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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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 Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022

To,  
**The Director,**  
 Wildlife Institute of India,  
 Dehradun.

**Subject: Report of the Committee on Extended Reach Drilling (ERD) vis-à-vis its impact on the above ground biodiversity of forest areas - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

The above stated agenda item was considered by Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting on 31.03.2022. FAC, after detailed deliberations and taking cognizance of submission made by the DG, Hydrocarbon has advised that recommendation made in the study may be accepted and agreed 'in-principle' by the Ministry. With a view to ensure holistic assessment of impacts as envisaged in the report, findings of report further need to be evaluated in terms of their impact on the wildlife. Accordingly, a copy of report may be provided to the Wildlife Institute of India for their consideration and validation of the recommendation, with reference to wildlife, made therein. So that final decision in the matter may be taken thereafter.

In view of the above decision of FAC a copy of report is provided for consideration and validation of the recommendation, with reference to wildlife, made therein the said report.

Yours sincerely,

**Encl: As Above**

**Sd/-**  
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**Copy to:**

1. The Director General, Directorate General of Hydrocarbon, Noida.