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Dated the 20. June, 2019

To

The Additional Director General of Forests (FC),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
5th Floor, Jal Wing,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi - 110 003.

**Sub:** 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 Ltd., Srirampur Area, Mancherial District - reg.

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

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 expansion project of an existing Srirampur Open Cast-II in Jaipur Mandal, Srirampur area in Mancherial District of Telangana. As observed by the DIGF(C), the project is recommended subject to following 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.

ii) 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

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that the project authorities in its 4 existing projects appears to have submitted one 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)



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To

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**Ref:** MoEF&CC's Letter No.F.No.8-06/2019-FC dt.18.03.2019.

Sir,

As mentioned in the above reference, the forest land diversion renewal for 162.45 ha of forest land in favour of M/s SCCL, Srirampur area in Mancherail District, Telangana was inspected by the undersigned on 12.06.2019.

The inspection report is enclosed for kind approval.

Yours faithfully,

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L.CHANDRASEKAR

Deputy Inspector General of Forests(Central)

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## Site Inspection Report

1.	Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion	Reserved Forest
2.	Item-wise break up details of the forest land proposed for diversion	Quarry Area: 139.45 ha Safe Barrier and drain area: 23 ha
3.	Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. if yes, the details thereof	No
4.	Total cost of the project at present rates	Rs. 272.73 crores as reported by user agency
5.	<b>Wild life:</b> Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from the wild life point of view or not	Though chital, wild boar and reptiles were reportedly present in the area, it is not a predominantly wildlife area.
6.	<b>Vegetation</b>	34621 trees as reported by SG
	(i) Total number of tree to be felled	Out of 162.45 ha 100.45 is natural forests. The area supports a dry deciduous forest with species composition as follows. Morinda tinctoria, Chloroxylon switenia, Ficus, Boswellia serrata, Madhuca, Helictres isora etc. 33 ha of bamboo plantation in two bits is fully stocked and well grown. 22ha of Eucalyptus plantation is also about 7-8 years old. The 3 ha plantation of Misc. species raised in 2016-17 by labour intensive method is also having full stocking of Misc species like Terminalias.. The other 5 ha of Misc. plantation which is two years old is infested with Acacia holosericea and also supports good growth of Terminalias, Dalbergia and Madhuca.
	(ii) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	
	(iii) <b>Important species</b>	
	a) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm	Detailed enumeration list abstract is attached.
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm	
7.	Background note on the proposal	A detailed inspection note attached.
8.	<b>Compensatory afforestation</b>	The CA land is identified in two bits of 100ha and 225 ha.
	(i) Whether land for CA is suitable from plantation and management	The CA land is interspersed with open patches of blanks and supports species such as Chloroxylon switenia,



	point of view or not?	Cleistanthus colinus, Teak, Mahua, Morinda and Helictres isora. The open patches may be ploughed out and planted whereas the partially stocked areas can be augmented with local species through labour intensive methods.
	(ii) Whether land for CA is free from encroachments/other encumbrances?	No encroachments reported and seen.
	(iii) Whether land for CA is important from religious/archaeological point of view?	No such reports.
	(iv) Land identified for raising CA is in how many patches, whether patches are compact or not?	Two patches and are compact.
	(v) Map with details	As in the proposal
	(vi) Total financial outlay	Rs. 1811.12973 Lakhs.
9.	Whether proposal involves violation of the provisions of the FCA or any other Forest Act? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned official.	FDO Mancherial has reported that there no violation has taken place in the proposed area.
10.	Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons? If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not?	No
11.	Reclamation plan: Details and financial allocation.	UA has given a comprehensive report on reclamation as part of the proposal.
12.	Details of catchment and command area under the project. CAT plan to prevent siltation of the reservoir.	NA
13.	Cost benefit ratio	1:89.33
14.	Recommendations of the PCCF/ State Govts.	Recommended
15.	Recommendations of the RAPCCF (C) along with detailed reasons.	Separate note is attached.
16.	Regional APCCF (C) shall give detailed comments on whether there is any alternative routes/alignment for locating the project on the non forest land?	As above separate note is attached.
17.	Utility of the project	To safeguard the energy security of the nation.
18.	Number of Scheduled castes/ STs to be benefitted from the project.	-----
19.	Whether area being diverted has any socio cultural, religious value?	FDO Mancherial has reported that the area has no endangered or rare or unique species of flora and fauna. Also he has reported that the proposed area does not fall under any PA or corridor and has does not contain any archaeological heritage site or any other important



		monuments .
20.	Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	-do-
21.	Whether the land under diversion forms part of any unique ecosystem?	-do-
22.	Situation of the project with respect to any PA	-do-
23.	Any other information relating to the project	Photos taken during the field visit are enclosed.

