



Ref No. S&E/E43 (14)/619

Date: 12.06.2023

To

**The Director,
IA (II) Division,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.**

Subject: Application seeking Environmental Clearance (EC) for proposed Onshore Oil & Gas Development drilling and production in Dumduma-Pengeri Area in Tinsukia District under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapan PML, Dumduma PML and Digboi PML.

Reference: 1. MoEF&CC Letter No.- IA-J-11011/1251/2007-IA II (I) dated 14th March 2023.
2. Online Proposal No. IA/AS/IND2/220363/2007.

Sir,

Oil India Ltd. (OIL) intends to carry out Onshore Oil & Gas Development drilling and production in Dumduma-Pengeri Area in Tinsukia District under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapan PML, Dumduma PML and Digboi PML. OIL has submitted the application online and the proposal no. is IA/AS/IND2/220363/2007.

The MoEF&CC IA-Division had some observations related to the proposal and send a letter (No.- IA-J-11011/1251/2007-IA II (I) dated 14th March 2023) to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Assam for his expert opinion and feedback. The ADS and response are provided below.

S No.	Queries	Response
1.	PE Division of MoEF&CC has highlighted a court case w.r.t. elephant corridor in the matter. However, PP has not mentioned any court case in EIA-EMP report. Please provide details and latest status of court case.	<p>A petition was filed by Sh. Kashmira Kakaty under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 against 13 respondents (Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam, IOCL, NHAI, Coal India, Digboi Town Committee including Oil India Limited) alleging that OIL has released untreated oil, processing effluent into the open sludge pits and seepage areas around oil rigs in the Digboi Oil field which falls within Upper Dihing RF (East Block) and the Dihing – Patkai Elephant Reserve.</p> <p>Current status of the case: As per the Supreme Court order dated 10.08.2022, Ministry of Environment and Forest was asked to furnish a report in compliance of the National Green Tribunal's order dated 08.12.2017 within a period of 8 weeks and as per the latest Supreme Court order dated 09.02.2023 (copy enclosed as Annexure – I), Ministry is yet to submit the status report.</p> <p>Additionally, OIL assure to take all safety and mitigation measures to protect the environment and wildlife of the surrounding area of the project.</p>
2.	Provide comments on impacts of proposed activities by Chief Wildlife Warden.	Comments of Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), Assam on impacts of proposed Oil and Gas development drilling activities on elephants and

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		<p>their habitats/ corridors was submitted to CCF & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam on 28.02.2023 (Copy Enclosed as Annexure – II). It was commented by the CWLW, Assam that elephant activity has been escalated during 2018-2022 at Buridihing RF and Torani RF.</p> <p>But OIL has not conducted any oil and gas development drilling in proximity to Buridihing RF and Torani RF during the period of 2018-2022.</p> <p>Oil and Gas drilling activities are carried out at a particular location for a very short period (approximately 3 months).</p> <p>Oil India Limited (OIL) shall undertake the following measures during Oil & Gas drilling operations so that there is no impact on the movement of elephant or any other wildlife:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG sets will be provided with acoustic enclosures and fencing & noise barriers will be provided to reduce the level of noise emitted from the drill sites. • Appropriate shading of lights is to be provided to prevent scattering of light. • Approach road shall be made pucca to minimize generation of suspended dust. <p>Also, OIL shall implement additional measures (if any) recommended by EAC/MoEF&CC, so that there will minimal impact of proposed Oil & Gas drilling activities on elephants and their habitat/corridors.</p>

You are requested to consider the above proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance based on the above information.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,



(Ajit Chandra Haloi)
ED(HSE) &

**Nodal Officer (EC, FC, NBWL)
For Resident Chief Executive**

(A C Haloi)
ED - (HSE)
Nodal Officer (EC/FC/NBWL)
OIL INDIA LIMITED

ITEM NO.102

COURT NO.5

SECTION XVII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Civil Appeal No(s). 9710-9711/2018

COAL INDIA LIMITED

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

DR . KASHMIRA KAKATI & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 165107/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES, IA No. 107966/2018 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 09-02-2023 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY RASTOGI
 HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE BELA M. TRIVEDI

For Appellant(s) Mr. Neeraj Kumar Gupta, AOR
 Ms. Liliaan Dass, Adv.
 Mr. Aksahy Agrawal, Adv.
 Mr. Ranjeet Kumar Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Ms. Mayuri Raghuvanshi, AOR
 Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay, Adv.
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 Ms. Eisha Krishan, Adv.
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 Ms. Akanksha Rathore, Adv.
 Mr. Yogesh Malik, Adv.

Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, A.S.G.
 Mr. Gurmeet Singh Makker, AOR
 Ms. Ruchi Kohli, Adv.
 Mr. Shibashish Mishra, Adv.
 Mr. Pashupati Razdan, Adv.
 Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, Adv.

Mr. Avijit Roy, AOR

M/S. Trust Legal, AOR
 Mr. Sridhar Potaraju, Adv.
 Mr. Gaichangpou Gangmei, Adv.
 Ms. Simran Gupta, Adv.
 Ms. Shiwani Tushir, Adv.
 Mr. Rajat Srivastava, Adv.
 Mr. Y. V Anil Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Shuvodeep Roy, AOR
Mr. Deepayan Dutta, Adv.
Mr. Sai Shashank, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned ASG appearing for respondent no. 2 submits that although respondent no. 2 was supposed to file the status report in terms of the order of this Court dated 10.08.2022 but there is delay in filing the same which may be condoned and respondent no. 2 will file the status report during the course of the day.

