

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

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Dated: 11th September, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: 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 refer to the State Government of Telangana's letter No.460/For. I (1)/2019 dated 13.02.2019 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting held on 18th August 2020. Based on the recommendations of FAC, the Ministry has **deferred** the proposal with certain observations.

2. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to submit the following information/documents for further consideration of this proposal:

- i. The issue of different validity of mining leases constituting a single proposal was raised and clarification was sought on how to make a single FC approval co-terminus with three different lease periods. This issue was deliberated upon and PCCF (HoFF) conveyed that earliest expiry of the lease period out of three leases will be the period of diversion. The State Government may provide its comments/confirmation in this regard.
 - ii. In light of the deliberations following additional clarifications/information need submission from the State Government:
 - a. Three separate kml files of proposed diversion as per forest areas involved in three mining leases;
 - b. Specific land use plan and mining plan for each constituent;
 - c. Status of realization of penalty as per specific instructions in WP114/2014 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Common Cause' judgement in the instant matter;
 - d. Suitability of proposed Compensatory Afforestation sites shall also be provided.
3. Copy of the minutes of the meeting of the FAC may kindly be accessed at

<http://parivesh.nic.in>. State Government may furnish the above mentioned information/documents for further processing of the proposal under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad;
3. The Dy. Director General (C) Regional Office (SEZ), MoEF&CC, Chennai;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.