp accessories @ Rs. 10000 Per Camp	Nos.		1	10000	10000		
	Sub Total					285000		
C	ADVANCE WORK							
	Raising of Nursery for creation including vacancy filling for 3 (three) years (25% + 15% + 10%) and site nursery mortality 15% by using polypots	Nos.	4125	54862.5	10	548625		
	Site selection, surveying, demarcation, jungle cutting, slash disposal etc. 40 DLs/ha.	DLs	40	532	353	187796		
	Sub Total					736421		
D	CREATION							
	Soil working, carriage of stumps, polypot seedling and planting at the plantation site including, dibbling of seeds wherever necessary to complete raising of plantation with all necessary operation @ 50 DLs/ ha	DLs	50	665	353	234745		
	Sub Total					234745		
E	1ST YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	4 weeding, mulching and fire protection works @ 25 DLs/ ha/ weeding	DLs	100	1330	353	469490		
	Maintenance & Protection by way of deploying of watch and ward for site nursery and plantation area (2 DL for 365 days)	DLs	2	730	353	257690		
	Contingency	LS				10000		
	Sub total					737180		
F	2ND YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	4 weeding, mulching & fire protection works @ 25 DLs/ha/weeding	DLs	100	1330	388.3	516439		
	25% vacancy filling by 1 year old seedlings from nursery @ 28 DLs/ha	DLs	28	372.4	388.3	144602.92		
	Maintenance and protection by way of deploying of watch & ward for site nursery & plantation area (2 DL for 365 days)	DLs	2	730	388.3	283459		
	Maintenance of Camp Hut, Implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				10000		
	Contingency	LS				10000		
	Sub Total					964500.92		
G	3RD YEAR MAINTENANCE							


	4 weedings, mulching & fire protection works @ 20 DLs/ ha/ weeding	DLs	80	1064	427.13	454466.32		
	15% Vacancy filling by 2 year old seedlings from nursery @ 23 DLs/ ha	DLs	23	305.9	427.13	130659.067		
	Maintenance and protection by way of deploying of watch & ward for site nursery & plantation area (2 DL for 365 days)	Dls	2	730	427.13	311804.9		
	Maintenance of Camp Hut, Implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				10000		
	Sub Total					911930.287		
H	4TH YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	3 weedings, fire protection works @ 15 DLs/ ha/ weeding	DLs	45	598.5	469.843	281201.0355		
	10% Vacancy filling by 3 year old seedlings from nursery @ 20 DLs/ ha	DLs	20	266	469.843	124978.238		
	Maintenance and protection by way of deploying of watch & ward for site nursery & plantation area (1 DL for 365 days)	DLs	1	365	469.843	171492.695		
	Maintenance of Camp Hut, Implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				10000		
	Sub Total					592671.9685		
I	5TH YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	Climber cutting, 3 weedings & other silvicultural works and fire protection works @ 15 DLs/ ha	DLs	45	598.5	516.8273	309321.1391		
	Maintenance and protection by way of deploying of watch & ward for site nursery & plantation area (1 DL for 365 days)	Dls	1	365	516.8273	188641.9645		
	Maintenance of Camp Hut, Implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				10000		
	Sub Total					512963.1036		
J	6TH YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	Repairing of Chainlink fencing	LS				25000		
	1st mechanical thinning of alternate single strips in the plantation; 1250 nos of stems/ha	DLs	62	825	568.51003	468793.3707		
	Climber cutting, Silvicultural works and fire protection works @ 10 DLs/ ha	DLs	10	133	568.51003	75611.83399		
	Maintenance of camp hut, implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				5000		
	Sub Total					579405.2047		
K	7TH YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	Climber cutting, Silvicultural works and fire protection works @ 10 DLs/ ha	DLs	10	133	625.361033	83173.01739		
	Maintenance of camp hut, implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				5000		
	Sub Total					93173.01739		
L	8th YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	Climber cutting, Silvicultural works and fire protection works @ 10 DLs/ ha	DLs	10	133	687.8971363	91490.31913		
	Maintenance of camp hut, implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				5000		
	Sub Total					101490.3191		
M	9th YEAR MAINTENANCE							

	Climber cutting, Silvicultural works and fire protection works @ 10 DLs/ ha	DLs	10	133	756.6868499	100639.351		
	Maintenance of camp hut, implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				5000		
	Sub Total					110639.351		
N	10th YEAR MAINTENANCE							
	Climber cutting, Silvicultural works and fire protection works @ 10 DLs/ ha	DLs	10	133	832.3555349	110703.2861		
	Maintenance of camp hut, implements, upkeepment of plantation signboard, documentation & upkeepment of records etc.	LS				5000		
	Contingency	LS				5000		
	Sub Total					120703.2861		
	Total					9422415		
	Over Head Cost (50% of Compensatory Afforestation)					4711208		
	Cost of protection and fencing of CA Lank Bank from encroachment, etc	LS				20000000		
	Grand Total					34133623		
	Rupees Three Crore Forty One Lakh ThirtyThree thousand Six hundred and Twenty Three only							

Technically Approved By:


CCF & Nodal Officer (FC Act)
o/o PCCF & HoFF, Assam

Prepared by


Divisional Forest Officer
DFO, Nagaon Wildlife Division cum
Nagaon Wildlife Division
Nagaon, Assam
By, Director, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve

Note:

- * subject to actual measurement in the field.
- ** subject to revision of schedule of rates.

