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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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No. 3-AS B 106/2022-GHY/2544-2545

02nd June, 2022

सेवा मे,

अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary,
पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/ Environment & Forest Department,
असम सरकार/ Government of Assam,
दिसपुर, गुवाहाटी-781006. / Dispur, Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal is for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for **Oil and exploration development and production of well Pad No.29** in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of **M/s Vedanta Limited**.

Ref: Letter No. FRS 64/2022/72 dated 26.05.2022 of Govt of Assam.

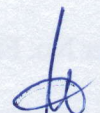
Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter in the reference on the subject cited above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the F(C)A, 1980. The proposal referred above has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and rules/guidelines framed thereunder. State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the following lacking information/clarification to this office for further processing of this proposal:

- (i) To clarify whether the submitted proposal is for prospecting/exploration only or not, in case involved for exploitation/ extraction/harvesting of hydrocarbon/natural gas, the current status of the environment clearance for the same is to be submitted.
- (ii) Whether any archaeological monuments/sites are present in this proposed area, if yes, No Objection Certificate from the competent authority of Directorate of Archaeology, Govt of Assam, Guwahati is to be provided.
- (iii) The current status of mutation and notification to Protected Forest /Reserve Forest of CA site 4.125 ha identified in non-forest land in Patta No. 34 Dag No.53, village No.2 Pahumora, Baligaon Mouza, Jorhat in Jorhat district of Assam is to be provided.
- (iv) The component wise break- up of the proposed area i.e. 4.125 ha with the area involved in each components specifically viz, waste pit, green belt area, accommodation area etc.
- (v) Whether accommodation area involved in the proposed area, if yes, area involved be provided.
- (vi) The comments of the State Govt as the identified compensatory afforestation area i.e. "Patta No. 34 Dag No.53, village No.2 Pahumora, Baligaon Mouza, Jorhat in Jorhat district of Assam" is in Bargholi Bil, a water body as per the SoI toposheet.

- (vii) 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, if not submitted.
- (viii) To resubmit the layout map with the title of the proposal name indicating the exploratory drilling location with its GPS coordinates along with the Well Pad Area, approach road and other components viz, green belt, etc.
- (ix) The name of the PML area involved in the proposed area providing the forest and non-forest area involved.
- (x) State Govt to clarify whether 2% NPV of the forest area involved in the "PML" 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.
- (xi) The number of bore hole and size involved in the proposed drilling location.
- (xii) The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate in respect to this proposed area.

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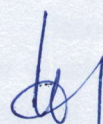
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Inspector General of Forests(C)

Copy to:

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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