

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

No.FRS.63/2022/72

Dated Dispur, the 16th July, 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 2.569 Ha. of forest land for 6 Nos. drill of

development wells from KHDH, KHDX, KHDY, KHDZ, KHEA and KHEB in Rengma Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of

ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref

Govt. of India letter No F.No 3-AS B/099/2022/GHY/2529-2530 dated

31.05.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the additional information/documents as below for favour of your kind information and necessary action:-

Govt. of India letter No 3-AS B/099/ 2022/ GHY/2529-2530 dated 31.5.2022	Information Provided
Condition No. (1)	This is a fresh land and no drilling activity has taken place.
Condition No. (2)	This forest diversion proposal of 2.569 Ha. is in the Rengma Reserved Forest and not in Nambar South Reserved Forest.
Condition No. (3)	As per DFO, Golaghat Division report the proposed area is under paddy cultivation done by some local habitants vide their letter No. A/62/ONGC/KHDH/Glt. Divn/2022/1457-58 dated 4.7.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-I).
Condition No. (4)	The DFO, Golaghat Division has submitted the calculated revised rate of Net Present Value amount. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
Condition No. (5)	The DFO, Doomdooma Division has submitted Site Suitability Certificate for Compensatory Afforestation Area. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-III).
Condition No. (6)	The User Agency (ONGC) has deposited the 2 % NPV for proposed drilling wells to the Ad-hoc CAMPA account on 30.9.2016 (Copy enclosed as Annexure VP)
Condition No. (7)	The User Agency (ONGC) stated that the total forest area involved in the "Khoraghat EXTN-I PML" is 80.50 Sq Km. vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Forest Clearance/KHDH Cluster dated 2.7.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V).
Condition No. (8)	The User Agency (ONGC) stated that the 6 Nos. of wells with 17.5 inches of Diameter are proposed from this land vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Forest Clearance/KHDH Cluster dated 2.7.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V)

Condition No. (9)	The User Agency (ONGC) stated that the Environmental Clearance is under process vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Forest Clearance/KHDH Cluster dated 2.7.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V)
Condition No. (10)	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the undertaking for NPV (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VI)
Condition No. (11)	The User Agency (ONGC) stated that the FRA-2006 certificate is under process vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Forest Clearance/KHDH Cluster dated 2.7.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V)

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(I. Kalita, ACS)

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

Memo No. FRS.63/2022/72-A

Dated Dispur, the 16^{th} July, 2022

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37. lumb 4.07.22

(I. Kalita, ACS)

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



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Letter No. A /62/ONGC/KHDH/Glt. Divn/2022/1457-58

Dtd. 04/07/2022.

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act.), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam,

Panjabari, Ghy-37.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 2.569 ha of forest land for drilling 6 Nos. of development wells KHDH, KHDX, KHDY, KHDZ, KHEA and KHEB in Rengma Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref:

CCF & Nodal Officer (FC Act.), O/o the PCCF &HoFF, Assam vide letter no. FG.27/Nodal/Drilling

Location/ONGC, dtd. 02/06/2022.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith the information/documents as per the query raised by the Intergrated Regional Office (IRO), Guwahati against the forest diversion proposal for 2.569 ha. of forest land for 6 nos. drill development wells KHDH, KHDX, KHDY, KHDZ, KHEA and KHEB in Rengma Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC are as