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
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Dated: 26th December, 2024

To

Addl. Chief Secretaries (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State Government/UT Administrations

Sub: Clarification on the provisions of guidelines given under para 1.22 of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Rules, made thereunder – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. A/MOEFCC/24/281 dated 16.10.2024 received from Federation of India Mineral Industries, FIMI requesting for uniform guidelines for fixing charges of Wildlife Management Plan(WLMP) and Soil and Moisture Conservation Plans(SMCP) , prepared and implemented in compliance of approvals granted under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this connection, it is to inform that the matter has been examined in the Ministry in light of submissions made by the FIMI. After examination of the same, the following is clarified:

- i. The Guidelines at para 1.22 of the Chapter-1 of Consolidated Guidelines issued on 29.12.2023 by the MoEF&CC provides for an optional arrangement for the User Agencies and States to forward the compliance of in-principle approval to the Central Government in such cases where due to unavoidable circumstances, there is delay in the preparation of Wildlife Management /Soil and Moisture Conservation Plans and its submission along with the compliance of in-principle approval granted earlier. In such cases, the User Agency can make an upfront payment of 2% of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management and 0.5% in lieu of the cost of implementation of Soil and Moisture Conservation Works for submitting the compliance of in-principle approval.
- ii. However, in cases where there is no delay and the WLM/SMC Plan has been prepared by the User Agency before submission of compliance of in-principle approval, the provision of upfront payment of 2% and 0.5% shall not be applicable. In such cases, the User Agency needs to make the payment towards the actual cost of implementation of the WLMP/SMCP, as provided for in the estimate of the approved WLM/SMC Plans.
- iii. Further, measures to be suggested in the Wildlife Management or SMC Plan should be based on the requirement of site i.e. site-specific interventions need to be taken in the area to mitigate the impact of the diversion of forest land. The same should be incorporated in the WLMP and SMC Plans. The values of 2% and 0.5% provided in para 1.22 of the Consolidated Guideline are only indicative values and they cannot be considered as a standard

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benchmark for preparing the WLMC or SMC which should be based on the specific field requirements . Therefore, it is appropriate for the States/UTs to prepare these Plans based on the actual cost of the interventions required to be made at the site and not based on the indicative financial outlay totalling to 2% (for WLMP) or 0.5% (for SMCP) of the total project cost.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government/UT Administrations to take into consideration the above clarifications while arriving at the cost of WLMP and SCMP.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Signed by

Charan Jeet Singh

Date: 26-12-2024 14:38:40 (Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Yours faithfully

Copy to:

1. PCCF & HoFF, all States/ Union territories Administrations
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), all Regional Offices of MoEF&CC
3. The Nodal Officer (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), all States/ Union territories Administration
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. Guard File.



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
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Letter No. B/GD/Diversion/2025/1961

Dated: 13/05/2025.

To,

The Director,
Wildlife Institute of India (WII),
Chandrabani, Dehradun
Uttarakhand

Sub: Consultation for Wildlife Conservation Plan & Human Animal Conflict Mitigation Plan for Golaghat- Regd.
Ref: PCCF (WL) & CWLW Assam Letter no WL/FG/Proposal/ONGC/Drilling TLAB/Golaghat Dtd 30-04-2025

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited, I would like to state that, a draft of Wildlife Conservation Plan with special reference to Human Animal Conflict Mitigation measures is being prepared. In the plan, the urgent need for logistical and infrastructure interventions for the mitigation are mentioned. Besides that, research in the field of wildlife conservation pertaining to the issues of this Golaghat (T) Division is also important. The Division has one Protected Area, i.e. Nambor Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary.

In this regard, you are requested to kindly go through the draft and provide additional inputs or comments pertaining to the above mentioned, especially the budget requirement for research and infrastructure related components.

Hence, I kindly request you to provide your recommendations in the preparation and finalization of the Wildlife Conservation Plan at the earliest for further processing.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl:-

Draft Wildlife Conservation Plan with partially filled estimate.

Ritu
Paban
Borah

Digitally signed
by Ritu Paban
Borah

Yours Faithfully

Date: 2025.05.13
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Divisional Forest Officer
Golaghat Division
Golaghat

Dtd: 13 /05/2025

Memo no: A/GD/Diversion/2025/931-33

Copy for favour of kind information to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
2. The Chief Conservator of forest & Nodal Officer (FC Act) 1980, O/o The Principal Chief Conservator of forests & Head of Forest Forces, Assam, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for favour of Kind Information.
3. The GM and HSE (Basin), ONGC Jorhat A & AAB for favour of his kind information.

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment
Authority (SEIAA),
ASSAM)



Minutes of 38th SEIAA Meeting State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
meeting held from 13/05/2025 to 13/05/2025

Date: 21/05/2025

MoM ID: EC/MOM/SEIAA/521401/5/2025

Agenda ID: EC/AGENDA/SEIAA/521401/5/2025

Meeting Venue: Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, Pollution Control Board, Assam

Meeting Mode: Physical

Date & Time:

13/05/2025	11:00 AM	04:30 PM
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1. Opening remarks

The Member Secretary, SEIAA welcomed the Chairman, SEIAA and the Member of the regulatory body. She briefed the house about the agenda for the meeting for deliberation and to expedite disposal of the recommended proposals by SEAC, Assam.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting

As per the agenda, the regulatory body duly reviewed the Minutes of the 28th SEIAA Meetings held on 25/04/2025.

3. Details of proposals considered by the committee

Day 1 -13/05/2025

3.1. Agenda Item No 1:

3.1.1. Details of the proposal

"SANKOSH KHOKSAGURI NO 2 STONE MAHAL" ON SANKOSH RIVER BED by JANDU CONSTRUCTION INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED located at KOKRAJHAR, ASSAM			
Proposal For		Fresh EC	
Proposal No	File No	Submission Date	Activity (Schedule Item)
SIA/AS/MIN/529091/2025	SEAC/SEIAA.4049/2025	12/03/2025	Mining of minerals (1(a))

Drilling of Exploratory wells in Upper Assam Shelf (South) area encompassing Jorhat and Golaghat, Assam. by OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED located at GOLAGHAT, ASSAM

Proposal For		Fresh EC	
Proposal No	File No	Submission Date	Activity (Schedule Item)
SIA/AS/IND2/529970/2025	SEAC/SEIAA.4040/2025	18/03/2025	Off-shore and onshore oil and gas exploration, development and production (1(b))

3.12.2. Deliberations by the committee in previous meetings

Date of SEAC I :05/04/2025

Deliberations of SEAC 1 :

The proposal requesting Amendment of the EC for Drilling of Exploratory wells in Upper Assam Shelf (South) area encompassing Jorhat and Golaghat districts in Assam is placed before the Hon'ble Committee for appraisal and deliberation. All the papers of the proposal submitted for **amendment of EC** for inclusion of 5 locations namely ELAJ, SUAD, SPAA, TLAB & ELAL in the earlier granted EC and along with the pre feasibility report, land use and land cover map of the locations including other requisite documents submitted are placed before the Committee. Scrutinized the documents submitted by the project Proponent in support of the proposal.

Senior Officers of **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited** representing the project Proponent has made the detailed presentation with clarification as to the status as on date about the project at hand. The Well locations **ELAJ, SUAD, TLAB & SPAA** are falling within **Doyang Reserved Forest** and the well **ELAL** is falling in non forest **private patta land**.

During the course of deliberation it was clarified by the project Proponent that they have already processed for the **final Forest Clearance** from the competent authority in terms of the "Forest (Conservation) Act" now known as "**Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**" for the Wells falling in the Reserved Forest.

It is further submitted that **FC (Stage-I)** is granted for the well locations **ELAJ, SUAD, TLAB & SPAA** has been uploaded in Parivesh Portal 2.0.

Entire issue is discussed and due diligence is made by the SEAC.

The Environmental Clearance is subject to due prior clearances from the competent authority in respect of Forest Clearance (Stage I) from the MoEF & CC under the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**, as applicable.

The well **ELAL** is falling in non forest **revenue land**, **land acquisition is needed for further processing of the proposal**.

ONGCL has subsequently submitted the following documents:

- 1. On 27.01.2025, joint verification report by Circle Officer, Golaghat Revenue Circle as submitted.**
- 2. On 16.04.2025, undertaking of land purchase by Oil And Natural Gas Corporation Limited was uploaded and upon completion of the acquisition process, ONGC will provide all the relevant details of the acquired land.**

The Committee deem it appropriate to ask the PP to submit the following information to the SEAC in respect of the proposal for the Well falling in the private patta land.

- 1. If the area is falling in any ESZ**

Decision:

After due deliberation, discussion and due diligence in the matter the Committee is of the considered opinion that EC may be granted for the Well locations **ELAJ, SUAD, TLAB & SPAA** which are within the Reserved Forest area with specific conditions of the SEAC.

The Committee is also of the opinion that for the proposal for **Non Forest Well location ELAL** the same shall duly be considered upon receipt of the documents with required information by the SEAC which shall also be subject to specific conditions to be stipulated by the SEAC.

Recommendation: Recommended for **grant of the EC for Well location ELAJ, SUAD, TLAB & SPAA** falling within the Reserved Forest area.

3.12.3. Deliberations by the SEIAA in current meetings

EC is approved for Well location ELAJ, SUAD, TLAB & SPAA falling within the Reserved Forest area for amendment of EC for Drilling of Exploratory Wells in Upper Assam Shelf (South) area encompassing Jorhat and Golaghat districts in the State of Assam by the applicant of the project is Lily P Chawang, GM (E&T)-I/C HSE Basin,

3.12.4. Recommendation of SEIAA

Approved

3.12.5. Details of Environment Conditions

3.12.5.1. Specific

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS BY SEAC	
1.	<p>The Proponent is to under the CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility) outlined here under against each of the proposal:</p> <p>Green Belt:</p> <p>The proponent shall develop Green Belt around the Wells comprising 10% of the area of the project area and shall ensure planting of indigenous species of plants as are prescribed. For the purpose, the concerned DFO may be consulted to have the quality planting materials ready in advance in the Departmental Nursery and requisite fund for the purpose should be made available to the DFO in advance for raising of minimum of 1,500 poly-pot saplings.</p>
2.	<p>The recommended species of plants in the area could be of species like Nahor (<i>Mesua ferrea</i>), Siris (<i>Albizzia procera</i>), Hollock (<i>Terminalia myriocarpa</i>), Amlokhi (<i>Phyllanthusemblica</i>), Hilikha (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Jamun (<i>Syzygiumcumini</i>), Cham (<i>Artocarpus chaplasha</i>), Dimaru (<i>Ficus spp</i>), Ow Tenga (<i>Dillenia indica</i>), Thekera (<i>Garcinia spp</i>), Bhomora (<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>) etc etc. Density of plantations shall be 1,250 plants per Hectare and the Proponent is required to raise plantations covering an area measuring 33% of the project area against the Well as prescribed.</p>
3.	<p>To cover the prescribed area under plantation, educational institution, Govt lands around the project area may be selected and local NGOs, Students, Villagers may be involved in plantation activities and the preferred species of plants may be fruit bearing, of medicinal value and aesthetic in nature.</p>
4.	<p>The Proponent shall ensure use of Green Energy in the villages around the Project area by installing Solar lights, LED bulbs, drinking water facility and also construction of Bio toilets etc. Such provision may also be made for educational institutions existing near to the project area against each of the projects (Drilling Well) under the proposal with due consultation of the local DFO (DFO, Golaghat).</p>
5.	<p>The proponent shall take all requisite measures to maintain natural environment in the oil fields and its surroundings are to be maintained in healthy and environment friendly conditions. All necessary measures and precautions must have to be taken by the proponent to prevent any probable / random oil spillage, discharge of effluents in the surroundings.</p>
6.	<p>Compliance of the same shall duly be uploaded by the Proponent in the PARIVESH portal.</p>

3.12.5.2. Standard

1(b)	Off-shore and onshore oil and gas exploration, development and production
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Specific Conditions	
1.	The company shall comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the documents submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, and risk mitigation measures relating to the project shall be implemented.
1.	No pipelines or its part shall be laid in the Forest land/Protected Area without prior permission/approval from the Competent Authority.
1.	Total fresh water requirement shall not exceed 39 m ³ /day will be met from groundwater. Prior permission shall be obtained from the concerned regulatory authority.
1.	The project proponent will treat and reuse the treated water within the factory and no waste or treated water shall be discharged outside the premises. Mobile ETP coupled with RO shall be installed to reuse the treated water in drilling system. Size of the waste shall be equal to the hole volume+ volume of drill cutting and volume of discarded mud if any. Two feet free board may be left to accommodate rain water. There shall be separate storm water channel and rain water shall not be allowed to mix with waste water. Alternatively, if possible pit less drilling be practiced instead of above.
1.	During production, storage and handling, the fugitive emission of methane, if any, shall be monitored using Infra-red camera/ appropriate technology.
1.	The project proponent also to ensure trapping/storing of the CO ₂ generated, if any, during the process and handling.
1.	Approach road shall be made pucca to minimize generation of suspended dust.
1.	The project proponent shall make all arrangements for control of noise from the drilling activity. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided for the DG sets along with the adequate stack height as per CPCB guidelines.
1.	The company shall construct the garland drain to prevent runoff of any oil containing waste into the nearby water bodies. Separate drainage system shall be created for oil contaminated and non-oil contaminated.
1.	Drill cuttings separated from drilling fluid shall be adequately washed and disposed in HDPE lined pit. Waste mud shall be tested for hazardous contaminants and disposed according to HWMH Rules, 2016. No effluent/drilling mud shall be discharged/disposed off into nearby surface water bodies. The company shall comply with the guidelines for disposal of solid waste, drill cutting and drilling fluids for onshore drilling operation notified vide GSR.546(E) dated 30th August, 2005.
1.	Oil spillage prevention and mitigation scheme shall be prepared. In case of oil spillage/ contamination, action plan shall be prepared to clean the site by adopting proven technology. The recyclable waste (oily sludge) and spent oil shall be disposed of to the authorized recyclers.
1.	The project proponent shall take necessary measures to prevent fire hazards, containing oil spill and soil remediation as needed. At fixed installations or plants use of ground flare shall be explored. At the place of ground flaring, the overhead flaring stack with knockout drums shall be installed to minimize gaseous emissions during operation.
1.	The project proponent shall develop a contingency plan for H ₂ S release including all necessary aspects from evacuation to resumption of normal operations. The workers shall be provided with personal H ₂ S detectors in locations of high risk of exposure along with self-containing breathing apparatus.
1.	Blow Out Preventer system shall be installed to prevent well blowouts during drilling operations.
1.	On completion of the project, necessary measures shall be taken for safe plugging of wells with secured enclosures to restore the drilling site to the original condition. The same shall be confirmed by the concerned regulatory authority from environment safety angle. In case of hydrocarbon not found economically viable, a full

	abandonment plan shall be implemented for the drilling site in accordance with the applicable DGH / Indian Petroleum Regulations.
1.	As per the Ministry's OM dated 30.09.2020 superseding the OM dated 01.05.2018 regarding the Corporate Environmental Responsibility, and as per the action plan proposed by the project proponent to address the socio-economic and environmental issues in the study area, the project proponent, as committed, shall provide education funds in technical training centers/ support in nearby village's schools, support in health care facilities, drinking water supply and funds for miscellaneous activities like solar street lights, battery, solar panel etc., in the nearby villages. The action plan shall to be completed within time as proposed.
1.	No lead acid batteries shall be utilized in the project/site.
1.	Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be carried out as per the prevailing Acts and Rules. All workers & employees shall be provided with required safety kits/mask for personal protection.
1.	Oil content in the drill cuttings shall be monitored and report & shall sent to the Ministry's Regional Office.
1.	The project proponent shall prepare operating manual in respect of all activities, which would cover all safety & environment related issues and measures to be taken for protection. One set of environmental manual shall be made available at the drilling site/ project site. Awareness shall be created at each level of the management. All the schedules and results of environmental monitoring shall be available at the project site office. Remote monitoring of site should be done.
1.	PP shall sensitize and create awareness among the people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of Single Use Plastic in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MOEFCC on 12th August, 2021. A report along with photographs on the measures taken shall also be included in the six-monthly compliance report being submitted to concerned authority.
General Conditions	
1.	No further expansion or modifications in the plant, other than mentioned in the EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments, shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/SEIAA, as applicable. In case of deviations or alterations in the project proposal from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry/SEIAA, as applicable, to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
1.	The energy source for lighting purpose shall be preferably LED based, or advanced having preference in energy conservation and environment betterment.
1.	The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standards by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers, enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels shall conform to the standards prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).
1.	The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area. CER activities shall be undertaken by involving local villages and administration and shall be implemented. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.
1.	The company shall earmark sufficient funds towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well as the State Government along with the implementation schedule for all the conditions stipulated herein. The funds so earmarked for environment management/ pollution control measures shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
1.	A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.

1.	The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated Environmental Clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF&CC, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and SPCB. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
1.	The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of MoEF&CC by e-mail.
1.	The project proponent shall inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the SPCB/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry and at https://parivesh.nic.in/ . This shall be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.
1.	The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of the project.
1.	This Environmental clearance is granted subject to final outcome of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of Law, if any, as may be applicable to this project.
NBWL Conditions	
1.	The environmental clearance is subject to obtaining prior clearance from the wildlife angle, including clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife, as applicable, as per the Ministry's OM dated 8th August, 2019. Grant of environmental clearance does not necessarily imply that Wildlife Clearance shall be granted to the project and that their proposal for Wildlife Clearance will be considered by the respective authorities on its merit and decision taken. PP shall also strictly follow the conditions mentioned in existing NBWL clearance.
1.	The project proponent shall prepare a site specific conservation plan and wildlife management plan in case of the presence of Schedule-I species in the study area, as applicable to the project, and submit to Chief Wildlife Warden for approval. The recommendations shall be implemented in consultation with the State Forest/Wildlife Department in a time bound manner.

3.13. Agenda Item No 13:

3.13.1. Details of the proposal

GOVT. PERMIT AREA OF KELENG CHOCK A by BAKSA FOREST DIVISION MUSHALPUR located at B AKSA, ASSAM			
Proposal For		Fresh EC	
Proposal No	File No	Submission Date	Activity (Schedule Item)
SIA/AS/MIN/486219/2024	SEAC/ SEIAA. 3884/2024	06/07/2024	Mining of minerals (1(a))

3.13.2. Deliberations by the committee in previous meetings

Date of SEAC 1 :09/09/2024



ANNEXTURE-II

NO. ITDP/G/FRA-2006/89/PT-I/2017/722/123

Dated : 05/05/2022

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98/FC(Pt.) Dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act. 2006 (FRA, for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that **1.781** Hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of **ONGC, Jorhat** for **TLAB** set up (Purpose for diversion of forest land) in Golaghat district falls within jurisdiction of Panbari Merapani in Dayang Reserve Forest Division .

