No.F.6-1192/FC/For-2019/ 451 - 53 Government of Tripura Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF

Tripura: Agartala

Dated, Agartala, the 19th July,2022

To

The Deputy Inspector General Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
North Eastern Regional Office,
Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen,
Near M.T.C. Workshop,
Shillong 793021

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 6.131 ha of forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/natural Gas through drilling, DSA, Waste pit and approach road at location GOAN at Mouja-Dakshin Sonaichari & Tekka RF under District Forest Officer, South.

Ref: - Letter F.No.3-TR C 062/2021-SHI/905-06 dated 20.06.2022

Sir.

With reference to the letter above, kindly find enclosed herewith the following informations for your consideration.

i. The Conservator of Forests (TC) has visited the proposed CA site on 23.06.2022 and recommended the site for raising CA plantation. An Inspection note of Conservator of Forests along with photograph is enclosed as Annexure-A.

In view of the above, I would request you to kindly arrange to convey the In-Principle approval for the instant proposal.

Enclo:- As stated above

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &

Nodal Officer, FCA

Copy to:-

1. The District Forest Officer, South for information and needful please

2. The Dy. Gen. Manager (HR), I/C HR-ER, Nodal Officer, ONGC, Tripura Asset, Badharghat, Agartala for kind information and needful please.

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA

Inspection note of Dr. Wangdup Bhutia, IFS, Conservator of Forest on 23/06/2022 under South District in connection with the diversion of 6.31 ha of forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/Natural Gas through DSA, Waste-pit & approach road of location GOAN under DFO, South

I, Dr. Wangdup Bhutia, Conservator of Forests, visited the forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) against diversion of 6.31 ha of forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/Natural Gas through DSA, Waste-pit & approach road of location GOAN under DFO, South on dated, 23/06/2022. The following officials were present during this said visit,

1. Dhruba Das, Forest Ranger, AWLW Abhoya

2. Suman Das, Fr, Beat Officer Joshmura Wildlife Beat

3. Bimal Sarkar, Retd FG

This CA site of 12.262 ha is located at Kasari RF under Joshmura Wildlife Beat of



Schima wallichii, Holorrhena antidysentrica, Acacia auriculiformis are sporadically existing in the plot. This forest land might have been destructed with an intention of encroachment. The density of vegetation falls under open degraded with a cover canopy less than 10% and infested with ground vegetation like Mucuna pruriens, dioscorea, Smilax, and other weeds.

Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary was inspected by the undersigned and found that the forest is covered mostly with *Mucuna pruriens*, dioscorea, Smilax, and other weeds. Sporadic culm of bamboo were seen at south west side of the selected plot. Few coppices of *Holorrhena antidysentrica* covered with mucuna and dioscorea were observed. Trees species like



The site selected is highly suitable for CA plantation and fencing of this forest under CA plantation component would protect this forest land from threat of encroachment.

Submitted

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Conservator of Forest (TC)
Forest Department
Government of Tripura.