

## Status of Recommendations in 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of Workshop held on 21.10.2019

1	Oil & Gas Extraction activities should be treated as non-mining activity under FC Act	Action awaited
2	FC should not be linked with the EC , as grant of EC is kept on hold till Stage-I approval is granted	Not possible to implement as per Supreme Court's Order
3	MoEF&CC should have separate provisions and guidelines on FC to Oil & Gas activities	Action awaited
4	Digitised Map for Forest and Wildlife areas in NE, may be made available to the Public in Public Domain for easy access and convenient of proactive for User Agencies	Action awaited
5	Based on latest satellite imaginary, status of declared Protected Areas (PAs)/RFs in the Northeastern States, where ground reality has changed over the period of time since after their Notifications may be reviewed	Action awaited
6	For Mining Proposals up to 5 ha of forest lands, clearance under FC Act by MoEF&CC may be delegated to Regional Office instead of present practice of its approval from Central Govt, which is a very lengthy and time-consuming process	Power delegated through Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 published on 28.06.2022 has been revoked with publication of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 notified through Gazette on 29.11.2023 and made effective from 01.12.2023

7	FC Act shouldn't be applicable for accessing reservoir at 3-4 Km depth using ERD technology, where breaking of Forest Land is not involved	FC exempted vide OM dtd 12.09.2023 for RFs and not beneath PA and ESZ areas
8	Seismic survey in ESZ/PA areas were permitted earlier but, in some cases, survey is not permitted at present. Further clarification is required	Under new FC Regulation, approval from SC-NBWL required for PAs
9	Wildlife Division to reinstate its guidelines dtd 26.09.2014 which advises State Forest Directorate not to handle proposals for 10 km ESZ areas, as Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 is not applicable	Action awaited
10	Oil & Gas E&P activities are not to be prohibited in final/draft site specific ESZ notifications	Yet to be considered
11	Separate Form may be introduced for proposals executed in 10 Km ESZ area instead of using the same Form used for proposals executed inside PAs	Action awaited
12	North-Eastern States to consider for holding State Wildlife Board meetings quarterly in order to avoid delay in getting approval for the projects from SC-NBWL	No Improvement so far
13	Rules and Regulations framed for Exploration & Development activities should be different and some relaxation should be given in the case of Exploration, since the activity is purely temporary in nature	<b>Implemented</b> Exploration activities are brought under B2 category vide gazette notification dtd 16.01.2020

14	Condition such as making approach road to be made pucca to minimize generation of suspended dust may not be necessary in the case of Exploratory drilling, since the activity is purely temporary in nature. The condition can be imposed only for Development drilling	Yet to be considered
15	Monitoring of CSR activities carried out by projects may be entrusted to concerned State Government Department such as Social Welfare Dept	Being implemented
16	NOC from CGWA may be required before any drilling operation	Being implemented
17	Condition stipulated in all ECs related to 'Subsidence Study' and ' Infra-Red Camera' is to be reconsidered	Yet to be considered
18	Project Proponents of Oil & Gas sector should undertake research activities : a) To ascertain if any impact being caused by emission, gas flaring, fugitive emissions and other pollutants on the surrounding forests b) Effect of Oil Refinery / Petrochemicals/ GGS effluent on aquatic organisms	Being implemented
19	Non-availability of TSDF Facilities in North-East Region to be addressed to	Coming up soon