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under FRA has been carried out for the entire **1.781** Hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meeting of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District level Committee are enclosed as Annexure I to II
- (b) The proposal for such diversion (with full details of project and its implication , in vernacular/local language) have been placed before each concerned gram sabha of forest dwellers , who are eligible under FRA .
- (c) The each of concerned gram sabha(s), has certified that all formation /process under the FRA have been carried out and they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures , if any , having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion . A copy of certificate issued by gram sabha of N.A. Village(s) is enclosed as annexure.....to annexure.....
- (d) The discussion and decision on such proposal had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50 of members of Gram Sabha present .
- (e) The diversion of forest land facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it.
- (f)The right of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agriculture Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per section 3(1)e of FRA.

Enclo: As above .

(Mrigesh Narayan Barua, ACS)
Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat
(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)



FORM -I

ANNEXTURE-I

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, GOLAGHAT

NO. ITDP/G/FRA-2006/89/PT-I/2017/123

Dated : 05/05/2022

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(b) The diversion of forest land facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it.

(c) The proposal does not involve recognized right of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural communities.

Enclo: As above.

(Mrigesh Narayan Barua ,ACS)
Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat
(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)



Detailed Summary of Selected FCA Project

Project Basic details

Details of Diverted forest land

Details of Lands received from user agency for Compensatory Afforestation

Details of the amount demanded from UA against the FCA project

Details of the amount received from UA against the FCA project.

S.No.	FCA Project File No	Proj. Name	State	Proj. Year	Ref. No.	Ref. Date	Receipt Date	NPV	CA	ACA	PCA	PAF	CAT	SZ	Others	Total Received
1	FP/AS/MIN/113884/2020	ONGC, Drilling of Exploratory Location TLAB	AS	2024	B/62/ONGC/7 nos locations/GD/2025/69	07/01/2025	07/02/2025	1989199	0	0	0	0	0	0	5400000	7389199

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI

ORDER BY THE GOVERNER

NOTIFICATION

DatedApril,2025

ECF No635218: In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Assam Forest Regulation of 1891 (VII of 1891), the Governor of Assam is pleased to declare that the land described in the schedule annexed here to is proposed to be constituted as a Proposed Reserve Forest and appoints the Addl. District Commissioner(Revenue), Sonitpur, to be the Forest Settlement Officer to inquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights claimed by or alleged to exist in favour of any person in or over land comprised within such limits and described in the Schedule annexed here to and to deal with same as provided in Chapter-II of the above Regulation.

Under the provisions of Section 5, Sub-Section (2) of the aforesaid Assam Forest Regulation, the Governor of Assam is pleased to appoint the Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Wildlife Division, Nagaon to assist the Forest Settlement Officer, in the inquiries prescribed in Chapter-II of the Regulation in connection with the proposed reservation.

Under the provisions of Section 15 of the said Regulation, the Governor of Assam appoints the Director of Land Record, Assam to hear appeals on the order of the Forest Settlement Officer.

SCHEDULE "A"

Proposed reserved forest at Compensatory Afforestation Reserved at Burhachapori No. 3

1. Situation (a) District (Civil)	:Sonitpur District
(b) Forest Division	:Nagaon Wildlife Division
(c) Forest Range	:Dhanial Range, Burhachapori
(d) Revenue Circle	:Tezpur
(e) Name	:Compensatory Afforestation Reserved at BurhachaporiNo. 3
(f) Area	:13.3 Ha

2. Boundaries :

North : 1st Addition to Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary and 2nd Addition of Orang National Park & Tiger Reserved
 South : Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary
 East : Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary
 West : Kochmara Reserved Forest

3. Location, Perimeter, Area along with GPS Co-ordinates of Compensatory Afforestation.

GPS POINT	Latitude	Longitude	Area	Name of Location
1	26° 32' 8.644" N	92° 37' 7.190" E	13.3 Hectare	Govt. un-surveyed land under Sonitpur District, surrounded by Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary
2	26° 32' 9.529" N	92° 37' 12.040" E		
3	26° 32' 17.508" N	92° 37' 10.817" E		
4	26° 32' 30.891" N	92° 37' 6.664" E		
5	26° 32' 27.556" N	92° 36' 53.865" E		
6	26° 32' 22.937" N	92° 36' 54.955" E		
7	26° 32' 24.962" N	92° 37' 2.947" E		
8	26° 32' 16.353" N	92° 37' 5.197" E		

SCHEDULE "B"

- Valuation of the Forest Area (In terms of quality of the forest and canopy density):- The proposed raising Compensatory Afforestation area inside the CA land Bank of 830 hectare of evicted non-forest land adjacent to the Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Description of Soil:- Sandy loam.
- Description of Forest:- (Giving details types of species present) - NA
- Wildlife:- NA
- Medicinal Plants:- Not found.
- List of Surroundings,

North : 1st Addition to Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary and 2nd Addition of Orang National Park & Tiger Reserve.
 South : Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary
 East : Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary
 West : Kochmara Reserved Forest

7. Area of the proposed Reserved Forest: -13.3 ha

Reason for Reservation:

