

F No. 8-55/2014-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 3rd March, 2018

To,

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C),
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Regional Office (South Eastern Zone),
01st & 2nd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34,
Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 34.

Sub: Diversion of 285.44 hectares of forest land in Lankapalli R.F. of Khammam Division in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) for their Kistaram OCP.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. letter No. 2373/For.1 (1)/2014 dated 15.11.2017 submitting the revised CA scheme with financial outlay of Rs. 1970.193 Lakh for treating an area 571.00 ha of degraded forest area in Khammam (227 ha) and Sathupally divisions (344 ha) for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 25.01.2018. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings are placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in.

2. The FAC *inter-alia* recommended:

- i. Regional office has not recommended the project as yet even after carrying out the inspection of the site; hence it is observed that APCCF, Regional Office along with AIGFs concerned shall make a visit to the proposed land for diversion as well as land proposed for compensatory afforestation.
- ii. The above mentioned group would also inspect the previous compliances of the diverted cases by the same user agency.

In view of above, the Addl. PCCF, Regional Office along with AIGF's (NS & SS) in Forest Conservation Division of this Ministry may visit the proposed land for diversion, land proposed for compensatory afforestation and inspect the previous compliances of the diverted cases by the same user agency, and submit the detailed report in this regard for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Nodal Officer, under FCA, 1980 O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. Sr. AIGF (NS) and AIGF (SS), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
7. Guard File.

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)