Field Inspection Notes of Forest Divisional Officer, Mancherial for 2nd Renewal of INDARAM MINING LEASE over 929.29 Ha of forest Land involving 15.18 Ha. for surface use in Compt Nos from 698 to 701, 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF of Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division on 06.08.2020, 16.01.2021 & 23.01.2021.

On 06.08.2020, I have inspected the proposed Indaram Mining Lease area situated in Indaram Reserve Forest in Compt.Nos. 698 to 701, 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 of Indaram Reserve Forest areas. The proposed area falls in Mancherial Range of Mancherial Division. The Originally the existing Indaram Mining Lease area spread over in 2900 Ha) including Reserve Forest. The 1st renewal was granted for 1054.84 Ha forest land for a period of 20 years which is expiring on 23.07.2020. The present application/proposal is for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease area in which the SCCL has proposed reduced area of 929.29 Ha of forest land including surface use of 15.18 ha (reduced from existing lease area of 1054.84 Ha) for renewal for underground mining.

No works in violation of FCA has been taken-up.

During earlier inspection on 06.08.2020, it was noticed that, the User Agency has violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by constructing physical structures and unauthorised occupation of RF land and putting up usage for non forestry works in the proposed area for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over 929.29 ha of forest land is as follows.

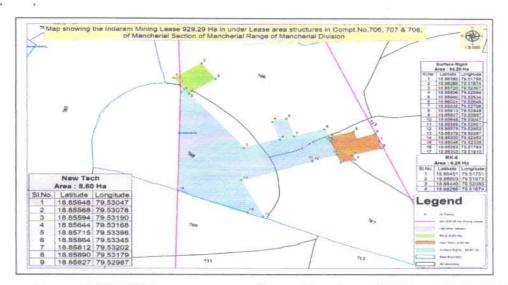
- 1. Some area sand Dump yards area in 7.80 Ha
- 2. Excess area RK/New Tech area using 30 Ha instead of 8.98 Ha (21.02 Ha) **Total area under violation presumed was 28.82 Ha.**

Notice was issued to General Manager, M.s SCCL, Srirampur by FDO Mancherial for above violation vide FDO Ref.No.4137/2018/F3 dt.19.11.18, 18.06.2019, 05.09.2019 & 04.11.2019.

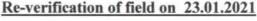
The General Manager, M.s SCCL, Srirampur submitted reply stating that the encroachments reported were not encroachments and the structures were on the lands which were handed over to SCCL prior to 1980 under different G.O.s, but the report was not convincing as it was lacking of documentary evidence and supporting documents and could not produce documents showing the above lands were dis-reserved.

Later on the documents along with maps were furnished by the User Agency, the same was verified in field on 16.01.2021 & 23.01.2021 and it was found that the encroachment reported as excess area of 28.82 Ha is part of 84.8 Ha which were prior 1980 handed over to SCCL and over which surface rights exists. There is no excess area in occupation by SCCL at RK new tech. Hence there is no violation.





Field Inspection on 16.01.2021







In the proposed diversion area, no unique tree is found, no protected archaeological / heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument is found in the area. The proposed area is not falling in National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor, etc. Though the area is not falling in the protected area, the area proposed and the adjoining Rf areas are important from wildlife point of view. Since last six months and even earlier there are reports of tiger movement in the area and this area serve not less than corridor. Due to fragmentation, the movement of tiger is restricted. However, since the mining proposal is for underground mining lease, it may not cause significant disturbance to wildlife. This area is having different types of vegetation with density 0.4.

The proposed area is not important from archaeological point of view and there are no court cases pending in the forest area proposed for renewal.

The reduced boundary is demarcated in the field by erecting temporary pillars. During my inspection, I have checked the coordinates of revised boundary of the present diversion and found correct.

The area is mostly plain to undulating at some places. The important flora found on the surface of the proposed are mostly Anogeissuslatifolia, Azadiracataindica, Chloroxylon Swietenia, Cleistanthus collinus, Diospyrosmelanoxylon, Grewiatilliaefolia, Madhucaindica (Bassialatifolia), Ougeniaoojeinensis (Gugeniadalbergiaides), Tectonagrandis, Terminalia tomentosa, Terminalia belerica, Terminalia arjuna and Zizyphusxyloporous. The area is mostly covered with shrubs.

The proposed area for diversion is barest minimum and unavoidable without alternatives for the project.

Hence it is recommended for considering the proposal.

Forest Divisional Officer, Mancherial