1. As per the modification in compensatory afforestation (CA) land from Degraded Forest land (DFL) to Non-Forest land (NFL) proposed in the "In Principal Approval/Stage-I Forest Clearance" already accorded by the Central Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter no. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY Dated 21.10.2024 for diversion of 7 Nos. exploratory drilling locations viz: TLAA (1.76783 ha), TLAB (1.781 ha), DPAB (1.889 ha), SUAD (1.82125 ha), SPAA (1.731 ha), ELAJ (2.2091 ha) and KSAI (2.10 ha) in favour of ONGC under Golaghat Forest Division, Golaghat, the Advisory Committee decided to consider the proposals for stage-II after the NFL of area 13.3 ha identified for CA is mutated in favour of Forest Department.
2. The Government of Assam, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dispur vide letter No. ECF.439104/2024/16 dated 29.07.2024 has allotted / transferred the 830 hectare of the land in the name of State Forest Department for raising of plantation as Compensatory Afforestation under Sonitpur District. And the land of area 13.3 ha has been identified for consolidated CA against the above mentioned 7 proposals from the said land bank under Sonitpur District of Government of Assam adjacent to Burhachapari Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Compensatory Afforestation is one of the most important requirement/conditions for prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes and purpose of compensatory afforestation is to compensate the loss of 'land by land' and loss of 'trees by trees'. As per rule. 13 of Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Rule, 2023, the user agency shall provide land which is neither notified as forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927) or any other law nor managed by forest by the Forest Department.

Digitally signed by

SACHINDRA DAS

Date: 03-04-2025

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Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department

Memo No. ECF No.635218/-A

Dated Dispur, the ...April, 2025

Copy to :

1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests, Assam, for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. The Secretary, Co-ordination to the Chief Secretary, Assam, for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Guwahati.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Assam, Guwahati.
5. The Director of Land Record, Assam, Rajah Bhawan, Rupnagar, Guwahati.

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6. The District Commissioner, Sonitpur.
7. Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Wildlife Division, Nagaon.
8. The Deputy Director, Assam Government Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21, for publication of the notification in the Assam Gazette extra ordinary and to send 100 copies to this department.

By Orders etc.,

e-Signed

Joint Secretary to the Govt of Assam
Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department



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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, शिलांग/Regional Office, Shillong

उपकार्यालय, गुवाहाटी/Sub - office, Guwahati

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F. No. 3-AS B /116/2022/GHY/651-52

19th December, 2024

To,

Shri Ramesh Pandey, IFS,
Inspector General of Forest (FC Division)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division),
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi-110003.

Sub:

1. Proposal for diversion of 1.8212483 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location SUAD in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Jorhat
2. Proposal for diversion of 1.731 ha of forestland for drilling of exploratory location SPAA in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Jorhat
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Ref: Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on 23.09.2024.

Sir,

With reference to the subject and reference cited above, please find enclosed herewith a site inspection report of the compensatory afforestation sites of the above mentioned proposals undertaken by Regional Office, Shillong for above mentioned project.

Recommendations of the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central):

As mentioned in the report, the proposed CA site is suitable for plantation and hence recommended and may be considered further as per the extant Rules and Guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

This is for your kind information and needful from your end.

Yours Faithfully,

Encl: As above



(Ms. Imtieno Ao)

Deputy Director General of Forests(C)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad, Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037.

Deputy Director General of Forests(C)

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Site inspection of compensatory afforestation sites of the following 7 nos. of proposal as per Ministry's letter 3AS B /116/2022/GHY dated 18.05.2024 and as per decision of AC meeting scheduled on 23.09.2024:-

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The compensatory afforestation site identified in lieu of the above mentioned proposals was conducted by Dr Hemen Hazarika, Scientist 'E' and Thoudam James Singh, Research Officer of Sub Office, Guwahati, Regional Office, Shillong on 16.12.2024 along with the following officials:-

- (i) Shri Pankaj Bora, Range Forest Officer, Dhania Range.
- (ii) Ms Lily P. Chawang, GM(E&T) & i/c, HSE-A & AA Basin, ONGC
- (iii) Shri Ravi Velpula, Superintending Chemist, ONGC
- (iv) Shri Akash Neel Das, Superintending Engineer(HSE)

The State Govt of Assam have identified an area of 13.313 ha CA site in a single patch non forest in the identified compensatory afforestation land bank of 830 ha evicted non forest land in Sonitpur district of Assam located adjacent to Burahchapory Wildlife Sanctuary under Nagaon Wildlife Division in Sonitpur district of Assam. The State Govt of Assam vide its letter No ECF, 439104/2024/16 dated 29.07.2024 notified the evicted non forest land of 830 ha in Sonitpur district of Assam adjacent to Burahchapory Wildlife Sanctuary under Nagaon Wildlife Division for providing lands towards compensatory afforestation for forest diversion cases in Assam. The final notification of identified CA site to RF/PRF has not been completed


however the Range Officer, Dhania Range informed that it will be completed before grant of Stage II /Final Approval of the proposal.

