

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

No.FRS.13/2021/77

Dated Dispur, the 27th January, 2022

From : Sri I. Kalita, ACS
Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Environment and Forest Department

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: : Forest diversion proposal for 2.73 Ha. for drilling 6 Nos. of wells
DPDD,DPDH,DPDI,DPDJ,DPDK and DPDL in DoyangReserved Forest
under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref: : Govt. of India letter No .3 AS B 029/2021-GHY/662-663 dated 8.7.2021

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 029/2021-GHY/662- 663 dated 8.7.2021	Information Provided
Condition No. (i)	The forwarding letter in the prescribed format is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I .
Condition No. (ii)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that the wells DPDD,DPDH,DPDI,DPDJ,DPDK and DPDL are to be drilled as development wells to produced crude Oil and Natural Gas from the area of Doyalpurvide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II)
Condition No. (iii)	The SOI Toposheet map showing the proposed diversion area is duly signed and authenticated by the DFO, Golaghat Division, Golaghat. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-III)
Condition No. (iv)	All the wells are part of field development proposal where wells will be drilled one by one to maintain the crude oil production and proposed to drill from same site to divert minimum are of forest land.
Condition No. (v)	Application No. FP/AS/MIN/37981/2018 from DPDD. The proposed wells DPDD,DPDH,DPDI,DPDJ,DPDK and DPDL will be drilled from the same site.
Condition No. (vi)	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the Undertaking for CA, NPV and Addl.NPV. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV)
Condition No. (vii)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that the no drilling has been done in the proposed 2.73Ha. of area. This is a fresh land vide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
Condition No. (viii)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that the 6 Nos. of bore holes will be drilled of 9 inches diameter vide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
Condition No. (ix)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that there is no accommodation area involved in the proposal vide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).

Condition No. (x)	Kasomari gaon addl. PML area is 56sq KM
Condition No. (xi)	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-I)
Condition No. (xii)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that the standard waste pit area to accommodate any waste generated out of drilling of well is approx. 2610m ² Volume of the pits are 3915M ³ with the depth of 1.5m each. vide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II)
Condition No. (xiii)	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the corrected layout map with details. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VI)
Condition No. (xiv)	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the mining lease No. PEM.79/2015/29 dated 6.7.2016 for the grant of Kasomari gaon PML of 56sq KM. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VII)
Condition No. (xv)	The aerial distance from Nambor Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary to the proposed diversion area is 21.58 KM (approx) as reported by the DFO, Golaghat Division. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VIII)
Condition No. (xv)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that the FRA Act-2006 certificate is for the area 2.7286 Ha. and 2.6123 Ha. for DPDD and DPDA respectively. Proposal was applied for 2.73 Ha. (DPDD) and 2.597 Ha. (DPDA). In case of the DPDA proposed area is within the area mentioned in FRA 2006, ONGC will use lesser area in the case of DPDA in compared with FRA-2006 Certificate. However, in DPDD there is an error of 0.0014 Ha. therefore 2.7286Ha. may be considered for forest clearance at par with FRA-2006 of DPDD vide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
Condition No. (xvii)	The User Agency (ONGC) has submitted the FRA-2006 certificate have been issued by Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat on 21.10.2019 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IX)
Condition No. (xviii)	The DFO, Digboi Division has submitted Site Suitability Certificate for Compensatory Afforestation. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-X)
Condition No. (xix)	The original copy of Form-A, Part-Vis enclosed herewith as Annexure-XI
Condition No. (xx)	The User Agency (ONGC) has stated that the EIA report and public hearing have been completed and waiting for the forest clearance of the proposal vide their letter No. ONGC/JRT/HSE/DPDD dated 16.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).

Encl: As stated above.

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Copy to:

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

Yours faithfully,

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

Dated Dispur, the 27th January, 2022

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Annexure-I

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Sub : Diversion of 2.73 hectares of forest land for drilling 6 Nos. of wells
DPDD, DPDH, DPDI, DPDJ, DPDK and DPDL in Doyang Reserved Forest
under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Case No. Provide state serial No. FP/AS/MIN/37981/2018.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to submit herewith a proposal received from the P.C.C.F & HoFF, Assam, state for 6 Nos. drilling wells DPDD, DPDH, DPDI, DPDJ, DPDK and DPDL in Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division for diversion of 2.73 hectare of forest land, submitted by ONGC, Jorhat for seeking diversion of forest land under section 2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

1. Brief Description:-

This proposal seeks diversion of 2.73Ha. forest land for 6 Nos. drilling wells DPDD, DPDH, DPDI, DPDJ, DPDK and DPDL in Doyang Reserved Forest submitted by Oil And Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat. The details of the project proponent, year of incorporation, past track record, areas of business operation along with project cost enclosed in the part-I submitted by User Agency.

