

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,  
New Delhi: 1100 03,  
**Dated: 18th January, 2021**

**To,**  
**The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),**  
**& Head of Forest Force, (FAC),**  
Government of Telangana,  
Hyderabad.

**Sub: Minutes of the meeting under the chairmanship of IGF (FC) held on 04.01.2021 at 11:00 AM through Video Conferencing wrt to the Proposal for diversion of 162.45 ha of forest land in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District for grant of Mining Lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project in Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area Mancherial District. -reg.,**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of meeting held on 04.01.2021 at 11:00 AM under the chairmanship of IGF(FC), MoEF&CC, on the above mentioned subject through Video Conferencing for information and necessary action.

**Encl: As above**

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
**(Sandeep Sharma)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:-**

1. The Spl. Chief Secretary, Forest Dept., Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. User Agency.

**Minutes of the meeting under the chairmanship of IGF (FC) held on 04.01.2021 at 11:00 AM through Video Conferencing**

A meeting was conducted through Video Conference on 04.01.2021 under the chairmanship of IGF(FC) to discuss the issues with respect to the Proposal for diversion of 162.45 ha of forest land in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District for grant of Mining Lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project in Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area Mancherial District.

2. The following officials were present:

a. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

i. Shri Jiju J S, Technical Officer, FC Division

ii. Smt. Shivani Sood, STA, DSS Cell

b. Government of Telangana

i. Smt. R. Shoba, PCCF(HoFF)

c. SCCL

i. Shri Surender Pandey, Advisor Forest

3. IGF(FC) welcomed all the officials and highlighted the following issues as requested from the State Govt.

i. The KML file submitted by State Govt. was lacking with respect to entire lease area and boundary of forest area in each case.

ii. Discrepancy in the area approved and area mentioned in PCCF&HOFF letter dated 30.09.2020.

iii. Reason for submitting a single proposal in the three different lease areas where lease is expiring in different times.

4. The PCCF(HoFF), Govt. of Telangana assured that the revised kml file will be submitted soon. It was also informed that the discrepancy in the area mentioned in the State Govt. letter was mainly because of the forest area been diverted in different time frames in different proposals. The SCCL has taken permission for under ground mining and surface right differently for the same mining lease areas. It was also informed that the Ministry has earlier considered a proposal wherein two different mining leases were involved. The Ministry vide letter no. 8-27/2007-FC dt 16.06.2009 has approved diversion of 100.82 ha forest land for surface use for SRP OC-II project, out of which 13.18 ha was falling in North Godavari Mining Lease and remaining in Sri Rampur Mining Lease from underground mining to surface rights.

5. The Mining lease of Indaram is already expired which was also deliberated. In this

regard the PCCF(HoFF) informed that SCCL has already applied for renewal application under MMDR Act and it is under consideration.

6. Later PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Telangana informed that a letter addressing to Govt. of India will be sent soon with the details and the justifications as discussed in this meeting.

7. After the detail discussion with the State Govt. and representative from SCCL it was decided that :

- i. The Ministry will await for the letter with details as informed by the PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Telangana before considering placing this proposal in the upcoming FAC meeting.
- ii. The Forest Clearance will be co-terminus with the mining leases expiring first i.e. 2030, which is the mining lease of North Godavari.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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