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Government of Telangana
Forest Department

Dated: 31.01.2019.

To
The P.I. Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force) Telangana,
Aranyabhavan, Saifabad,
Hyderabad.

From
Sri P.V. Raja Rao, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests/
Conservator of Forests,
Kothagudem Circle.

Sir,
Subj:- TSFD - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Forest Land proposed for 1st renewal of 0.90 Ha of Forest land Diverted in Ramavram Range, Kothagudem Division of Bhdadradi Kothagudem District for submersible pumps at Padmavathi Coal Mine in favour of M/s.SCL in favour of M/s.SCL - Revised proposals and compliance report Submitted- Reg.
Ref:- 1. P.I.C.C.F., T.S., Hyderabad Rc.No. 8592/2017/FCA-I/PS, dt: 04.09.2018.
2. This Office Rc.No. 237/2018/M3, dt: 24.11.2018.
3. DFO, Bhdadradi Kothagudem Rc.No. 175/2018/D1, dt: 18.01.2018.
4. DFO, Bhdadradi Kothagudem Rc.No. 175/2018/D1, dt: 30.01.2018.

With references to the above, it is submitted that, the prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyd., has returned the processed proposals of 1st renewal of 0.90 Ha of Forest land Diverted in Ramavram Range, Kothagudem Division of Bhdadradi Kothagudem District for submersible pumps at Padmavathi Coal Mine in favour of M/s.SCL and instructed to submit the Condition wise compliance report along with RoFR certificate in Form - II issued by the Concerned District Collector. The District Forest Officer, Bhdadradi Kothagudem has been requested vide reference 2nd cited above to submit the proposals as per the instructions.

The District Forest Officer, Bhdadradi Kothagudem vide reference 3rd cited above has forwarded the processed proposals along with condition wise compliance report obtained from the Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem.

The Condition wise compliance report as follows:-

Condition No.	Condition	Status of Condition
1.	The Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	The legal status of land is Reserve Forest.
2(a)	The User Agency shall plant ten times more trees than likely to be felled.	Total (361) trees are affected for installation of submersible pump, road and water pipe line in area of 0.90 Ha. As per the condition No. 2 (a) of Govt. of India, the User Agency shall plant ten times more trees than likely to be felled. But 15050 No. of E.P clones were planted in Compt., No. 52 of Yellandu R.F., as per C.A Scheme proposals.
2(b)	User Agency shall raise and maintain the enrichment plantation in 9 Ha in adjoining forest area if density is lesser than 0.4 and protect it till life of the project.	The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs. 6.57 Lakhs towards cost of C.A Scheme (Ten times of trees likely to be felled) as per the demand of Forest Department. An area of 9.03 Ha plantation was raised during the year 2011-12 in Compt., No. 52, Yellandu R.F. of Yellandu Range and the subsequent maintenance works were taken up under C.A Scheme during 2012-13.
3.	The period of diversion under this approval shall be ten (10) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MM DR Act, 1957 so that it shall be Co-terminus.	The period of diversion will be 10 years, which was now renewal is requested for 20 years.
4.	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.	Since the sanctioned forest land is for approach road, transmission lines etc.,

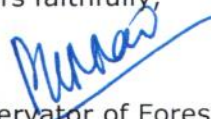
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5.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.	S.C.Co.Ltd., has not caused any damage to flora and fauna. On the other hand, about 400 Ha of Plantation was raised in adjacent area within 5 KMs and hence, there is improvement in flora and fauna.
6.	It shall be ensured that no labour camps are set up inside the forest area.	No labour camps are set up inside the forest area.
7.	The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.	The area has been demarcated with RCC pillars of 4 feet height 22 Nos of pillars have been fixed.
8.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	The forest land is not used for any other purpose in the proposal.
9.	Any other condition that the CCF(Central), Regional Office, Bangalore/ State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.	No such condition was stipulated.

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem has reported that, The Director (planning and Projects), SCC Ltd., Hyd. vide reference No.CRP/EST/F114/1026, dt.22.12.2018 has addressed to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyd., and stated that, regarding furnishing of RoFR Certificate in Form -II issued by the District Collector, Bhadradi Kothagudem obtaining of RoFR Certificate may take upto February.2019 and same will be submit before FAC meeting.

The revised processed proposals in (04) sets submitted by the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem along with condition wise compliance and monitoring report are submitted herewith for favour of kind information and necessary further action.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Conservator of Forests/
Conservator of Forests,
Kothagudem Circle.

Encl: Revised Proposals in (04) Sets.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem for information.

Copy to the Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem for information.

Copy to the General Manager, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem area for information.


Chief Conservator of Forests/
Conservator of Forests,
Kothagudem Circle.

CNo. 15303

Government of Telangana
Forest Department

Dated: 21.8.2018

Rc.No.182/2018/M3

From
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Chief Conservator of Forests/
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Kothagudem Circle.

To
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(Head of Forest Force) Telangana,
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Sir,

Sub:- TSFD – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Forest Land proposed for 1st renewal of 0.90 Ha of Forest land Diverted in Ramavram Range, Kothagudem Division of Bhadradi Kothagudem District for submersible pumps at Padmavathi Coal Mine in favour of M/s.SCCL - proposals Submitted- reg.