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Inspection Report of L.Chandrasekhr, I.F.S., Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central) to the SRP OC - II expansion area of 162.45 ha of forest land and 325 ha Compensatory Afforestation land in Mancherla District, Telangana on 12.06.2019.

Introduction

1. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is a Government Company jointly owned by Government of Telangana and Government of India. The activities of SCCL are spread over in Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, Khamman, Prof. Jayashankar Bhoopalpally, Peddapalli, Mancherla & Kumrambheem Asifabad Districts of Telangana State. SCCL is presently producing about 60.0 Million Tonnes of Coal per annum from 30 underground Mines and 16 Open Cast Mines.
2. SRP OC-II Project is an operating Opencast mine with a rated capacity of 2.50 MTPA and conceived up to depth of 230 Mtrs. Now, it is proposed to annex dip side properly to increase the rated capacity from 2.50 MTPA to 3.50 MTPA. As such, it is proposed to excavate Coal up to a depth of 350 Mtrs. to meet the increasing demand of Coal and named the project as SRP OC-II Expansion Project. The balance extractable Coal reserves from this project is 74.15 MT and the life of the project is 25 years with a rated capacity of 3.50 MTPA including reclamation. Reserves in now proposed area 17.79 MT of which, 14.83 MT are in RF.
3. The present diversion proposal is for an area of 162.45 ha in Compartment Nos. 705, 709, 710 and 711 of Indaram RF, Indaram Ext-II RF. Reportedly a Compensatory Afforestation area unnotified in Ramraopet is also coming under this 162.45 ha.
4. A portion of the area proposed to this project was inspected by the undersigned on 12.06.2019 along with FDPT Kawal Tiger Reserve and CCF Shri. Vinod Kumar, DFO Mancherla Ms. Shivani Dogra and officials of M/s SCCL.
5. At the outset the details of the project was explained by SCCL officials. One 3 ha and one 5 ha Miscellaneous plantation blocks were visited. The plantations are two years old. The stocking is almost full and the species planted are Terminalias predominantly. Acacia holosericea has invaded one of the plantations.
6. From here moved on to one of the two bits of Bamboo plantation. The area is fully stocked and the clumps are having on an average 20-25 clumps. The age of the plantation is reportedly 5 years. The spacing adopted is 5-6 Mtrs.
7. Then moved on to the Eucalyptus plantation with a reported extent of 22 ha. The plantation is fully stocked ~~with~~ reportedly 5 years old. The girth of the trees is around 30-40 Cm.
8. From here proceeded to one of the bits of proposed Compensatory Afforestation. The area is having a dry deciduous vegetation with blanks interposed. The predominant vegetation in the area comprises of *Cleistanthus colinus*, *Chloroxylon swietenia*, *Teak*, *Mahua*, *Morinda*, *Helicteres isora* etc.
9. Then proceeded to existing mine area of SRP OC-II to have a view of the entire area proposed for diversion. The area has a huge chunk of natural forests with miscellaneous

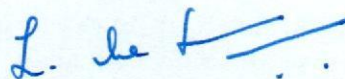


growth with a mosaic of plantations of *Eucalyptus* and *Bamboo* with a small speck of plantation.

10. The local forest officials when enquired about presence of wild animals in the area told that Wild Boar, Chital and Reptiles are found in the area.

11. SCCL officials mentioned that they have mining lease for this project area and also have an approved mining plan for this project.

12. In the Compensatory Afforestation area, it is suggested that in the patches where some vegetation is there only augmentation of indigenous species through labour intensive methods need be done. Semi mechanical methods need be used for planting up the blanks in the CA area.



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Discussion on proposed area with respect to the adjoining Open Cast site



224 Ha. CA land proposed in DLF in Compt. No.687, 688, 689 & 690 of Beat Venkatapur Beat of Mandamarri Section of Mancherla Range (Plat-1)



Latitude: 18.910327  
Longitude: 79.520707  
Elevation: 188.75m  
Accuracy: 37.0m  
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Note: 250 ha area

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