

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

Dated Dispur, the 22th August, 2022

No.FRS.3/2021/73

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 1.69 ha of forest land for creation of Surface facility
at Suphayam-1 drill site under Golaghat Division in favour of OIL & Natural Gas
Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.

Ref : Govt. of India Letter F. No. 3 AS B 004/2021-GHY/1448-1449 Dated 11.11.2021.

Sir,

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

Govt. of India letter F. No. 3 AS B 004/2021- GHY/1448-1449 Dated 11.11.2021	Information Provided
Condition No.1	The correct name of the proposal is "Creation of Surface Facility at Suphyam-1 drill site" against application No. FP/AS/Others/38669/2019.
Condition No.2	The Circle in Charge, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat and DFO, Golaghat Division has submitted the corrected Site Inspection Report and Recommendation. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-I & Annexure-II)
Condition No.3	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the layout map (Copy enclosed as Annexure-III)
Condition No.4	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1 dated 8.6.2022 that the "Necessary corrections had been done for item No. 28. All the items depicted in the layout map are integral part of Surface facility proposed and required for current as well as for future expansion of the area in terms of production of ONGC (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV)
Condition No.5	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1 dated 8.6.2022 that the plinth area is 1.55 Ha and the approach road area is 0.14 Ha. The total area diverted is 1.69 Ha. as mentioned in the IPA of Suphayam-1.
Condition No.6	The User Agency (ONGC) stated vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1 dated 8.6.2022 that the Well No is Suphayam-1 and it was drilled in the year 2001. None of the well was drilled in 1997 in this area. FC for the well Suphayam-1 was obtained in the year 1997 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV).

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Condition No.7	The User Agency ONGC) has submitted a reply for condition No (7) vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1 dated 8.6.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV).
Condition No.8	The User Agency (ONGC) stated vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1 dated 8.6.2022 that the application for land use change has been made to the State Govt. in view of the 2019 guidelines issued by MoEF & CC (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV).
Condition No.9	The User Agency (ONGC) stated vide letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1 dated 8.6.2022 that the application for land use change has been made to the State Govt. in view of the 2019 guidelines issued by MoEF & CC (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV).

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated above.

(I. Kalita, ACS)

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

Memo No. FRS.3/2021/73-A

Dated Dispur, the 22th August, 2022

Copy to:

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

(I. Kalita, ACS)

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

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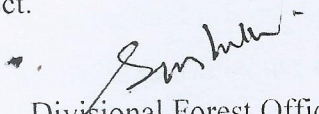


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**SPECIFIC RECOMENMENDATION OF FOR CREATION OF SURFACE FACILITY
AT SUPHAYAM-1 OF ONGC BY DFO, GOLAGHAT FOR ACCEPTANCE**

The proposed **Creation of Surface facility at Suphayam -1** drill site of ONGC is located within Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division. The diversion of forest land measuring 1.69 ha. was made available during 1997. The project aims to creation of Surface facility at Suphayam -1 within the site of Supayam -1. No extra land is required to develop Surface facility. Forest clearance for Suphayam-1 site is already available with user agency. The existing land is still in use by ONGC and fund of CA schemes and NPV has already been paid by user agency for forest clearance for creation of Surface facility at Suphayam -1. The development proposal for creation of Surface facility at Suphayam -1 drill site by ONGC, Cinnamara, Jorhat is hereby recommended as proposed by the user agency. Further requisition for the Forest land is not required for this development of project.


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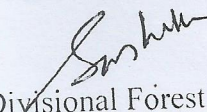
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**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF SURFACE FACILITY AT SUPHAYAM-1/SUAB OF
DFO, GOLAGHAT**

The proposed development of Surface facility at Suphyam-1 drill site area located inside Doyang Reserved Forest under Jamuguri Range was inspected by the undersigned and ONGC Officers, Chinnamora, Jorhat on 05/11/2019 and report there of furnished as under.