2. Details of forest land proposed for diversion :-

The total land involved in the project is 2.73Ha. out of this, the forest land in the State of Assam is as follows:-

a) R.F	2.73 Ha.	a) Revenue forest	..... Ha.
b) P.R.F	..... Ha.	b) Panchayat forest	..... Ha.
c) Un-classed	..... Ha.	c) Area recorded	..... Ha.
d) Village forests	..... Ha.	d) Area defined as forests in dictionary meaning	..... Ha.
		e) Private forest	..... Ha.
Total	2.73 Ha.	Total	..... Ha.

3. Maps enclosed:-

The user agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the Divisional Forest Officer,

(i) Geo-reference Map showing the location of proposed diversion area.

(ii) Toposheet No.(s) of the Survey of India of the proposed diversion area (scale 1:50,000).

(iii) Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation (scale 1:50,000 for forest areas and scale 1:15,000 for CA on double degraded forests).

(iv) Geo-reference Map showing the location of proposed CA area.

Total forest area involved 2.73Ha.

4. Assessment of stock:-

The proposed site for drilling location is situated in the Doyang Reserve Forest under Goalghat Division in the state of Assam. The vegetation cover in the proposed site is almost nil.

5. Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance:-

The area does not form a part of National Park/Sanctuary or Biosphere Reserve, sample or preservation plot. Moreover, the area does not have/possess importance from archaeological view point.

6. Compensatory Afforestation:-

The forest land to be diverted for the above project is 2.73 Ha. The diverted area i.e 5.50 Ha. has been identified in degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation as given below in the table:-

Forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation

<i>District</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Compartment No.(s)</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Working Circles (s)</i>	<i>Felling Treatment Series</i>
Tinsukia	Digboi	Digboi	1 No.	1	5.50 Ha.		

The map showing the above identified land has been enclosed with the diversion proposal.

The above area is proposed to be covered under plantation. The Divisional Forest Office, Digboi Division, Digboi has drawn-up compensatory afforestation scheme with a financial outlay of Rs35,13,935.00. The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been technically approved by the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi Division, Digboi has given certificate regarding suitability of the lands for Compensatory Afforestation 5.50 Ha. The user agency has furnished undertaking to deposit the amount of Compensatory Afforestation scheme after Stage I clearance.

7. Displacement of human population:-

No human population is being displaced owing to the project. No Schedule Cast/ Schedule Tribe families are being displaced.

8. Environment Clearance:-

The environmental clearance is required as per Clause-2.3 of the FCA guidelines of Forest Conservation Act. Copy of the EC clearance order from Ministry of MOEF, Govt. of India yet to be submitted.

The project proponent has already initiated action to obtain NOC/Consent for proposed location under the provision of water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1981, from the Pollution Control Board, Assam.

9. Cost-benefit analysis:-

Not applicable as proposal involves forest land less than 20 Ha.

10. Violation of Forest Conservation Act/Indian Forest Act :-

Report whether any violation of Forest Conservation Act/ Indian Forest Act has been committed/not committed. If violation has been committed brief description of violation, is violation still continuing official (s) responsible for violation, their present posting; have they been prosecuted, if yes present status of the case.

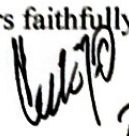
No violation.

11. Recommendations of the State Government:-

The PCCF &H.o.F.F, Assam/Nodal officer, has recommended the proposal. The Assessment officers has provided by adverse comments on the proposal and it has been suitably commented upon the senior officers. The proposed diversion site is not a part of National Park/Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve. Sample plot, preservation plot, and ecologically fragile zone. The diversion will not at all to affect habitat of any endemic, threatened species of fauna or flora, diversion of does not affect may stream sea or water body and the eco system since this is an open forest area there is not advance affect on timbers fuel wood etc. Production of Oil and Gas benefit the State Govt. as it receives substantial royalty. Local inhabitants benefit greatly from the growth of Oil and Gas production. Civil works of construction of road and drill site would give temporary employment to the local people.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly convey the approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of the forest land in question of favour of ONGC, Jorhat .

Yours faithfully,


 21-01-2022
Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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Copy forwarded to:-

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Panjabari, Ghy-37.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, (F. C. Act) O/o the P.C.C.F &H.o.F.F., Assam Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Territorial Upper Assam Zone, Jorhat.
4. The Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat/ Digboi Division, Digboi.
6. The Deputy General Manager, Head HSE, Jorhat Asset, ONGC, Office Nambar-1, ONGC, Chinnamara, Jorhat, Assam-785704.


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