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Government of Tripura  
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF  
Aranya Bhawan, Pt. Nehru Complex, Kunjaban  
Tripura : Agartala

Dated:- Agartala, the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2022

To

The Dy. Gen. Manager (HR),  
I/C HR-ER & Nodal Officer, ONGC,  
Tripura Asset, Badharghat,  
Agartala

- Sub: -1. Proposal for diversion of 1.96 ha of forest land for construction of Drill site, waste pit & Approach road leading to drill Site for the location TIDF at under Sepahijala District Forest Officer.
2. Proposal for diversion of 1.368 ha of forest land for construction of Drill site, waste pit & Approach road leading to drill Site for the location TIAC at under Sepahijala District Forest Officer.
3. Proposal for diversion of 1.496 ha of forest land for construction of Drill site, waste pit & Approach road leading to drill Site for the location TIDE under Sepahijala District Forest Officer.
4. Proposal for diversion of 1.76 ha of forest land for construction of Drill site, waste pit & Approach road leading to drill Site for the location TIDA at under Sepahijala District Forest Officer.

Ref: - Letter F.No.3-TR B 012/2018-SHI/2306-07 dated 11/11/2022 of MoEF & CC, Shillong.

Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, I am directed to enclose herewith letter under above reference and to inform you that the matter of the above mentioned proposals have been referred by MoEF&CC (FC Division) to Ministry of Law & Justice for opinion to take a policy decision.

In view of the above, Ministry has returned back all the proposals to IRO, Shillong until the matter is settled and policy decision is finalized.

This is for your kind information and doing needful.

Encl:- As stated.

Yours faithfully

[Abhijit De]

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
FCA

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The PPS to the PCCF & HoFF, Tripura for favour of kind information of the PCCF&HoFF, Tripura.

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F. No. 3-TR B 012/2018-SH/ 2306-17

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

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✓ सचिव/Secretary,

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पर्यावरण और वन विभाग /Department of Environment & Forests,

कुंजावन, अगरतला/ Kunjaban, Agartala.

- Sub : (1) Proposal for diversion of 1.96 ha of forest land for construction of drill site and waste pit and approach road at location TIDF under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.  
(2) Proposal for diversion of 1.368 ha of forest land for construction drilling site and waste pit and approach road at location TIAC under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.  
(3) Proposal for diversion of 1.496 ha of forest land for construction of drilling site and waste pit and approach road at location TIDE under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.  
(4) Proposal for diversion of 1.76 ha of forest land for construction of drill site and waste pit & approach road at location TIDA under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that the above mentioned proposals have been received back in IRO from Ministry, New Delhi. It is to be mentioned that all the proposals have been examined in detailed at all level in the Ministry, New Delhi. Ministry has observed that all proposals are related to non-forestry activity purposes for exploratory drilling and allied works in Sepahijala Reserve Forests in Tripura by ONGC Tripura Asset. The proposed forest area for diversion falls in Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary. However, IRO, Shillong had forwarded all the proposals to Ministry for taking necessary action and approval by the competent authority based on the opinion of Advocate General, Tripura and SCI that extraction of natural gas and oil is not a mining activity which has been accepted by the SCNBWL.

Further Ministry has observed that since the area falls in Protected Area (PA) and as per Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dated 04.08.2006 and 03.06.2022 mining can not be allowed inside PA and in view of the same the matter has been referred by MoEF&C (FC Division) to Ministry of Law & Justice for opinion to take a policy decision. Hence, proposals were not acceded in its present proposition by Ministry.

In view of the above, Ministry has returned back all the proposals to IRO until the matter is settled and policy decision is finalized.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action.

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उपवनमहानिरीक्षक (केंद्रीय)/ Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

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