

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

No. 234262/2025/249

Dated Dispur, the July, 2025

To : The Assistant Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India, MoEF&CC, FC Division,
Jor Bagh Road, Lodi Colony,
New Delhi 110003.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat for diversion of 1.8212483 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location SUAD in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division, Assam—reg.

Ref: 1.Letter No. FG.27/FCA/ONGC/Golaghat Divn dtd. 30/06/2025.
2.Your letter No. 3-AS B/116/2022/GHY dated 23.06.2025.

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith the reply received vide letter under reference (1) regarding forest diversion proposal of 1.8212483 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location SUAD in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division for favour of your kind perusal and necessary action.

Enclo : As stated

Yours faithfully

Digitally signed by
RAMEN CHANDRA MALAKAR
Date: 11-07-2025 17:03:36
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department

Memo No. 234262/2025/249-A

Dated Dispur, the July, 2025

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

ESIGNED
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department

By E-Mail

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND
HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM
ARANYA BHAWAN, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

No. FG.27/FCA/ONGC/Golaghat Divn.

Date: 30.06.2025

To

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests)
 Government of Assam,
 Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department,
 Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Sub:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Oil & National Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat for diversion of 1.8212483 Ha. forest land for drilling of exploratory location SUAD in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division.

Ref:- Government of India letter No. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY, dated 23.06.2025.

Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject and letter cited above. In this context, the undersigned is submitting herewith the information/documents as sought by the MoEF & CC, Government of India vide their letter No. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY, dated 23.06.2025 as under-

Sl No	Observation	Information Provided
1	Compliance of the condition no. (xix) of the in-principle approval has not been reported completely as the user agency has mentioned that drilling process cannot be halted after sunset due to complexities involved as stipulated in the said condition. Therefore, State Government is required to either submit the complete compliance or seek amendment in the condition (xix) of the in-principle approval.	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the undertaking for compliance of the condition (xix) of the in-principle approval. (Copy Enclosed)
2	Necessary undertaking in compliance of condition No's. (xx), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxvii), (xxxii), (xxxiii) and (xxxiv) of in-principle approval, stated to be submitted, have not been received along with the compliance. The same needs to be submitted.	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the undertaking for compliance of the condition No's. (xx), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxvii), (xxxii), (xxxiii) and (xxxiv) of in-principle approval (Copy Enclosed)

2. It is requested that the aforementioned details may be communicated to the MoEF&CC, Government of India for further processing and issuance of "Final Approval" for the forest diversion proposal.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

Rajendra
G
Garawad

Approved
Digitally signed by
Rajendra G Garawad
Date: 2025.06.30
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**Chief Conservator of Forests &
 Nodal Officer (FC Act)**
 Email: adlpcfc.nodal@gmail.com

Copy to:

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat
2. The General Manager (E & T) i/c HSE-A & AAB Basin, ONGC, Jorhat



OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED
HSE Division, Assam & Assam Arakan Basin
 Cinnamara Complex, Jorhat, Assam -785 704
 Phone: 0376-2707304

Letter no. ONGC JRT/A&AAB/HSE/FC-7 loc/EDS/2025/1

Date: 25.06.2025

To.

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer

Guwahati, Assam

Panjabari, Guwahati-37

**Sub: Submission of Replies to Observations for Final Forest Clearance for Drilling
 Locations TLAA, TLAB, SUAD, SPAA, ELAJ & KSAI**

1. EDS letter for TLAA, F.No.3-ASB/117/2022/GHY dtd. 23.06.2025
2. EDS letter for TLAB, F.No.3-ASB/122/2022/GHY dtd. 20.06.2025
3. EDS letter for SUAD, F.No.3-ASB/116/2022/GHY dtd. 23.06.2025
4. EDS letter for SPAA, F.No.3-ASB/124/2022/GHY dtd. 23.06.2025
5. EDS letter for ELAJ, F.No.3-ASB/126/2022/GHY dtd. 20.06.2025
6. EDS letter for KSAI, F.No.3-ASB/125/2022/GHY dtd. 20.06.2025

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, please find below the point-wise reply to the observations raised vide EDS letter dated 20.06.2025 and 23.06.2025 in respect of the proposals for diversion of forest land for the drilling of locations TLAA, TLAB, SUAD, SPAA, ELAJ & KSAI:

Sl.no.	Observations	Reply
1	Compliance of the condition no. (xix) of the in-principle approval has not been reported completely as the user agency has mentioned that drilling process cannot be halted after sunset due to complexities involved as stipulated in the said condition. Therefore, State Government is required to either submit the complete compliance or seek amendment in the condition (xix) of the in-principle approval	Compliance of Condition No. (xix): User Agency resubmits an undertaking addressing the said condition. (Annexure I)
2	Necessary undertaking in compliance of condition No's. (xx), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxvii), (xxxii), (xxxiii) and (xxxiv) of in-principle approval, stated to be submitted, have not been received along with the compliance. The same needs to be submitted.	Compliance of Condition Nos. (xx), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxiv), (xxvii), (xxxii), (xxxiii), and (xxxiv): User Agency submits the required undertakings. (Annexure I)

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OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED
HSE Division, Assam & Assam Arakan Basin
Cinnamara Complex, Jorhat, Assam -785 704
Phone: 0376-2707304

In view of the above, it is kindly requested to consider the submitted replies and undertakings for the observations raised.,

Kindly recommend for issuance of Final Forest Clearances for the above-mentioned drilling locations at the earliest. as ONGC is in urgent need of locations for operations.

With regards.

Lily P. Chawang
GM (E&T)
I/c HSE: A&AA Basin
ONGC, Jorhat

Enclosure: Annexures of 6 Undertakings

Copy for information to:

1. The Deputy Director General Forest(C).Regional Office. Shillong
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat
3. Head of Department, Environment, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH),Noida
4. ED- Basin Manager, A & AA Basin . ONGC, Jorhat
5. General Manager .I/C, Specialist Group. A& AA Basin . ONGC, Jorhat
6. Deputy General Manager – Block Manager. UAS Block. A&AA Basin . ONGC
7. Office Copy



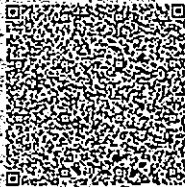
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 Second Party : NA
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 Stamp Duty Amount (Rs.) : 100
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Please write or type below this line.

Undertaking of Oil and Natural Gas Limited (ONGCL) to comply the conditions of In Principle Approval vide letter no. F No. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY dated 09.02.2024 and File No. 3-ASB/116/2022/GHY dated 23.06.2025 for diversion of 1.8212483 ha of Forest Land for drilling of exploratory location SUAD in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division, Assam and Proposal No- FP/AS/MIN/139446/2021.

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2. The onus of checking the legitimacy is on the users of the certificate.
3. In case of any discrepancy, please inform the Competent Authority.

(xix) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes to comply with the condition that no labor camp will be established on the forest land and no work will be done after sunset.

Whenever operation is required at night time, due prior Permission, from competent authority will be taken.

(xx) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes to comply to the condition that initially the permission for prospecting will be granted for seven years from the date of issue of this approval which can be extended for one more year with convincing justification from the State Government for extension.

(xxi). Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes to comply to the condition that in case of violations of conditions by the User Agency, the permission for prospecting of minerals shall be suspended by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. Further it shall be enquired by the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government and report to be submitted to the concerned Regional Office for appropriate action.

(xxiii) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes to comply to the condition to minimize disturbance to the wildlife, and take all possible measures to minimize noise during prospecting operations and halt the prospecting activities during night and during such periods in the day as may be advised by the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden, concerned State Forest Department.

Whenever operation is required at night time, due prior Permission, from competent authority will be taken.

(xxiv) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes that this permission shall, in no way, confer any rights to the project proponents or any other agency for grant of approval under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of forest land for any other non-forestry use of the said forest land.

(xxvii) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes that the period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period coterminous with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under.

(xxxii) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes that any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

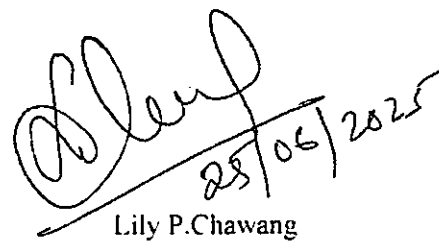
(xxxiii) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes that the User Agency shall comply all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

(xxxiv) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), hereby undertakes that the violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023.

Date: 25.06.2025

Place: Jorhat

With regards,



Lily P. Chawang
GM (E&T)
I/C-HSE, A&AA Basin