

**File No. J-11011/1251/2007 - IA II (I)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To

**M/s OIL INDIA LIMITED,**  
Shri. Ajit Chandra Haloi, CGM (HSE),  
Safety & Environment Department,  
Duliajan, Dibrugarh, Assam-786602.

**Sub: Onshore Oil & Gas development drilling and production in Dumduma Pengeri Area in Tinsukia District under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhajan PML, Dumduma PML and Digboi PML Tinsukia Assam by M/s OIL INDIA LIMITED- Consideration of Environment Clearance reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal no. IA/AS/IND2/220363/2007, dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 for environmental clearance to the above-mentioned project. The project was presented by the project proponent/consultant to the EAC (Industry-2) during meeting 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the Ministry.

2. Upon examination, it was noted that the proposed area and diversion involved falls under the critical elephant habitat and corridor which connects the two States Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Further, it was also noted that there is an ongoing court case in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Judgement dated 08.12.2017 in Original Application No. 19 of 2014 filed in Dr. Kashmira Kakati vs UoI & Ors. for protection of elephant population in the country and to protect elephant corridors or elephant reserves.

3. M/s. Coal India Ltd. (which was one of the respondents in OA No. 19/2014) filed the C.A No. 9710-9711/2018 in Supreme Court of India, wherein, it approached the Court against certain directions on Hon'ble NGT Judgement dated 08.12.2017. Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 10.08.2022 ordered the Ministry to file status report regarding the steps taken for implementation of directions given by the National Green Tribunal vide its order dated 08.12.2017. Accordingly, a committee was constituted by the Ministry and the report dated 04.01.2023 was submitted to Hon'ble Supreme Court. In the final Order, dated 27.04.2023, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in C.A. No. 9710-9711/2018, it was held that since the compliance reports have been filed by the stakeholders and also put on record, therefore the matter will be remitted back to the Tribunal along with the compliance reports as a part of the record in O.A. No. 19/2014 on the file of the Tribunal and the Tribunal will look into the matter afresh. The matter was thus, remitted back to the Tribunal.

4. As per order of Hon'ble NGT dated 24.07.2023 it was alleged by the counsel



of the Applicant i.e., Dr. Kashmira Kakati, that the compliances have not been made by the Respondents and the directions contained in the Order dated 08.12.2017 passed by the Tribunal have not been reported to be complied till date and the counsel for respondents have asked for some time to file reply/compliance affidavit/objection/status report.

5. In view of the above, you are requested to approach the Ministry after final outcome of the ongoing court case. Meanwhile, you are requested to submit compliance to observation of Ministry's committee report dated 04.01.2023.

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