

पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Deaprtment, दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

- Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.69 ha of forest land for drilling wells Suphayam-1/SUAB within the existing site of Suphayam-1 under Golaghat Division in favour of OIL & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.
- Ref: (i) Letter No. FRS.3/2021/39 dated 04.02.2021 of Govt of Assam.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter above on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. I am to inform that the proposal referred above has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and rules/guidelines framed thereunder and proposal has been found deficient. The following additional information/documents may be submitted for further processing:

- 1) To clarify why new drilling location Suphayam-1/SUAB within the existing site of Suphayam-I is being proposed to drilled as the Suphayam-I drill location is already existing in the approved site.
- 2) The approved diverted area is for exploratory drilling for locating oil reserves in location Suphayam-I in Doyang Reserve, Golaghat Forest Division, Assam. However, the present site is being used for production of oil and gas from the existing well Suphayam-1 as per user agency. State Govt to clarify whether Central Govt approval/ permission for production of oil and gas of the location Suphayam-I is granted or not.
- 3) The current status of Environment clearance in respect of this proposed drilling site.
- 4) The starting year of production of oil and gas along with quantity produced as on date.
- 5) The aerial distance of the proposed area from the nearest Protected Area/ National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 6) The recommendation by the State Govt in Part V form is to mentioned specifically about the name of the proposal.
- 7) The name of the PML and total forest area involved.
- 8) To clarify whether the State Govt had realized 2 % NPV of the entire forest area of the PML and grant of the general approval of forest area by the State Govt.
 a) The state of the local deviate had rilled and its drill size.
- 9) The no of the bore hole drilled or to be drilled and its drill size.

10) As proposed site is already approved, State Govt is to provide the factual ground status of the proposed approached road and reason for requiring the same in this instant proposal.
11) The layout map indicating the approved drilled site, proposed site, approach road, etc.
12) To clarify whether any other change in land used in the approved diverted area.
13) To clarify whether any construction of accommodation/building is involved or not.
14) The approved PML of this proposed area.

15) The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate of this proposal.

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16) To upload the proposal on Ministry's Parivesh web portal as the proposal status is in 'draft' stage.

State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the above requisite information to this office for further processing of this proposal.



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