SL. No.	Observations	Reply
1	State Govt to clarify whether any drilling activities has been carried out in drilling site 'KHDH'or not as the Conservator of Forest in Part111 from mentioned that the proposal is for development of KHDH drilling site in Rengma Reserved Forest, if any, forest clearance detail is to be provided.	Replied by the User Agency: This is a fresh land and no drilling activity has taken place.
2	To clarity on the 6 nos. of drilling location area as it is mentioned to be located in "Nambar South Reserved Forest" in the submitted justification for locating the project in forest land by the user agency. Whereas, the same is mentioned as "Rengma Reserved Forest" in the forwarding letter of State Govt.	Replied by the User Agency: This forest diversion proposal of 2.569 ha. is in the Rengma Reserved Forest and not in "Nambar South Reserved Forest.
3	As per the details submitted at Sl. No. 8 in Part-II form "the entire RF is encroached by human being and not a habitat of wildlife animal." State Gove. to provide the current status of encroachment of the instant proposed area of 2.686 ha.	The proposed area is under paddy cultivation done by some local habitants.
4	The calculated revised rate of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted in respect of this instant proposal as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022.	NPV calculation sheet has already been submitted as per the revised rate by this division. However, photo copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. The revised CA estimate is enclosed herewith.
5	To submit the corrected site suitability certificate of the identified compensatory afforestation in lieu of the proposed diversion mentioning correct names of the proposed diversion i.e. 6 nos. of development wells development wells.	Corrected site suitability certificate submitted by the DFO, Doomdooma is enclosed herewith.
6	The State Govt to clarify whether 2% NPV of the forest area involved in the "Khoraghat EXTN-I PML" over an area of 88.97 Sq. Km. in Golaghat District, Assam" has been realized or not; and whether grant of forest clearance of the forest area involved in the PML as per Ministry's guideline dated 24.06.2015 has been completed or not.	Replied by the User Agency: ONGC has paid the 2% NPV for "Khoraghat EXTN-I PML" (Copy enclosed as annexure - I)



7	The total forest area involved in the "Khoraghat EXTN-I PML".	Replied by the UA: The total forest area involved in the "Khoraghat EXTN-I PML" is 80.50 sq. km.
8	The number of bore hole and size involved in the proposed area.	Replied by the User Agency: 06 No of wells with 17.5 inches of Diameter are proposed from this land.
9	The current status of Environment Clearance of this instant proposal.	Replied by the User Agency: Environmental Clearance is under Process
10	The undertaking certificate by the user agency for NPV for the proposed site.	Replied by the user agency: The undertaking certificate for NPV for the proposed site is enclosed as Annexure - II
11	The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate in respect to this proposed area.	Replied by the User Agency: Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate in respect to this proposed area is under Process.

Enclo: As stated above.

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

Yours Faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer Golaghat Division Division

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for favour of his kind information.

Divisional Forest Officer Golaghat Division Division

Memo, No. B/62/ONGC/KHDH/Glt. Divn/2022/4136

Dtd. 04/07/2022.

Copy to the General Manger, Head HSE, Jorhat Asset, ONGC, Chinnamara, Jorhat-785704 for favour of her kind information.

Divisional Forest Officer Golaghat Division Division

SCHEME FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION (PLANTATION) SCHEME AGAINST THE LAND PROCURED BY ONGC FOR DIVERSION PROPOSAL OF SIX (06) DEVELOPMENT WELLS FROM KHDH cluster viz., KHDH, KHDX, KHDY, KHDZ, KHEA & KHEB WITHIN RENGMA RESERVE FOREST UNDER GOLAGHAT DIVISION

NAME OF THE RESERVED FOREST	AREA IN HECT
Kundil Kalia RF	5.138 Ha.
Area of Afforestation	2.569 Ha. X 2 = 5.138 Ha. in Kundil Kalia RF with the following GPS location under Doomdooma Forest Division.
	a) Lat = : 27 ⁰ 56'5.251" N; Log = : 95 ⁰ 55'53.537" E b) Lat = : 27 ⁰ 56'17.773" N;
	Log =: 95° 55'47.935" E c) Lat =: 27° 56'16.469" N;
	Log =: 95° 55'43.699" E; d) Lat =: 27°56'3.875" N;
	Log =: 95°55'49.251" E;

ESTIMATE

I)	Area to be taken for plantation = 5.138 ha.		=	49,99,541.00
II)	NPV @ Rs. 11,16,900.00/Ha x 2.569 ha.		=	28,69,316.10
		Total	=	78,68,857.10

Submitted ()

Divisional Forest Officer Golaghat Division Golaghat

CERTIFICATE FROM COMPETENT AUTHORITY REGARDING SUITABILITY OF THE AREA IDENTIFIED FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION

Certified that the proposed site for 5.138hect. Compensatory Plantation against the diversion proposal of 2.569hect. of forest land for drilling locationsKHDH, KHDX, KHDY, KHDZ, KHEA&KHEB of ONGC, Jorhat has been taken inside the Kundil Kalia Reserve Forest under Sadiya Range of Doomdooma Division and as such the same is suitable for raising plantation and management point of view.

Divisional Forest Officer Doomdooma Division, Doomdooma. THERE WAR



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in file.

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29/9/16

Head (BMG)

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1	Borholla	17.06.1998	16.06.2018	32.12	0	Jorhat Dt.
2	Mekrang	19.09.1997	18.09.2017	16.00	0	Jorhat Dt.
3	Titabar	24.12.2008	23.12.2023	10.00	0	Jorhat Dt.
A	Nambar (Forest Área)	05.09.1999	04.09.2019	26.00	26.00	Golaghat Dt.
5	Khoraghat (Extn-1)	17.07.2000	16.07.2020	83.00	,80.50	Golaghat Dt.
8	East Lakhibari	23.07.2003	22.07.2023	8.50	8.50	Golaghat Dt
7	Khoraghat	26.07.2009	25.07.2024	3.00	3.00	Golaghat Dt
8	Golaghat Ext II A	09.12.2009	08.12.2024	24.00	0	Golaghat Dt.
8	Kasomarigaon	09.12.2009	08.12.2025	20.00	20.00	Golaghat Dt.
10	Kalyanpur	13.04.2007	12.04.2027	40.00	37.50	Golaghat Dt.
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1	Badarpur	01.08.2009	31.07.2019	2.3	0	Hailakandi Dt
2	Adamtila	24.11.2014	23.11.2034	4.00	0	Karimganj Dt
3	Adamtila Extn.	03.03,2012	02.03.2032	148.00	84.37	Karimgani Dt
4	North Patharia	30.03.2012	29.03.2029	60.00	3.12	Karimganj Dt
5	Banaskandi	21.07.1997	20.07.2017	15.00	0	Cachar Dt
6	Bhubandar	22.12.2002	21.12.2022	6.00	0	Cachar Dt
7	Sector VC	30.11.2014	29.11.2034	497.00	0	Cachar Dt
8	Cachar	04.01.2013	03.01.2020	732.00	31.30	Cachar Dt (7 yr PML)
9	Kasomarigaon (Add)	06.07.2016	05.07.2023	56.00	56.00	Golaghat Dt (7 Yr PML)
10	Golaghat Ext II A (Add)	21.11.2012	20.11.2019	61.00	0	Golaghat Dt (7 Yr PML)
11	East Lakhibari Extn.	10.10.2013	09.10.2020	59.00	8.00	Golaghat Dt (7 Yr PML)
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OFFICE OF PCCF AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM PANJABARI
GUWAHATI 781307

PAYMENTADVICE
Your Account with us:161017
Bank Account No:037100101025200
Bank:CORPORATION BANK
IFSCcode:CORP0000371
PaymentDate:30.09.2016
Payment Reference:795131

Subject: Payment Advice

DEAR SIR / MADAM,
This is to inform you that instructions have been sent to our banker for
the credit of Rs.747,392,940.00 (RUPEES SEVENTY-FOUR CRORE SEVENTY-THREE LAKH NINETY-TWO
THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY ONLY) to your account as mentioned above.
Kind Regards.
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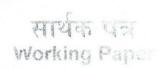
Total Amount Paid Rs : 747,392,940.00

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As per recommendation of Chief legal and duly endorsed by Director(Exploration) and Director(Onshore), the payment of 2% NPV for the Forest area within extent of PMLs falling under Jorhat work centre (Basin and Asset) as per Table-1 is to be made based on the demand raised by Govt. of Assam.

As per the Chief Legal advice NP-8 Para-3

QUOTE

......there are different Classes of Forest like open Forest, dense Forest and very dense Forest and whether the said amount of Rs. 20,860/-per hectare is applicable to all kind of Classes of Forest or to Class-I Forest......

