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To

The Principal Secretary
Government of Assam
Environment and Forests Department
Dispur, Guwahati

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 3.48 ha of forest land for ONGC exploratory drilling location KHDF under Golaghat Division.

Ref: Letter No. FRS 209/2017/134 dated 08.11.2017 of Government of Assam.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter above on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. I am directed 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 proposal has been found deficient. The following additional information/documents are found lacking:

- (i) The compartment No. of the proposed drilling location.
- (ii) The lay out plan showing the break up of the proposed area.
- (iii) The GPS coordinates of the proposed diversion site in Degree, Minutes and Seconds format.
- (iv) The approved mining plan.
- (v) The Cost Benefit analysis is to be submitted in new guideline of Ministry's letter dated 01.08.2017.

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

Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to:

(i) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Govt of Assam, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati -781037.

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