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Dated: 3rd November, 2022

To

The Director General
Directorate General of Hydrocarbon,
Ministry of Petroleum & natural Gas,
Government of India,
OIDB Bhawan, Tower-A, Plot NO. 2,
Sector-73, Noida (Uttar Pradesh)

Sub: Request from Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GoI to introduce a separate category in the PARIVESH portal for Hydrocarbons projects –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your DO No. DG/DGH/02/2022 dated 19.10.2022 on the above subject requesting to create a separate category 'Mining of Mineral Oils' in Parivesh for proposals pertaining to the exploration of hydrocarbons. In this connection, it is to inform that matter, 'whether exploration of hydrocarbon is mining or not', is still under consideration in the Ministry. It is further to inform that request dated 19.10.2022 to create a separate category for hydrocarbon project was examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that Ministry would create a separate category "Mining of Mineral Oils' in PARIVESH 2.0 for proposals pertaining to hydrocarbon sector.

It is also to clarify that creation of separate category for the hydrocarbon projects shall not entail any procedural relaxation to these projects. This separate procedure is just to facilitate separate accounting and analysis of hydrocarbon mining projects. Procedures, as envisaged in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Rules and Guidelines framed thereunder, as applicable to conventional mining proposals will continue to remain applicable to the proposals pertaining to Hydrocarbon sector.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Signed by Charan Jeet
Singh

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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1. Sr. PPS to DGF&SS/PPS to Addl. DGF(FC)
2. Director (Technical) NIC, with a request to create a separate category 'Mining of Mineral Oils' for hydrocarbon projects in PARIVESH 2.0
3. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
4. Guard file