Let the same be filed within three days with an advance copy to the respective counsel for the parties and they may file their response in reference to the report and at the same time may also submit their respective compliance report as well.

List on 16.03.2023.

(VIRENDER SINGH)
BRANCH OFFICER

(ASHWANI KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE) AND
CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, ASSAM::PANJABARI::GUWAHATI-37

No. WL/FG.35/Proposal/Oil & ONGC

Date: 28/2/2023

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam,
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam,
Panjabari, Guwahati-37.


Sub: Onshore Oil & Gas development drilling and production in Doomdooma Pengri area in Tinsukia District under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapjan PML, Doomdooma PML and Digboi PML Tinsukia Assam by M/s oil India Ltd.

Ref: Your office letter No. FG.27/Nodal/ Oil & ONGC/General/Pt-IV dtd: 05/04/2023.

With reference to your letter cited above, I am furnishing herewith the historical Bio data of Death and Damage due to Human Elephant Conflict during the year of 2018, 2019, 2022, 2021 and 2022 of Buridihing Reserve Forest and Torani Reserve Forest under Doomdooma Forest Division, regarding impact of proposed activities (Onshore Oil & Gas development drilling) on elephants and their habited/Corridors conservation submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Doomdooma Forest Division vide his letter No. GL.88/2022/A-1766-67 dtd: 30/11/2022, (Copy Enclosed) for your information. While examining the report, submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Doomdooma Division, it is observed that the human-elephant conflict by way of house damage and crop damage followed by injury to the humane have been escalated from 2018 to 2022. As a result, it may be concluded that there has been impact on elephant and their habited/corridors in view of the activities like- onshore Oil & Gas development drilling.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Encl: As stated above.


(M.K. Yadava, IFS)
Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam

28/2/23
ISSUED ON



GOVT. OF ASSAM
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
DOOMDOOMA DIVISION :: DOOMDOOMA

Letter No.:- GL-88/2022/A-1766-67

Date: - 30.11.2022

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

Sub:- Onshore Oil & Gas development drilling and production in Doomdooma Pengri area in
Tinsukia District under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapjan PML, Doomdooma
PML and Digboi PML Tinsukia Assam by M/s oil India Ltd.


Ref: Letter No: WL/FG.35/Proposal/Oil/ONGC Date: 04/05/2022

Sir,

With reference to the above, undersigned wish to submit herewith the historical data on
human-elephant conflict for last five years in the enclosed statement as asked by you for favour of your
kind information and necessary action.

Enclosed as stated above.


Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forest Officer
Doomdooma Division,
Doomdooma.

Memo No.

Dt.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for favour of his kind
information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Doomdooma Division,
Doomdooma.

Biodata of Death and Damage due to Human elephant Conflict during the year of 2018 Quarterly

Sl. No.	Name of Reserved Forest with fringe village	1-1-18 to 31-03-18		1-4-18 to 31-6-18		1-7-18 to 31-9-18		1-10-18 to 31-12-18		Human injured/death
		House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	
1	Buridihiing RF	-	-	-	-	3 nos	-	1 nos	7 Bighas	Sri Huntu Moran (injured) on 2-11-2018
2	Torani RF	-	-	-	-	3 nos	-	-	-	

Biodata of Death and Damage due to Human elephant Conflict during the year of 2019 Quarterly

Sl. No.	Name of Reserved Forest with fringe village	1-1-19 to 31-03-19		1-4-19 to 31-6-19		1-7-19 to 31-9-19		1-10-19 to 31-12-19		Human injured/death
		House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	
1	Buridihiing RF	-	-	7 nos	2 Bighas	8 nos	-	9 nos	5 Bighas	-
2	Torani RF	5 nos	1 Bighas	2 nos	1 Bighas	-	-	-	-	-

Biodata of Death and Damage due to Human elephant Conflict during the year of 2020 Quarterly

Sl. No.	Name of Reserved Forest with fringe village	1-1-20 to 31-03-20		1-4-20 to 31-6-20		1-7-20 to 31-9-20		1-10-20 to 31-12-20		Human injured/death
		House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	
1	Buridihiing RF	4 nos	-	17 nos	10 Bighas	-	-	-	-	Sri Bhupendra Borah (injured) on 31-1-2020
2	Torani RF	1 nos	-	4 nos	-	-	-	-	-	


Biodata of Death and Damage due to Human elephant Conflict during the year of 2021 Quarterly

Sl. No.	Name of Reserved Forest with fringe village	1-1-21 to 31-03-21		1-4-21 to 31-6-21		1-7-21 to 31-9-21		1-10-21 to 31-12-21		Human injured/death
		House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	
1	Buridihiing RF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Torani RF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Biodata of Death and Damage due to Human elephant Conflict during the year of 2022 Quarterly

Sl. No.	Name of Reserved Forest with fringe village	1-1-22 to 31-03-22		1-4-22 to 31-6-22		1-7-22 to 31-9-22		1-10-22 to 31-12-22		Human injured/death
		House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	House Damage	Crop Damage	
1	Buridihiing RF	8 nos	-	17 nos	1 Bighas	7 nos	-	2 nos	4 Bighas	Sri Horudhan Gogoi (injured) on 14-04-2022
2	Torani RF	3 nos	-	4 nos	-	-	-	-	4 Bighas	-

Yours faithfully,


 Divisional Forest Officer
 Doomdooma Division,
 Doomdooma