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- ii) The onland part of 18.67 Sq. Km is in the reserved forest area on the eastern coast of North Andaman and South Andaman.
- iii) It is also seen that the portion of land area in South Andaman falls under the Jarawa Tribal Reserve.
- iv) Further, a portion of the offshore part of the block falls within the Jarawa Tribal Reserve area & Buffer area.

Clearances under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Coastal Regulation Zone Notifications, India Forest Act, 1927, Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and PAT Regulation, 1956 shall be required for permitting exploration.

In the circumstances stated above, onland exploration by OIL may not be permissible for the present unless clearances are available. Your kind intervention is requested in resolving this issue.

A copy each of the covering letters of OIL are enclosed herewith for kind reference.

This issues as per the directions of Chief Secretary, Administration.

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