

F. No. 8-14/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi - 110003
Dated 24th July, 2019

To,

Principal Secretary(Forests),
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad

Sub: Proposal for diversion for 694.159 ha of forest land in Chatakonda RF of Kothagudem Forest division for Koyagudem OCP-III mining in Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL), Kothagudem Area, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.

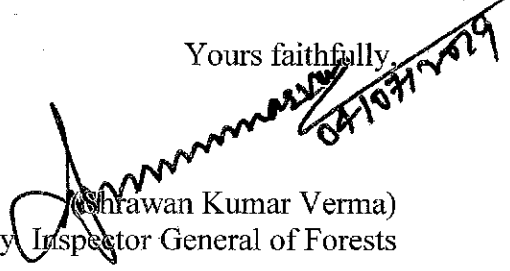
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.648/For.I(I)/2019 dated 15.03.2019 forwarding the above subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The site inspection report of said proposal has been received from Regional Office, Chennai of this Ministry with the remarks of Additional Director General (Central), Regional Office, Chennai. A copy of the same is enclosed for your ready reference.

Before the instant proposal is further considered in the Ministry, the State Govt. is requested to provide para-wise comments on the the remarks of Additional Director General (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Encl. as above .

Yours faithfully,


(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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2. Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Add. Director General (Central), Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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Dated the 21 June, 2019

OIG (IGF(FC))
E-217687
27/6/2019

To

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OIG (Additional Director General of Forests)
Dy. No. 217687
Date: 29/6/19

Sub: Diversion of 694.159 ha of forest land in Chatakonda RF of Kothagudem Forest division for koyagudem OCP-III mining in Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem area, Bhadradri Kothagudem District. - reg.

Ref: Site inspection report submitted by Shri.L.Chandrasekar, DIGF (C), RO(SEZ), Chennai.

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DIG(FC)
T.O. (FC)
20/06/19

Sir,

I am to forward here with the site inspection report of above subject proposal submitted by Shri.L.Chandrasekar, DIGF (C), RO(SEZ), Chennai. This project is an opencast mining project, Koyagudem OCP-III of Bhadradri Kothagudem District of Telangana. It is reported that most of the area around 550 ha out of 694.159 ha is encroached area with ROFR entitlements and around 36 ha is for nalah diversion with reasonably good forest area and remaining are isolated patches. As observed by the DIGF(C), the project is recommended subject to following specific conditions:

i) M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), is a Government company jointly owned by Government of Telangana and Government of India and is largely seen as a responsible company towards compliance to various laws of Forestry and environment. Though, the compliance towards conditions imposed in forestry diversions is more or less satisfactory but off late it is seen that the company is violating the provisions of environment clearances. The violation pertains to increase in production more than the stipulated in environment clearance granted to various projects. The matter was brought to their notice and as well as Ministry from time to time. In fact during the appraisal of one project of diversion of 285.44 ha of forest land in Lankapalli RF of Khamman Division the Ministry has sought for over all compliance of the SCCL and nominated a committee comprising of ADGF(C), RO(SEZ), Chennai and Shri. Sandeep Sharma, AIG of the Ministry and the report was also submitted to the Ministry at that time.

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As the Hon'ble Supreme Court has viewed the violations very seriously in WP (Civil) No. 114/2014 in the matter of Common Cause Versus Union of India and others, it is seen that the project authorities in its 4 existing projects appears to have submitted undertakings saying that they will not repeat any such violations in future.

But nevertheless, it is advisable to obtain the views of the State Government of Telangana in the matter along with the commitment from there management for not repeating such violations in future before processing this proposal further.

Submitted for favour of further necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr.M.R.G. Reddy)
Additional DGF (Central)