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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(FC Division)

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Dated 18th August, 2008.

To

The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
A.P Secretariat,
HYDERABAD.

Sub: Diversion of 0.90 Ha. of forest land in Ramavaram Reserved Forest in Kothagudem Division for installation of submersible pumpsets, approach road, transmission line and water pipe lines of Padmavati Khani in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), communication of approval.
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I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. 780/FOR.1/2006-1 initiated 14.02.2006 on the subject cited above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the said Mining Lease was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 18.07.2006 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report vide its letter No. 780/FOR.1(1)/2006-3 dated 21.06.2007, in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, for diversion of 0.90 Ha. of forest land in Ramavaram Reserved Forest in Kothagudem Division for installation of submersible pumpsets, approach road, transmission line and water pipe lines of Padmavati Khani in favour of SCCL, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

a. The User Agency shall plant ten times more trees than likely to be felled

6. 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.
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 MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.
 4. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.
 5. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
 6. It shall be ensured that 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.
 8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified 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.

Yours faithfully,



(B.K. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Bangalore.
4. The User Agency
5. RO (HQ), MoEF, New Delhi
6. Monitoring cell of the FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi
7. Guard file.

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Estates Manager

THE S.C.Co.Ltd.,
KOTHAGUDEM AREA,

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(B.K. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests