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No- /L & LT/2M-63/2021

Dated: 22.03.2023

To: The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Department of Forest.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 12.5492 ha. of forest land in favour of Esser Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd. for laying of pipeline and access road to well site for their CBM Gas Project under Burdwan and Durgapur Forest Division.

Ref: i) Govt of India, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional office, Kolkata letter no. IRO/KOL/WB/Others/154900/2022/474 dated 23/11/2022.

ii) Forest Dept. letter no. 1675-For/O/L/10T-29/2022 dated 24/11/2022.

Sir,

With reference to the above, para-wise replies to EDS raised by IRO Kolkata vide No. IRO/KOL/WB/Others/154900/2022/474 dated 23/11/2022 as submitted by the User Agency and concerned DFOs are enclosed for kind consideration of forwarding to IRO Kolkata.

In this context, it is pertinent to mention that area of forest land proposed for diversion has been revised to 12.5492 ha. in Part-I in online portal. Part-II is still showing the incorrect unrevised total forest area of 17.6962 ha.

Wildlife Conservation Plan and Soil Moisture Conservation Plan area under preparation by DFO Burdwan. Specific intervention to treat the water effluent to drinkable standards should be included to avoid pollution of forest soil and water sources. The area is arid, and pumping out of underground water along methane is expected to affect the water table, and add to the water scarcity.

Processing is recommended for Stage-I approval by IRO Kolkata subject to above conditions please.

Encl.: As stated above.

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& Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, South-East Circle, West Bengal.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer Burdwan & Durgapur Forest Division, West Bengal.
3. The Chief Operating Officer, Main Compressor Station (MCS), Village & PO- Malandighi, Kanksa, Paschim Bardhaman-713212.

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