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F.No.3 AS C/132/2022/GHY/2929-2930

24th August, 2022

सेवा मे,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6.09 ha of forest land for exploratory drilling location TNAA in Sonai Reserve Forest under Cachar Division in favour of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.

Ref: (i) Letter No. FRS.102/2022/63 dated 12.08.2022 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 the following clarification and lacking information/documents is to be submitted:-

- 1) The component wise break of the 3.24 ha proposed drill site.
- 2) The total length of the proposed approach road with existing and proposed RoW.
- 3) State Govt to clarify whether the proposed approach road is for new construction or improvement of the existing road.
- 4) In case the proposed approach road is an existing road constructed without the prior approval of the Central Govt, a detail action taken report against the person responsible for violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per para 1.21 of handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules 2003 Guidelines, 2019 is to be provided.
- 5) The site inspection of the identified 13 ha CA site by an officer not below the rank of CF as 9.68 ha has been reported "moderately dense forest" and 3.22 ha as open forest as per DSS and inspection report be submitted mentioning vegetation and forest cover density, inspecting officers photographs taken on the site along with GPS coordinates etc., or else, an alternate CA site along with SOI maps, site suitability certificate, GPS-coordinates, shape file etc. to be provided.
- 6) A detail site inspection report of the DFO of the proposed area as the submitted report is vague.
- 7) The site suitability certificate of the identified CA site by the concerned DFO.

- 8) The GPS coordinate of the proposed drilling location 'TNAA' as the submitted coordinate is for the proposed plinth area.
- 9) The lay out map of the propose area indicating the title of the proposal name, plinth area, drill site 'TNAA' location, approach road, etc with proper legend.
- 10) The State Govt to clarify whether 2% NPV of the forest area involved in the "Cachar PML(732 Sq km)." in Golaghat District, Assam" has been realized or not.
- 11) To clarify whether the 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.
- 12) The total forest area involved in the "Cachar PML(732 Sq km)."
- 13) The detail list of the exploratory drilling and production locations in the 'Cachar PML' indicating the legal status of the land(forest/non forest), GPS coordinates and map indicating the same along with their forest clearance status.
- 14) The cumulative impact study report of the block of "Cachar PML(732 Sq km)" where the drilling location "TNAA" has been proposed.
- 15) The number of bore hole and size involved in the proposed drilling location.
- 16) The current status of the Environment clearance of this instant proposal.
- 17) The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate of this proposed area.
- 18) The Cumulative Impact study of the block of the PML where the exploratory drilling location 'TNAA' has been proposed.
- 19) The revised NPV calculation of the proposed area as per the Ministry letter File. No. 5-3/1011-FC (Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022, if not submitted.

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

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Inspector General of Forests(C)

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