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त्रिपुरा सरकार /Government of Tripura
पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Department of Environment & Forests,
कुंजबन अगरतला/Kunjaban, Agartala.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6.131 Hectares of Forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/natural gas through drilling, DSA, waste pits and approach road at location GOAN at Mouja-Dakshin Sonaichari & Tekka RF under South District by ONGC Tripura.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No.F.6-1192/FC/For- 2019/854-60 dated 26.10.2021 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and the In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter dated 10.02.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Govt. has furnished compliance report in respect to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Tripura vide letter No.F.6-1192/FC/For- 2019/435-36 dated 29.07.2025 and payment of compensatory levies under CAMPA by user agency, **Final approval (Stage-II)** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of **6.131 Hectares** of forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/natural gas through drilling, DSA, waste pits and approach road at location GOAN at Mouja-Dakshin Sonaichari & Tekka RF under South District by ONGC Tripura, subject to the following conditions:

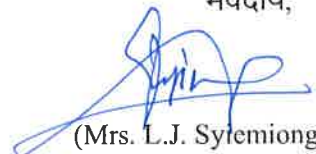
1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 12.262 ha in C/S Plot No. 2238, Khatian No. 2/4 & in C/S Plot No. 2023, Khatian N.2/82 mouja-Kashari RF., as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & Scheme furnished by the State Govt with proper fencing as per the scheme prepared;
3. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
4. The Additional NPV, if any shall be calculated as per the latest guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 06.01.2022

5. The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal by the State Government, if any.
6. The complete compliance of settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector, if applicable, on the forest land to be diverted as per the sub-rule (7) of Rule 11 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, Rules, 2023.
7. The User agency shall provide income generation activities for livelihood of nearby villagers in consultation with the State Govt.
8. The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, if applicable.
9. Any change in the diameter of borehole and number of bore holes will be reported to the concerned Regional Office in advance for consideration and recommended to the Central Government;
10. The User Agency shall take all possible precaution and care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forest land by their actions/activities.
11. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval from Central Government;
16. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staffs working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest area;
17. The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
18. The land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for this proposal after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of the state Forest Department);
19. Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
20. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
21. 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.

22. The user agency shall undertake mining in a phase manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on the implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, in the concerned Regional officer of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the current reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concerned Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time reclamation activities are satisfactory executed.
23. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.
24. The User agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
25. All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations/local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF&CC, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
26. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied with the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
27. Any other condition that the RO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

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(Mrs. L.J. Sytemiong)

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