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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary, असम सरकार/Govt of Assam, पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Deaprtment, दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 2.597 ha of forest land for 6 Nos. drilling wells DPDA, DPDB, DPDC, DPDE, DPDF and DPDG in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.

Ref: (i) Letter No. FRS.14/2021/54 dated 15.09.2021 of Govt of Assam.

Sir,

Please refer the State Govt letter on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. I am to inform that the proposal referred above has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and rules/guidelines framed thereunder and following lacking information/documents has been observed:-

1. State Govt to clarify on the proposed drilling location 'DPDA' as a different proposal on similar drilling location name "DPDA" within the existing SUAA under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat has been received in this IRO, Guwahati.

2. To clarify on the name of Plint area as similar name has been observed in one proposed

drilling location i.e. "DPDA".

3. The purpose of the proposed 6 Nos. of drilling locations i.e., DPDA, DPDB, DPDC, DPDE, and DPDG whether it is for prospecting/exploration or for exploitation/extraction/harvesting of hydrocarbon/natural gas etc.

4. The FRA, 2006 certificate of this instant proposal is to be submitted with the actual proposal

name and area proposed.

5. To clarify whether any exploratory drilling have been drilled earlier as the HoD (PEL-ML) in its letter dated 23.07.2018 mentioned that 3 exploratory drilling wells i.e., KH-27, SU-2 and UR-2 have been drilled in Golaghat District PML, if any, detail status on forest clearance of those exploratory wells are to be provided.

6. The area involved for waste pit in this instant proposal as mentioned in the submitted layout

map

7. The duly signed lay out map is to be submitted mentioning the proposal name and with proper heading, legends etc.

8. The undertaking certificate for payment of CA, NPV & Addl NPV is to be submitted mentioning actual name of the proposal.

- 9. State Govt to clarify whether realization of 2% NPV of the forest area involved in the Golghat District PML and grant of forest clearance of the forest area involved in the PML as per Ministry's guideline dated 24.06.2015 has been completed or not.
- 10. The total number of bore holes and sizes involved in the proposed drilling location.
- 11. The current status of the Environment clearance of this instant proposal.
- 12. The clarification whether any Elephant corridors are present in the proposed area or not, if any, information should be provided including the names of scheduled species, birds, wildlife etc. and appropriate wildlife mitigation plan to be submitted by the CWLW through the State Govt.
- 13. To clarify whether any archaeological Heritage sites or any other monument are located in the proposed area.
- 14. To provide corrected shape file of the proposed area as the area submitted is 7.78 ha and not the proposed area i.e., 2.597 ha along with comments on 'INVIOLATE' status as per the FSI, Dehradun due to presence of 'Nambor Doigurung WLS' protected area and hydrological layer.
- 15. To conduct a site visit of the proposed CA area by an officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forest (T) and report is to be submitted to IRO, Guwahati mentioning the vegetation, density of forest cover, GPS coordinates, inspecting officer's name along with their photographs taken on the site etc., or else an alternate CA site along with necessary SoI maps indicating the CA site, GPS coordinates, site suitability certificate etc. is to be submitted as 4.19 ha out of the proposed 5.20 ha CA area is reported to be moderately dense forest is reported as per the DSS report of FSI, Dehradun.

State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the above information to this office for further processing of this proposal.

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Copy to:

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