

F. No. 8-55/2013-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110 003
Dated: 21st November, 2014

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Telangana
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department
Telangana Secretariat
Hyderabad.

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.

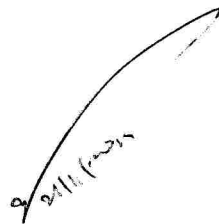
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh's letter No. 2373/FOR.I (1)/ 2014 dated 20th May 2014 on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the 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 was sought, in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee I am directed to say that decision on grant of approval under the FC Act for diversion of forest land is deferred till EA, EMP and proceedings of the public hearings are considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for grant of Environmental Clearance to the project. The project proponent may request the EAC to specifically examine the impact of the project on Sathupally town while formulating their recommendation.

I am further directed to say that the State Government may furnish their comments on the following issues:

- (i) Impact of the project on Sathupally town along with measures proposed to be undertaken to mitigate these impacts; and
- (ii) Justification for diversion of forest land for on-site specific activities such as, overburden dumps, service buildings and other dumps along with full details of alternatives examined.


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I am also directed to say that the user agency may be advised to explore feasibility to modify the mining plan to extract deeper seams.

Yours faithfully,

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Southern Eastern Zone), Chennai.
4. Dr. Manoranjan Hota, Director, Impact Assessment Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
7. Guard File.

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

01/03/2014