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अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन  
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

MEETING NOTICE

To

1. The PCCF, A & N Islands, Van Sadan, Port Blair.
2. The Chief of Staff, A & N Command, Port Blair.
3. The Secretary (Shipping/PMB), A & N Administration.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Port Blair.
5. The Deputy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman.
6. The Secretary (Tribal Welfare), A & N Administration, Port Blair.
7. The Secretary (Tourism), A & N Administration, Port Blair.

**Background**

M/s Oil India Limited, New Delhi has been awarded contract for exploration of Petroleum in the following blocks by

- a. Block No. AN-OSHP-2018/1
- b. Block No. AN-OSHP-2018/2

In this regard, M/s Oil India Limited, New Delhi has made a application to A & N Administration for grant of Petroleum Exploration Licence (The copies of application alongwith details of the location of blocks in terms of co-ordinates (Latitude-Longitude) as well as map is enclosed herewith).

2. As seen from **Annexure - I**, the total area of block No. AN-OSHP-2018/1 is 3669.25 sq kms, out of which the **offshore** part is 3438.61 sq kms and the **land area** is 230.64 sq kms. A portion of **offshore** area falls within the limit of Rani Jhansi Marine National Park. Majority of the area on the **land area** is reportedly under reserved forest areas on the Eastern coast of North Andaman, Baratang and Islands in the Riches Archipelago. The rest of the **land area** of the said block falls in Swaraj Dweep and Bhaheed Dweep Islands in South Andaman district and Diglipur Tehsil. The list of Revenue Villages is Sagar Dweep, Vidyasagar Pally, Shibpur, Ramnagar, Keralapuram, Kalipur, Jaganathdera, Ramkrishnagram, Aerial Bay and Durgapur under Diglipur Tehsil. The list of the revenue villages under Port Blair Tehsil is Neil Kendra, Laxmanpur, Ramnagar, Bharatpur, Sitapur, Govind Nagar, Shaym Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Radha Nagar and Vijayanagar.

3. Further, as seen from **Annexure - II**, the total area of block No. AN-OSHP-2018/2 is 5947.45 sq kms out of which the **offshore** part is 5928.78 sq kms and the **land area** is 18.67 sq kms. It could be seen that the majority of the area of the block falls in offshore area. The offshore area of the Block falls within Jarawa Tribal Reserve area and Buffer Area. The land portion which is meagre falls under reserved forest area on the Western Coast of North Andaman and South Andaman. In South Andaman, this area is under Jarawa Tribal Reserve.