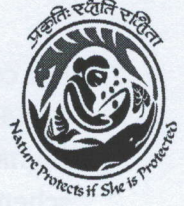




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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 20.72 ha of forest land for 6 trunk pipe line replacement project under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Nazira.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FRS.05/2018/143 dated 03.03.2018 and No. FRS.05/2018/202 dated 13.04.2022 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by the Central Govt, under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 22.11.2019, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 27.01.2020 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FRS.05/2018/202 dated 13.04.2022 and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 29.04.2022 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of for diversion of 20.72 ha of forest land for 6 trunk pipe line replacement project under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Nazira, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

- 2) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised by the State Forest Department over 41.44 ha of degraded forest land at Kundali Kaliya Reserve Forest, Sadiya Range of Doomdooma Division of Assam, as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt. 20% of the plantation shall be carried out of indigenous medicinal plant, aromatic plants, shrubs, herbs and trees.
- 3) The kml files of the area to be diverted, the compensatory afforestation areas with all the requisite details shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal before issuing of the Final Approval by the State Govt.
- 4) The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the State Govt and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land and State Govt shall intimate immediately about the compliance with respect to the amount deposited as per the undertaking furnished by the user agency.
- 5) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 6) The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 7) Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the proposed pipeline. The muck generated in the earth cutting will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- 8) The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps on the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
- 9) The designing of culverts/ bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water, does not give rise to water logging and also does not hamper the movement of the wild animals.
- 10) All the site-specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and to provide slope stability of the concerned hills.
- 11) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the road within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- 12) The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, wherever applicable.

- 13) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 14) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 15) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 16) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 17) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- 18) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of State Forest Deptt.).
- 19) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
- 20) The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- 21) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- 22) The user shall take due precaution during the and after construction phase as the proposed area passes through the elephant grid.
- 23) No damage to the flora fauna of the area shall be caused.
- 24) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.
- 25) The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees or buy the fuel wood from the extracted timber from the Forest Department to be used by labourers.
- 26) The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under Environment Protection Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 27) The user agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of the stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- 28) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 29) The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 30) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.

31) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guidelines F No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018

32) Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

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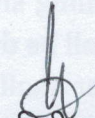
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