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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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F.No.3 AS B 111/2020-SHI/2608-2609

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सेवा मे,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 3.411 ha of forest land for ROU for pipeline inside Sola RF under Sivsagar Division in favour of Assam Renewal Project (ARP) of Assam Asset of ONGC. Nazira..

Ref: (i) Letter No FRS.89/2020/110 dated 17.06.2022 of Government of Assam.  
(ii) Letter F.No.3 AS B 111/2020-SHI/923-924 dated 12.08.2021 of Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati.  
(iii) Letter FRS.89/2020/110 dated 03.08.2021 of Government of Assam.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above, I am to inform that despite repeated request to State Govt, incorrect document and misleading information is submitted vide State Govt letter under reference above. State Govt vide its letter under reference (iii) above submitted that the letter F.No.J-11011/1252/2007-IA-II(I) dated 01.11.2011 as the environment clearance letter of this instant proposal. Now State Govt vide letter under reference (i) above, contradicting to the earlier submission informed this Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, MoEF&CC that the forest clearance is not applicable for the 4 nos of development wells and 3 Nos. of exploratory wells as mentioned in the aforesaid EC letter as no forest land is involved.

This is a case of misrepresenting the facts of the proposal. State Govt is requested to issue stringent order against such irresponsible correspondence, causing confusion and loss of valuable time leading to inordinate delay in clearance of proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and furnish the following lacking information to this office at the earliest for further processing of this proposal.

- (i) The current status of environment clearance status of this proposal.
- (ii) State Govt letter under reference (iii) above submitted that the aerial distance of the proposed drilling location DHD from the Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary as 4.5 km whereas in the State Govt letter under reference (i) above it is mentioned as 3.10 km (approx.).



State Govt to explain for providing such dissimilar and carelessly processing such information and provide the actual aerial distance of the proposed area from the nearest National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and Protected Area.

- (iii) The consent of the NBWL is to be submitted as the proposed area is within the Eco sensitive zone of the Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary.
- (iv) The existing drilling location 'HDF' was drilled in the year '1979' and the proposed 'DGR' is to be drilled from HDF" as submitted by the user agency is to be verified and resubmitted by the concerned DFO as requested in this office letter under reference (iii) above along with the year of construction of 'existing road'.
- (v) The comment of the State Govt as the proposed area is 'INVIOLATE' due to the presence of the 'very dense forest' as per the DSS report.
- (vi) The identified 7 ha compensatory afforestation area comprises of 2 ha moderately dense forest, 3 ha of open forest and 2 ha non forest land ( land without forest cover) as per the DSS report, State govt is therefore requested to conduct a site visit of the identified CA area by an officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forest and a detail report on the vegetation, density of the forest cover along with the photographs of the inspected officer taken during the site visit is to be submitted or else an alternate CA site is to be submitted along with Sol maps, Shape file, GPS coordinates etc.
- (vii) The Human Elephant Conflict mitigation and wildlife conservation plan approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt of Assam in respect of this proposed area.

State Govt is well aware that submission of the wrong documents and misinformation/misrepresentation of the facts is a serious offence. State Govt is therefore requested to direct the concern officers not to repeat such act either intentionally or unintentionally.

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Inspector General of Forests(C)

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