Ref:- 1. PCCF (HoFF) TS Hyd Rc.No.8592/2017/FCA-1/PS,dt.25.05.2018.
2. D.F.O Bhadradi Kothagudem Rc.No.175/2018/D1,Dt.: 10.08.2018.
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With reference to the above, it is submitted that, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad vide reference 1st cited above has called the proposals for 1st renewal of 0.90 Ha of Forest land Diverted in Ramavram Range, Kothagudem Division of Bhadradi Kothagudem District for submersible pumps at Padmavathi Coal Mine in favour of M/s.SCCL Kothagudem. The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem vide reference 2nd cited above has submitted the proposals for 1st renewal of 0.90 Ha of while enclosing (05) sets of the proposals in Form-B to process the information as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The area required for using Submersible Pumps, Boreholes, Approach Road and Transmission Lines at Padmavathi Khani No.5 Incline by the User Agency is falling in Compartment Nos: 4 & 7 in Ramavram RF, Ramavram Range, Kothagudem Division.

The area proposed for renewal which was diverted earlier is falling in Ramavram R. F. Block Notified u/s: 18 of Hyd. Forest Act-1 of 1326 Fasli vide Gazette No. 16 . dated 20.03.1344 Fasli

The details of proposals are as follows.

The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part- I:

- The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., has proposed an area of 0.90 Ha. which was earlier diverted by MoEF, GoI vide Lr.No. 8-277/85-FC, dated 18.8.2008 for a period of (10) years. This area is being used for the purpose for which it is diverted viz., submersible pumps, boreholes, approach road and transmission lines at Padmavathi Khani No.5 Incline in accordance with the MoEF's approval.
- The submersible pumps installed in Pump houses are being used to pump out the water from water logged area in No.1 seam of abandoned 5B Incline for extraction of Coal from under lying Coal Horizons namely Top Seam and King Seam of Padmavathi Khani Under Ground Mine.
- Padmavathi Khani in Ramavram RF is one of the ongoing coal mines of SCCL at Kothagudem area presently producing 5.00 Lakh Tonnes of Coal per Annum. The installed Submersible Pumps are over the water logged area of No. 1 seam on surface (South side) where extraction of coal was already completed by No. 5B Incline. For the extraction of coal from the under lying Top & King seams of Padmavathi Khani, the goaf/void area of above No.1 seam of 5B Incline shall have to keep dry to comply with safety requirements as per Coal Mines Regulation of 1957.
- There will not be any additional mining / surface activity. The present activity like running & maintaining 2 Pumps at Two spots and to let out the water to use for various purposes will continue till the extraction of 11 million tones of coal from top & King seam i.e. 20 years.
- Therefore, the present application is submitted for 0.90 Ha for grant of 1st Renewal of already diverted Forest land for a further period of 20 years.

2. Justification of locating the project in the Forest Area:

As it is a Coal bearing area, Padmavathi Khani underground coal mine is being operated at Kothagudem Area. Underground mining from this mine shall have to be continued to extract the balance coal reserves. The submersible pumps are installed on surface to pump out water from water logged area in No.1 seam of abandoned 5B Incline for extraction of Coal underlying horizons namely top seam and king seam at this mine. Goaf/ void area of above No.1 seam of 5B Incline shall have to be kept dry to comply with safety requirement as per Coal Mines Regulations of 1957.

There will not be any additional activity except installation of pumps, approach road & transmission line etc. The forest land proposed for renewal is bare minimum and required as 1st renewal. Minimum land is being utilized for pump House, approach road, transmission line and pipe line to bail out the water from over lying No.1 Seam of the mine to ensure the safety of the mine and miners(Work persons).

3. Cost of the project : The investment made up to now is around Rs.40.00 lakhs

4. The user agency has furnished the required certificates as per Forest Conservation Act, 1980 along with proposals.

5. The following information is furnished by F.D.O, Kothagudem in part -II of the proposal

- No work in violation of act has been carried out so far by the user agency.
- The Forest area of 0.90 Ha was earlier diverted for 10 years lease, now proposed for renewal.
- There is no vegetation since the area was already diverted.
- No CA land is required since the requirement is less than 1.00 Ha.
- Regarding Certificate under RoFR Act, the User Agency has informed that they have already requested the District Collector, Bhadradi Kothagudem vide Lr.No. KGM/EST/F/11/362, dt.18.7.2018 to issue RoFR Certificate which is under process. Copy of the letter is enclosed.
- The User Agency has already complied with all the conditions of earlier diversion and submitted condition-wise compliance report is enclosed.
- No vegetation is existing, as this area was earlier diverted and handed over after clearing tree growth.
- The area is not falling in any Wildlife Sanctuary or National Park. The site is located at a distance of 6.06 Kms. from the boundary of Eco-sensitive Zone of Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary.
- District Forest Officer, Kothagudem inspected the area on 24.07.2018 and inspection note furnished is enclosed.

The check-list duly filled in and attested is also enclosed and attached to the proposals in (05) sets. The Part-III, duly filled in and all the plans are also duly attested and submitted in (04) sets along with site inspection report of the undersigned are submitted herewith for taking further necessary action..

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-P.V.Raja Rao,
Chief Conservator of Forests/
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Kothagudem Circle.

Encl: Proposals in (04) Sets along with Part-III.

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