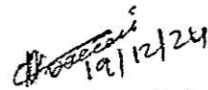
The Brahmaputra river is at a distance of 0.5 km from the nearest point of CA site and is located around the submergence area during the peak rainy season. The approach route to the CA site is through two nallahs i.e. Phultala Nallah and Boga Nallah by boat or temporarily constructed bamboo bridge and motorable during the lean season. On the day of the site inspection, the Range Officer informed that temporary illegal settlement are still occupying the evicted CA land bank. The team observed that agricultural practices like cultivation of mustard, Chilli, pea, brinjal, maize, etc and rearing of livestock, cows, sheep etc are still continuing in this evicted land.

The identified CA site is an open forest with few standing trees species like *Streblus asper*, *Bombax ceiba*, *Ziziphus* sp. etc. In another CA site inspection conducted by Sub Office, Guwahati on August, 2024 adjacent to this proposed 13.313 ha CA site in the same CA land bank, large scale jute cultivation was observed and reported that about 300 household had encroached in this evicted CA land bank. The then concerned Range Officer informed that after harvesting the jute cultivation no further cultivation would not be allowed. The Range Officer, Dhania Range informed that some illegal temporary settlement are still existing in the evicted CA land bank of 830 ha and forest department is in the process of eviction of such temporary settlement.

The identified CA site is suitable for plantation. However following measures suggested:-

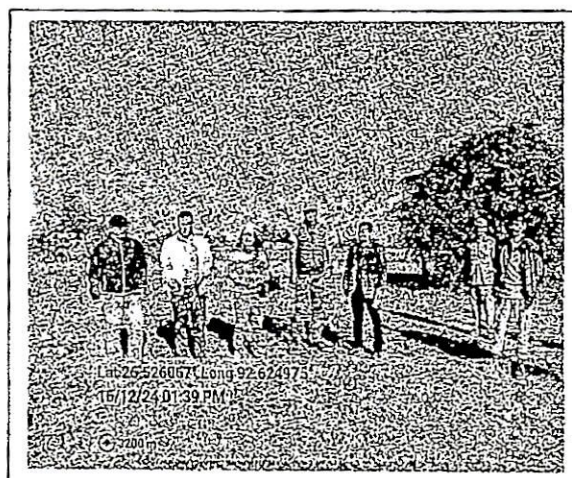
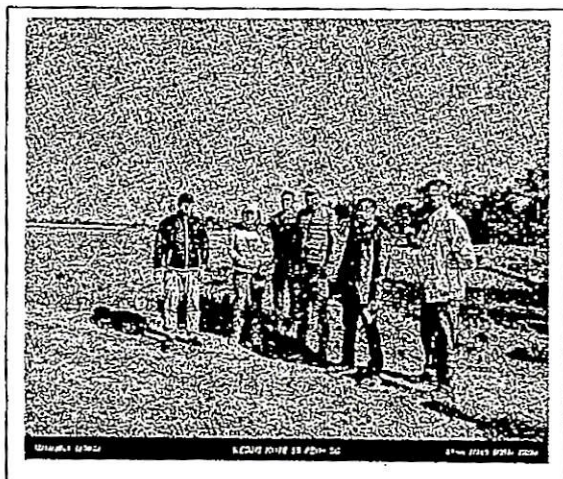
- (i) Complete demarcation and proper fencing of the boundary of identified CA site to prevent from encroachment with signages for each project/proposals with area clearly specified, etc.
- (ii) State Govt to take necessary action for removing the existing temporary encroachment/encumbrances around the identified CA land.
- (iii) To conserve the productive land and promising flora of identified CA site, biological embankment of nearby river shall be taken up, if required.


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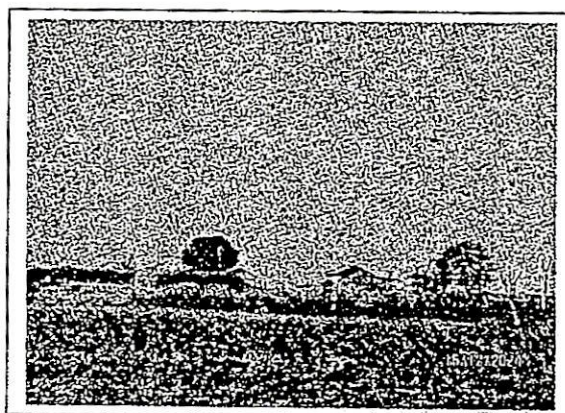
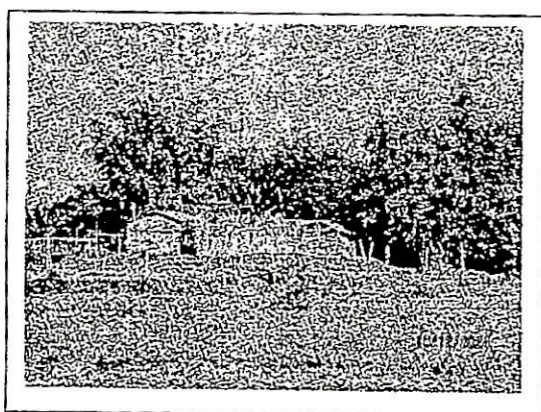

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Photographs of the CA site



Photographs of the inspection team along user agency of ONGC at the identified CA site



Photographs showing encroached area and existing houses with cultivation of maize, etc in the CA site