The diversion area is 1.69 ha (Suphayam-1/SUAB site) was made available during 1997 is open Forest inside Doyang Reserved forest. During my inspection no rare /endangered/unique species of flora and fauna was found in the area. The proposed development and drilling proposal is nonlinear project. The project aims to development of Surface facility within existing site of at Suphayam-1 drill site. No extra land is required to drill new well. FC for existing well Suhayam-1/SUAB drill site is available and the land is still in use by ONGC .The said Surface facility will be developed for handing of oil and gas produced from nearby oil and wells.

There is no wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for development. The proposed site is not a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc. The proposed development site is not located within Eco-Sensitive Zone of the protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act. 1972 an no any water body is seen in and around the proposed site.


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Site Inspection Report for surface facility at Suphayam-1 of CF, EAC, Jorhat

The proposal is for development of Surface facility at Suphayam-1 of ONGC is located inside Doyang Reserved Forest under Jamuguri Range was inspected by the undersigned along with DFO, Golaghat Division and ONGC Officers Chinnamora, Jorhat on 14-03-2020 and report thereof furnished as under:

As per report the proposed diversion area is 1.69 Ha (Suphayam-1) was made available to ONGC in 1997 under Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division. During my inspection it was observed that the proposed area is devoid of any forest cover. The proposed site is neither a part of any Protected Area nor falls within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Nambor Doigrung Wildlife sanctuary which is the nearest Protected Area within Assam. Further no any water body is seen in and around the proposed site.

It is a non-linear project and aims to development of Surface facility at Suphayam-1 within existing site where reportedly Forest clearance is already obtained by ONGC dated 21-05-1997. The surface facility will be developed within the boundary of 1.69 Ha of land.

Sd/-

Conservator of Forests,
Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat

Date: 19-06-2020

Place: Jorhat

(It was signed by the then Conservator
Sri N. Mahanta, IFS)

Circle in charge
Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat

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PART-III
(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

14. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	Yes, the site was visited by the undersigned on 14-03-2020. The site inspection report is enclosed as Annexure-A.
15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	Yes.
16. Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	The proposed development of surface facility at Suphayam-1 of ONGC is located within Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division. As per report the diversion of forest land measuring 1.69 Ha is available with ONGC through forest clearance dated 21-05-1997. The project aims for development of surface facility at Suphayam-1. The existing land is still in use by ONGC and as per report fund of CA schemes and NPV has already been paid by user agency for forest clearance of Suphayam-1. The development of surface facility at Suphayam-1 by ONGC, Cinnamara, Jorhat is hereby recommended as proposed by the user agency.

Signature Sd/-

Name: NARAYAN MAHANTA, IFS

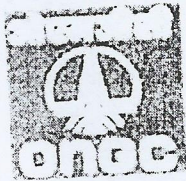
Official Seal **Conservator of Forests
Eastern Assam Circle
JORHAT**

Date:-05-12-2020
Place:- Jorhat

(It was signed by the then Conservator
Sri N. Mahanta, IFS)

**Circle in charge
Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat**

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No ONGC/JRT/HSE/Suphayam-1

to

Divisional Forest Office
Golaghat Division Golaghat



Date: 08.06.2022

Sub - Proposal for diversion of 1.69 ha of forest land for Creation of Surface facility within the existing site of Suphayam-1/SUAB under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat

Ref: No 3-AS B004/2021 GHY/1448-1449 dated 11th November, 2021

ii FG 27/Nodal/Drilling Location/ONGC/Suphayam-1/SUAB dated 18th November, 2021

iii. No B/62/ONGC/Suphayam-1/GD/2021/7105 dated 26.11.2021

Sir

With Reference to the subject cited above it is worth mentioning that two proposal have been applied by ONGC from the same existing land (Supahayam-1/SUAB) detail is as below

- 1 Creation of Surface facility at Suphayam-1 drill site
FPI/AS/Others/38669/2019

Following are the replies to the observations raised against the proposal mentioned above

Sl No.	Observations	Reply
1	To clarify the reason for submitting the name of this instant proposal as "Creation of Surface facility at Suphayam-1 drill site" on Parivesh portal and not as proposed in the submitted hard copy. The corrected name of the proposal is to be provided	The proposal name when uploaded in Parivesh portal was "Creation of Surface facility (GGS/EPS) at Suphayam-1 drill site" against Application no. FPI/AS/Others/38669/2019 May kindly consider the same
2	The submitted site suitability certificate, Part III form, site inspection report/ recommendation letter of DFO, CF and recommendation letter of the Nodal Officer (FCA) etc mentioned that the approved diversion of 1.69 ha of forest	To be replied by DFO, CF & nodal officer

land for drilling location as 'Suphayam-I/SUAB' and not as 'Suphayam-I' as approved by Regional Office, Shillong vide letter No 8-12-97/RO-NE-AS/197-200 dated -23.05.1997. To avoid future complicity the corrected certificates/ recommendation letters are to be resubmitted with the approved drilling location name i.e. 'Suphayam-F and not as 'Suphayam-I/SUAB'

- 3 To resubmit the approved layout map of the proposed area indicating the mentioned item-wise area in hectare.
- 4 To clarify on the item No. 28 i.e. "WELLSU#2", item No. 4, 5, 6 and 7 i.e. "PIT" and item No. 26 i.e. "Flare" as mentioned in the submitted lay out map whether these items are for the new drilling location or not. if not, the reason for requiring these items in this instant proposal as the purpose of the proposal is for creation of surface facility (GGS/EPS).
- 5 State Govt to clarify whether any forest clearance of the approach road area i.e. 0.14 ha as mentioned in the lay out map of this instant proposal has been accorded or not. as no forest clearance in respect of the approach road has been mentioned in the diversion of 1.69 ha 'Suphayam-1' granted by RO, Shillong letter No 8-12- 97/RO-NE-AS/197-200 dated 23.05.1997.
- 6 State Govt to clarify the year of drilling as it is mentioned that Suphyam-1/(SUAB) was drilled in 2001 and Suphayam-1 was drilled in year 1997 along with the confirmation whether the drilling location Suphyam-1/(SUAB) and Suphayam-1 is same or different locations.
- 7 The details of exploratory drilling /commercial production/exploitation locations names along with their forest clearance status, from where Gas or oil are to be collected in this proposed surface facility (GGS/EPS), if any is to be provided.

May please find at Annexure -I

Necessary corrections done for point no 28.

All the items depicted in the layout map are integral part of Surface facility proposed and required for current as well as in future expansion of the area in terms of production of Oil and natural gas production.

Plinth area is 1.55 ha and Approach Road area is 0.14 ha

Total area was diverted for an area of 1.69 ha as mentioned in the IPA of Suphayam-1.

Well no is **Suphayam-1** and it was drilled in the year of 2001. *None of the well was drilled in 1997* in this area FC for the well Suphayam-1 was obtained in the year 1997.

- Suphayam -1 and SUAA wells are to be connected to the proposed GGS/EPS at Suphayam -1
- In future wells in following proposal under process will also be connected to this GGS/EPS
- 1 06 Nos of wells DPDM, DPDN, DPDO, DPDP, DPDQ and

DPDR- FP/AS/MIN/37983/2018

2 06 Nos of wells DPDD, DPDH, DPDI, DPDJ, DPDK and DPDL - FP/AS/MIN/37981/2018

3 06 Nos of wells DPDA, DPDB, DPDC, DPDE, DPDF and DPDG - FP/AS/MIN/37979/2018

8 Justification for considering the extant proposal as a fresh case of non-forestry use when forest area already stands diverted?

Application for land use change has been made to the state government in view of the 2019 guidelines issued by MoEF&CC

9 Justification for non-applicability of the relevant guidelines on change in landuse and considering the project in the manner it is submitted by the State

Application for land use change have been made to the state government in view of the 2019 guidelines issued by MoEF&CC

Enclo - as stated above

N. S. 08/06/2024

Head HSE, Jorhat Asset
ONGC Jorhat