UNQUOTE

In view of this because of paucity of time for clarification from Forest department in this regards and keeping in view the implications of noncompliance of payment of NPV by 30.09.2016, It is proposed to make a provisional payment under protest and without prejudice to the rights and remedies available to ONGC. The total extent of the PML area is 1225.5 Sq. KM out of which 358.29 Sq. Km. (35829 Ha) falls under Forest Area as worked out in Table-1 . Going by the rate communicated by the Government of Assam i.e. Rs. 20, 860 per Ha, the 2% NPV amount is worked out is Rs.74,73,92,940/. As per the information provided by Finance Section (Copy of SAP mail attached) Service Tax is also applicable. Details of calculation tabulated below:

	Payme	nt Details:	
Names of PML	Area (Ha.)	Statutory Payments	Amount (Rs.)
As per attached Table-1	35829	@20,860/Ha	74.73,92,940
		Service Tax @ 15%	11,21,08,941
		Total	85,95,01,881

It is therefore requested to accord Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for a sum of Rs. 85, 95, 01,881/- (Rupees Eighty Five Crores, Ninety Five Lakhs, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty One only) inclusive of Service Tax towards payment of 2% NPV @ Rs. 20,860/-per Ha of total Forest area under PMLs of Jorhat work centre ONGC (Basin and Asset) to the State Government of Assam under Cl. 5.3a (FCNR) of BDP 2014.

DGM (Geol.)-Head BMG

ED-Basin Manager Pl. AA XES Accorded.

A&AA Basin, ONGC, Jorhat



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Office of Head HSE, Nambar-I, Jorhat Asset Jorhat-785704. Ph: 0376-2707317

No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Forest Clearance/KHDH Cluster

Date: 02.07.2022

To,

Divisional Forest Officer Golaghat Division, Golaghat

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Ref: i. No.3-AS B 103/2022-GHY/2529 - 2530 dated 31.05.2022 of Govt. of India ii. FG.27/Nodal/Drilling location/ONGC dated 02.06.2022 of CCF & Nodal Officer Assam.

Sir.

With respect to the observations/queries regarding the forest diversion proposal of 2.569 ha of forest land for drilling of 06 nos development wells KHDH. KHDX. KHDY, KHDZ, KHEA and KHEB in Rengma Reserved Forest of ONGC, Jorhat under Golaghat Division.

Point wise compliance/reply is given below for your kind consideration.

SL. No.	Observation	Reply
1	State Govt to clarify whether any drilling activities has been carried out in drilling site 'KHDH' or not as the Conservator of Forest in Part III formmentioned that the proposal is for development of KHDH drilling site in Rengma Reserved Forest, if any, forest clearance detail is to be provided	This is a fresh land and no drilling activity has taken place.
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3	As per the detail submitted at SI. No. 8 in Part II form "the entire RF is encroached by human	To be replied by DFO office

	being and not a habitat of wildlife animal". State Govt to provide the current status of the encroachment in the proposed area 2.569 ha.	
4	The calculated revised rate of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted in respect of this instant proposal as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011- FC (Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022.	To be Provided by DFO office
5	To submit the corrected site suitability certificate of the identified CA area in lieu of proposed diversion mentioning correct names of the proposed diversion i.e.6 Nos. development wells.	To be Provided by DFO office
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7	The total forest area involved in the "Khoraghat EXTN-I PML".	forest
8	The number of bore hole and size involved in the proposed drilling location.	inches of Diameter are proposed from this land.
9	The current status of the Environment clearance of this instant proposal.	Environmental Clearance is under Process
10	The undertaking certificate for NPV of this proposed site from the user agency.	
11	The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate in respect of this proposed area.	NOC under FRA -2006 is under Process

(Niva Tamuli)
Head HSE, Jorhat Asset
ONGC, Jorhat.



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UNDERTAKING BY USER AGENCY (ONGC) FOR CLUSTER DRILLING LOCATIONS KHDH. KHDX. KHDY. KHDZ, KHEA and KHEB: GOLAGHAT (ASSAM)

FOR NPV and CA:

ONGC is liable to pay Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and NPV as per the demand note to be issued by the Government. While processing the proposal, if there is any increase in NPV and afforestation Cost decided by the Government, ONGC is ready to pay the increased amount thereof.

N CW,