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

ECF No. 251053/87

Dated Dispur, the 23rd November, 2022

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

Sub: Diversion proposal of 1.44 Ha. forest land for ROU for OIL flow line from Well No.KSAG to KSAB in Kasomari Gaon Area in Doyang Reserve Forest under Golaght Division by ONGC.

Ref; Govt. of India letter No3-AS B 047/2018-SHI/3049-3050 dated 16.09.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the required information as received from CCF & Nodal (FC Act) O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam vide letter No.FG.27/FCA/Drilling location/ONGC/KSAG to KSAB dated 21.11.2022 for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As stated above.

**Signed by Indreswar
Kalita**

Date: 25-11-2022 11:39:04

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

Memo ECF No. 251053/87-A

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Copy to:

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

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

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No. FG.27/FCA/Drilling location/ONGC/KSAG to KSAB

Dated 21.11.2022

To,

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

Sub: Forest Diversion proposal of 1.44 Ha. forest land for ROU for Oil flow line from Well No. KSAG to KSAB in Kasomarigaon area in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division by ONGC.

Ref: 1. Government of Assam letter No. FRS.118/2018/119 dated 22.9.2022.
2. Government of India letter No. 3-AS B 047/2018-SHI/3049-3050 dated 16.9.2022.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am enclosing herewith a letter No. A/62/ONGC/KSAG to KSAB/GD/2022/2576-78 dated 11.11.2022 along with its enclosures received from the Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat regarding site inspection report for exploratory drilling location KSAG against forest diversion proposal of 1.44 Ha. forest land for ROU for Oil flow line from Well No. KSAG to KSAB in Kasomarigaon area in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division by ONGC Ltd..

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 Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat for information.
3. The Deputy General Manager, Head HSE, Jorhat Asset, ONGC, Office Namabar-1, ONGC, Chinamara, Jorhat, Assam-785704 for information.



Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
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Letter No. A-6/ONGC/KSAG to KSAB/GD/2022/2576-78

Dtd 11/11/2022

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FC, Act, Assam,
O/o the PCCE & HoFE, Assam,
Panjabari, Ghy-37

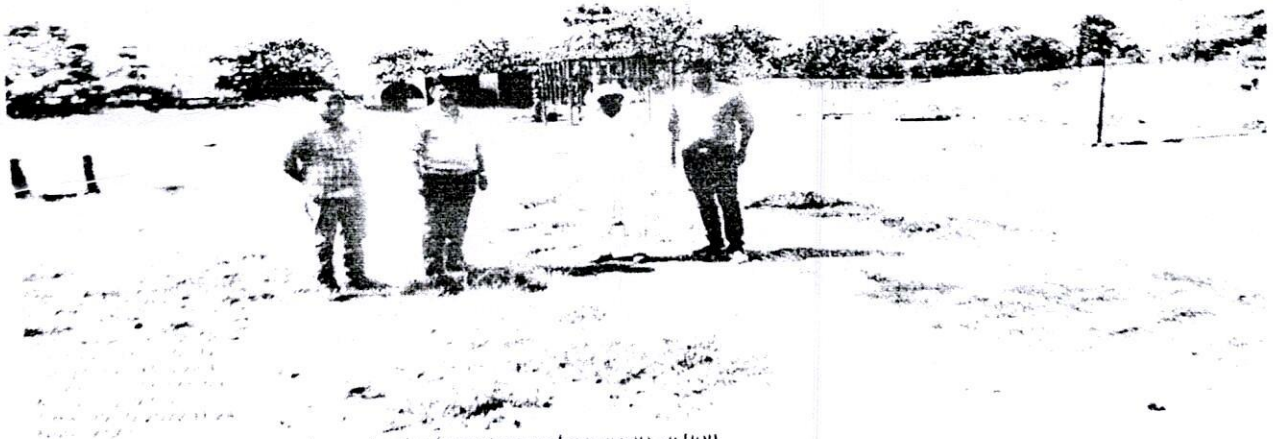
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Ref Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Guwahati's letter No. 3-AS B 047/2018-SH/3049-3050, dtd. 16/09/2022 and PCCE & HoFE, Assam's letter No. FG 27/FCA/Proposal/ONGC/KSAG to KSAB, dtd. 06/10/2022

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above and as per your direction I have visited and inspected the exploratory drilling location "KSAG" on 19/10/2022 along with the ONGC officials of for ascertaining its production/exploration status. During inspection it was found that the drilling location KSAG is an exploratory well and found in operation. However, user agency had applied for the development drilling of the site vide letter no. ONGC/Jorhat/HSE/Land use change/KSAC, dtd. 29/09/2022. Furthermore, the Forest Clearance for the location KSAG couldn't be traced from the records of User Agency, however, the user agency provided the FC for the location KSAC. KSAG is an exploratory well drilled from the existing site of KSAC (FC of KSAC is enclosed herewith).

