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F. No. 3-AS B/101/2022/GHY 2531-2532

31th May, 2022

सेवा में,

अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary, असम सरकार/Govt of Assam, पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Deaprtment, दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 2.686 ha of forest land for drilling 6 Nos. of drill development wells from KHDO, KHEH, KHEI, KHEJ, KHEK and KHEL in South Nambar Reserve Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC, Jorhat.

Ref: (i) Letter No. FRS.62/2022/52 dated 20.05.2022 of Govt of Assam.

Sir,

Please refer the State Govt letter 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 following lacking information/documents has been observed:-

- 1. The CF in Part III form mentioned that the proposal is for development of KHDO drilling site in Nambar Reserved Forest. State Govt to clarify whether any drilling activities has been carried out in drilling site 'KHDO' or not, if any, provide the details of forest clearance.
 - 2. In the submitted "justification for locating the project in forest land" by the ONGC, the proposed 6 Nos. of drilling location in Nambhor South RF is in "Khoraghat Ext-I PML" whereas the submitted grant of PML letter is for "NAMBAR PML" of 26 sq km. in Golaghat district for production of crude Oil and Natural Gas for a period of 17 years from the effective date i.e. 15.09.2019 to 04.09.2036. State Govt to clarify the actual "PML" involved in this proposed area.
 - 3. As per the details submitted at Sl. No. 8 in Part II form *"the entire RF is encroached by human being and not a habitat of wildlife animal"*. State Govt to provide the current status of the encroachment of this instant proposed area 2.686 ha.
 - 4. The calculated revised rate of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted in respect of this instant proposal as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022.
 - 5. To submit the corrected site suitability certificate of the identified CA in lieu of proposed diversion mentioning correct names of the proposed diversion i.e. 6 nos. development wells.

- 6. State Govt to clarify whether 2% NPV of the forest area involved in the "NAMBAR PML" of 26 sq km" over an area of 26 Sq. Km in Golaghat District, Assam" has been realized or not; and whether grant of forest clearance of the forest area involved in the PML as per Ministry's guideline dated 24.06.2015 has been completed or not.
- 7. The total forest area involved in the "NAMBAR PML".
- 8. The number of bore hole and size involved in the proposed drilling locations.
- 9. The current status of the Environment clearance of this instant proposal.
- 10. The layout map of the proposed area is to be resubmitted indicating 6 Nos. of drilling locations within the proposed plinth and approach road
- 11. The undertaking certificate for NPV from the user agency of this proposed site.
- 12. The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate in respect of this proposed area.

State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the above information to this office for further at for diversion of 2.665 ha of ferent land for processing of this proposal. Yours faithfully,

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Copy to: (i) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad, Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037.

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