

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th July, 1996

S.O.481(E).--Whereas anthropogenic activities cause air, water and land pollution thereby endangering forests, genepool reserves, vegetation and living creatures and these activities are required to be carried out at a safe distance so as to ensure that our natural resources are not be affected adversely;

And whereas the Kaziranga National Park with Headquarter at Bokhakat in the State of Assam is the home of three-fourth of the total population of Rhino and contains largest single concentration of endangered species wild animals like swamp-deer, wild-buffalo, elephants, tigers and Gangetic Dolphins and it is the only park of its kind with a viable low land grassland ecosystem in South Asia;

And whereas M/s. IBP Co. Ltd. under the administrative control of the Central Government in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is proposing to set-up a Petroleum Refinery at Numaligarh (East of Kaziranga) and the developmental activities for said refinery is likely to cause tremendous pressure on the natural resources and the wild-life habitat in the Kaziranga National Park and its surroundings;

And whereas it is proposed to create a "No Development Zone" within a radius of 15 km around the said refinery site except towards North West where the "No Development Zone" shall extend right up to the eastern boundary of the said park;

And whereas clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 provides that whenever the Central Government considers that prohibition or restrictions of any industry or carrying on any processes or operation in any area should be imposed, it shall give notice of its intention to do so;

And whereas sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 provides that, notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (3), whenever it appears to the Central Government that it is in public interest to do so, it may dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3);

And whereas in view of the magnitude and the urgency of the threat to the environment the Central Government is of the opinion that it is in public interest to dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby directs that on and from the date of the publication of this notification the expansion of industrial area, townships, infrastructure facilities and such other activities which could lead to pollution and congestion shall not be allowed within "No Development Zone" specified in the Appendix to this notification, except with the prior approval of the Central Government.

APPENDIX

"No Development Zone".

The coordinates of the "No Development Zone" around Numaligarh refinery site are as follows:-

Longitude	Latitude
1. 93°-32'-49"	26°-40'-30"
2. 93°-33'-15"	26°-41'-45"
3. 93°-36'-45"	26°-37'-30"
4. 93°-40'-30"	26°-40'-45"
5. 93°-47'-30"	26°-43'-40"
6. 93°-47'-10"	26°-26'-08"
7. 93°-58'-30"	26°-34'-20"

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