A photograph of the location taken at the time of inspection is attached below.



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

Encls. As stated above

Yours faithfully

Smita
Divisional Forest Officer
Golaghat Division
Golaghat

Copy to

1. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Upper Assam Zone, KB Road, Jorhat for favour of his kind information
2. The Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for favour of his kind information

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Divisional Forest Officer
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No.3-AS B 035/2011-SHI/1603-11

21th August, 2012

To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.78 ha (revised 2.55ha) of forest land for exploratory drilling of proposed location KSAC under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC.

Sir,

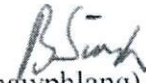
This has got reference to the State Government's letter No.FRS.51/2010/66 dated 21.02.2011 and No. FG.27./Nodal/Drilling location/ONGC/KSAC dated Guwahati the 6th August 2012 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to inform that the Central Government hereby conveys its Final approval for diversion of 1.78 ha (revised 2.55ha) of forest land for drilling of proposed location KSAC under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC at Dayang RF under Golaghat Division subject to following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised by the State Forest Department over 5.10 ha of degraded forest land identified at Golaghat Range in Golaghat Forest Division of Golaghat district as per the scheme furnished by the State Govt. and fund to be deposited by the user Agency.
- (iii) Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
- (iv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (v) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- (vi) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Deptt.).
- (vii) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
- (viii) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.

- (ix) All other applicable clearances / NOCs under different rules / regulations / local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/1998-FC(Pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
- (x) Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by CCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,

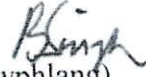


(B. S. Kharmawphlang)

I/c Chief Conservator of Forests (C)

Copy to:

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2. The Nodal Officer, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt. of Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati.



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Ministry of Environment & Forests
North Eastern Regional Office

June 12, 2008

No. 3- AS B 06H/2007-SH/1209-11

To
The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
Guwahati

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.80 ha of forest land for drilling location KSAB under Dayang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division.

Su. Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FRS. 33/2007/23 dt. 12.06.2007 & No. FRS. 104/2008/13 dt. 28.05.2008 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Assam, the Central Government hereby **conveys its approval for diversion of 1.80 ha of forest land for exploratory drilling location KSAB under Dayang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division of Golaghat District, Assam, subject to the following conditions:**

- The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried over double the area in degraded forest land i.e. 3.53 ha under North Nabor Reserve Forest (outside Nabor Deiguar Wildlife Sanctuary) of Golaghat Range, Golaghat Division at the cost of User Agency by the State Forest Department.
- Additional amount of the EMPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the CAMPA Fund (CAF) in Account No CA 1588 of Corporation Bank, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003 OR Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar Branch, New Delhi (A/c No.344901010070128).
- The user agency shall not reassign any part of the exploratory drilling to any other organization or individual.
- The user agency shall not utilize more than the area approved for diversion for exploratory drilling.

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- (vii) Exploratory drilling shall commence after prior intimation to DFO of the area and shall commence and be completed under the overall supervision of the DFO of the area.
- (viii) Drilled material shall neither be disposed off over the adjacent forest area nor the oil/rejects from the drills be allowed to flow over it. Waste drill mud/cuttings and other solid wastes arising from exploratory drilling shall be disposed off in a secured landfill.
- (ix) The forest area shall promptly be handed over to the State Forest Department when no longer required by the user agency. However, user agency will undertake reclamation according to the reclamation plan to be prepared in consultation with the concerned DFO.
- (x) Environmental/pollution control measures shall be implemented according to the stipulations issued by the competent authority. Monitoring report on compliance of air, water, noise and solid wastes quality shall be submitted to the regional office. All parameters should conform to the prescribed norms.
- (xi) Permission of exploratory drilling does not ipso-facto imply any commitment on the part of the Central Govt. for permanent diversion of forest land for production of oil/gas in the event of the success of exploratory efforts.
- (xii) All the projects which were accorded forest clearance for exploratory drilling and which have been subsequently taken up for further oil development works shall be submitted for obtaining fresh forest clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act.
- (xiii) In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions the Nodal Officer, Assam shall suspend the non-forest use of land and submit a report to this office.
- (xiv) Any other conditions as may be found appropriate on future for the better conservation of environment & wildlife may be imposed by CCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,

(Smt. Lactitia J. Syiemiong)
Dy. Conservator Forests (C)

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