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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

eCF No.234263/144

Dated Dispur, the December, 2023

To: The Scientist-'E',

Government of India,

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

Sub office, Guwahati,

4th Floor, Housefed Building,

G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022

Sub: Forest Diversion proposal for 1.889 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory location DPAB in Doyang Reserve Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat -reg.

Ref : Government of India letter F.No. 3-AS B/121/2022/GHY/4916-17 dated 04.12.2023.

Sir,

In inviting reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the letter No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/ONGC/Drilling location DPAB/Gol Divn. dated 08.12.2023, along with its enclosures, received from the Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam, which is self explanatory, for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by
Neera Daulagupu
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Environment and Forest Department

Memo eCF No.234263/144-A Dated Dispur, the December, 2023 Copy to:-

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

e-signed Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Environment and Forest Department

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/Proposal/ONGC/Drilling location DPAB/Gol Divn.

Email: addlpccf.nodal@gmail.com Dated 08.12.2023

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The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 1.889 Ha. of forest land for drilling of exploratory location DPAB in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref:

Govt. of India letter No. 3-AS B/121/2022/GHY/4916-17 dated 04.12.2023.

Sir,

With reference to the letter cited above, I am to inform you that the O/o the CF, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat is under the additional charge of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Upper Assam Zone, Jorhat. The site inspection report was duly verified and signed by the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Circle Incharge and report was forwarded by the Deputy Conservator of Forests attached to Circle Incharge, O/o the CF, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat.

I am re-submitting herewith the Site Inspection Report of the proposed Compensatory Afforestation site (3.778 Ha.) at Deopani Reserved Forest of Sadiya Range under Doomdooma Division against forest diversion proposal of 1.889 Ha. of forest land for drilling of exploratory location DPAB in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of OIL and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.

The above-mentioned information may kindly be sent to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Sub Office, Guwahati (Under Regional Office, Shillong) accordingly.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS) Chief Conservator of Forests &

Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and

Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to the Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Sub office, Guwahati (Under Regional office, Shillong), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022, for kind information.

Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam

Site Inspection Report

The proposed Compensatory Afforestation site (3.778 Ha) against the forest diversion proposal for 1.889 Ha of forest land for development drilling & exploratory location DPAB in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division by ONGC, Jorhat is located at Deopani Reserved Forest of Sadiya Range under Doomdooma Division. As per direction of the undersigned this site was inspected by Sri Uttam Basumatary, AFS, DCF, O/o the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat on behalf of the undersigned along with the RO, Sadiya Range on 20-09-2023.

During the inspection it was observed that the CA site (3.778 ha) is covered with shrubby vegetation and 110 nos. of saplings and 29 nos. of trees are scattered in the entire area. The trees standing in the selected alternative CA Site for DPAB (3.778 Ha.) area as follows:

51	Species	No. of trees	Bamboo Patches	Remarks
		2	matu appr sapli spec 4 Uriu patches were	The 29 Nos of trees are matured trees whereas approx 110 numbers of sapling of height 7-8 ft of species viz Moj, Udal, Urium, Omora etc species were standing in the selected site.
	Urium	C		
3	Omora	3		
4	Dimow			
5	Udal	8		
6	Simol	1		
7	Pichola	2		
8	Kanchan	1		
9	Bhatgila	1		
10	Moj	5		
11	Owtenga			
	Total	29 Nos		

The area is an open forest with 30% canopy density. The site is suitable for plantation because the area is covered with shrubs, herbs, creepers-climbers only in contrast to moderately dense forest as observed in the DSS report.

> Circle Meharge Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat

Date:14-11-2023 Place: Jorhat