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

ECF No.248915/87

Dated Dispur, the 18th November, 2022

To : The Inspector General of Forest (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, 4th Floor, Housefed Building,
G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 2.686 Ha. of forest land for 6 Nos. drill of
development wells from KHDO, KHEH, KHEI, KHEJ, KHEK and
KHEL in South Nambar Reserve Forest under Golaghat Division in
favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref : Govt. of India letter F. No 3 AS B 101/2022-GHY/2969-2970 dated
01.09.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith the comments of Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam regarding presence of Wildlife and Elephant and need for Wildlife Conservation and Mitigation Plan in respect of the subject mentioned Forest Clearance proposal as received from the CCF & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam vide letter No.FG.27/FCA/Drilling location/ONGC dated 17.11.2022 (copy enclosed).

In this regard, I am directed to inform you that the Wildlife and Elephant Conservation Plan will be submitted before accordance of “Final/ Stage-II Approval”.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As stated above.

(I. Kalita, ACS)

Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment and Forest Department

Memo ECF No. 248915/87-A

Dated Dispur, the 18th November, 2022

Copy to:

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

(ESIGNED)

Addl. 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

Email: adlpcf.nodal@gmail.com

No. FG.27/FCA/Drilling location/ONGC

Date: 17.11.2022

To,

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

Sub: Forest diversion proposal for 2.686 Ha. of forest land for 6 Nos. drill development wells from KHDO, KHEH, KHEI, KHEJ, KHEK and KHEL in South Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref: Government of India letter No. 3-AS B 101/2022-GHY/2969-70 dated 1.9.2022.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am enclosing herewith a letter No. WL/FG.35/Diversion Proposal for 2.686 Ha. of forest land/Drill Development Wells dated 16.11.2022 received from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, regarding comments to the presence of Wildlife and Elephant and need for Wildlife Conservation and Mitigation plan against forest diversion proposal for 2.686 Ha. of forest land for 6 Nos. drill development wells from KHDO, KHEH, KHEI, KHEJ, KHEK and KHEL in South Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat. The Wildlife and Elephant Conservation Plan will be submitted to the Government of India before accordance of "Final Approval".

The above-mentioned information may kindly be sent to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati 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:

1. The Inspector General of Forest (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022 for kind information.
2. The Chief Wildlife Warden Assam, Panjabari for kind information.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat for information

Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Head of Forest Force, Assam

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE) AND
CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, ASSAM :: PANJABARI :: GUWAHATI-37

Email: pccf.wl.assam@gmail.com

No. WL/FG.35/Diversion Proposal for 2.686Ha of forest land/ Drill Development Wells Date:16.11.2022

To,

✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force, Assam,
Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

Sub: Forest diversion proposal for 2.686 ha. of forest land for drilling 6 nos. of development wells from KHDO, KHEH, KHEI, KHEJ, KHEK and KHEL in Nambor South RF under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref: 1. Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam letter No. FG. 27/FCA/Drilling location/ONGC Dated 07.09.2022.
2. IRO Guwahati, MoEF & CC, GoI's F. No. 3 ASB 101/2022-GHY/2969-2970 Dated 01.09.2022.

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letters cited above the following comments are furnished below with regards to the presence of wildlife and elephant and need for wildlife conservation plan in the proposed area for diversion.

- The proposed site falls within Nambor South RF under Golaghat Forest Division, Golaghat District. The Reserve Forest was a prime elephant habitat in the past. The elephants of Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong landscape used to range through the said RF area in to the elephant habitat of the State of Nagaland. But due to massive encroachment and linear development, which has taken place over a period of more than 3 decades, have fragmented the habitat resulting in complete loss of traditional connectivity. Now the movement of elephants in that region is limited to Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong ER and Dhansiri-Lungding ER including PAs like- Nambor, Nambor-Doigrung and Garampani WLS. In the process HEC has increased in Golaghat and Karbi Anglong districts significantly.
- Other wild animals found in Nambor South RF are - Lopard, Monitor Lizard, Fishing Cat, Slow Loris and avarieties of Reptiles and Avifauna. The animals have been at stress due to increased anthropogenic activities in and around the RF.
- The proposed diversion and establishment of Oil Well including drilling activities inside the R.F. will certainly impact the wildlife additionally.
- The above narrated facts warrant more scientific management intervention in terms of conservation and protection of wildlife.
- Considering the above facts it is suggested to deposit 1% of the Project Cost as Corpus Fund at the disposal of the CWLW, Assam for Conservation & Protection of wildlife including mitigation of Human Animal Conflict in the area as a special case, by the User Agency.
- Further, minimal disturbance shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat by the User Agency.

This is for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Yadava, IFS)

Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam

Copy for information and necessary action to;

The Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer (FCA) O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37

Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam

Copy for information to:

The Additional Chief Secretary, to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam