

COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION SCHEME PROPOSALS FOR RAISING OF 200.00 Ha., CA PLANTATION IN KOTHAGUDA & GANGARAM RANGES IN LIEU OF DIVERSION OF 649.3014 HA. OF FOREST LAND FOR FOR DIVERSION OF VENKATESHKHANI OCP FROM UNDERGROUND RIGHTS TO SURFACE RIGHTS IN BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM DISTRICT IN FAVOUR OF M/s. SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED IN GUDURU (W.L.M.) DIVISION.

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Sl. No.	Bit No.	Compt. No.	Reserved Forest Block	Total Area of the Block (In Ha.)	Net area proposed for treatment available (In Ha.)	Species in the area
1	1	921	Chinthaguda	18363.12	159.20	The area is covered with degraded coppice growth of misc. species like Billudu, Nalla Maddi, Vepa, Tuniki, Chennangi, Kodisa
2	2	920	Chinthaguda			
3	3	922	Chinthaguda			
4	4	915	Chinthaguda			
5	5	698	Pakhal	23903.01	35.387	
6	6	698	Pakhal			
7	7	762	Pakhal			
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Further, it is submitted that, the net area proposed for treatment is 222.932 Ha., out of that only 200.00 Ha., is feasible for planting, accordingly LIM Planting is proposed in the above areas.

The selected areas consists of gentle slopes, some are degraded plain areas with accessibility to roads and are degraded mainly due to biotic interference and are found suitable for Compensatory Afforestation. Most of these areas were retrieved from illegal encroachers and if not immediately brought under afforestation, there is possibility of encroachment.

SOIL DESCRIPTION AND TERRAIN:

In the proposed area, the soils are eroded and are ranging from Black Soil, Sandy loam with some hillocks here and there. There are several streams and streamlets running downwards from the hillocks causing soil erosion.

FLORA AND FAUNA:

In the proposed degraded Forest area the species available are mainly degraded coppice growth of Billudu, Nalla Maddi, Vepa, Tuniki, Chennangi, Kodisa, Tirumanu, etc., The Wild animals found in the selected area (Bison), Spotted Deer, Chousingha etc.,. Thus steps such as restoration of the vegetation, provision of sufficient water sources to the wild animals, provision of fodder and legume and overall protection is proposed..

TREATMENT MODELS:

It is proposed to treat the Degraded Forest areas under the following Treatment models. It is proposed to treat the Degraded Forest areas under the following Treatment models.

- a) Model-I : Protection of Reserve Forests by Protection from Fire.
- b) Model-II: Artificial Regeneration

(i) Raising of plantations in degraded forest areas

175.00 Ha of degraded area identified in Kothaguda Gangaram Ranges of Guduru (W.L.M.) Division was proposed for taking up afforestation works.

The above Afforestation and Reforestation works shall be carried out either by involvement of VSS members or through Departmental execution.

I. Model I: Demarcation of Permanent Forest Boundaries in the form of Cattle Proof Trench (CPT) and Improvement of Soil Moisture by way of SMC works:

- a) Most of these areas identified for Compensatory Afforestation area are having good viable root stock. Offering absolute protection to these degraded areas from biotic pressure is the best course of action for developing the area into productive forests. Continuous peripheral Trench all along the boundary of the Compensatory Afforestation area is proposed to be taken up with a twin objective of moisture conservation and boundary demarcation. Wherever it is not possible to dig a trench due to striking of hard stratum of rock, it is proposed to take up stone wall with rubble masonry or Erection of chain link fence as per filed conditions and local availability of materials.
- b) Fire management will also form an important part of the forest management and stand improvement strategy. Protection of these areas from fire, grazing and illicit felling is absolutely essential to improve the stand and it is proposed to be ensured either through Vana Samrakshana Samithies (VSS) or Departmental execution. Therefore, 5mtr wide fire lines are proposed in the above identified area.
- c) Digging of Percolation Tanks wherever required in the identified degraded forest area where the existing 2nd order nallahs are there.
- d) **Artificial Regeneration**

RAISING OF PLANTATIONS – PLANTING ON PLAINS/DEGRADED FOREST AREAS

To compensate the loss of Valuable forest growth in the Diverted Reserved forest areas, it is proposed to raise certain plantations in the degraded forest areas.

a. NON TEAK SECONDARY HARDWOOD SPECIES (NTSH) PLANTATIONS:

It is proposed to raise the above model of plantation under **Labour Intensive Method (LIM)** through intensive site preparation practices. The operations to be carried out are Survey and demarcation, clearing the miscellaneous jungle growth, Digging of Staggered contour Trenches and planting at 3 X 3 m espacement in 45 centimeter cube pits. All other cultural operations like Weeding's, Soil workings, manuring etc., will be provided for Seven years excluding raising year duly following the PCCF instructions.

II. Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan:

- (i) Construction of percolation tanks depending upon the terrain
- (ii) Provision for solar bore wells with pump facility and over head tank for providing water to the wild animals.
- (iii) Construction of Check Dams
- (iv) Construction of Rock Fill Dams
- (v) Erection of Solar Bore Well with construction of Percolation Tank

III. Protection Measures:

- (i) Purchase of Vehicles and maintenance of vehicles for patrolling in Reserve Forest areas
- (ii) Establishment of Base Camps for monitoring the DFL areas.

IV. Publicity and Awareness

- (i) Conducting of Pre-fire season workshops and awareness meetings.
- (ii) Construction of Watch Towers and Supervisory Huts

- (iii) Erection of Hoardings for awareness to public on wildlife habitats.

Administrative Costs (Over Heads)

As the work involved is a massive one and involves lot of record maintenance, book keeping and intensive mobility of the field officers, it is required to provide 10% of treatment cost towards over heads.

PROJECT COST:

The total financial out lay of the project is **Rs. 1558.834 Lakhs**

The annual requirement of funds have been worked out on the base cost of 2022-23 FSR with 10% annual escalation for the remaining project period up to 2032-33.

The component wise details in brief are as follows.

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MODE OF EXECUTION:

It is proposed to implement the above proposals through VSS on Joint Forest Management concept or by Departmental execution method wherever possible. In addition to the existing staff of Forest Department with required logistic support, necessary manpower required for effective implementation of the project will be hired through outsourcing.

Digging of Peripheral trench work, SMC works and other Afforestation works are being carried out in the above said proposed degraded forest area through ongoing Schemes. Hence, left over works if any as per this scheme will be carried out in the adjoining Forest Blocks of Gangaram and Kothaguda Ranges.


Annexure:

Annexure	I	Abstract of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme in Degraded Forest Area.
Annexure	II	Year wise Estimated cost Compensatory Afforestation in Degraded Forest Area.
Annexure	III	Unit cost Data sheets

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Abstract of CA Scheme to restock and rejuvenate the 200.00 ha of degraded open forest land in lieu of diversion of 649.3014 Ha. of forest land for for diversion of Venkateshkhani OCP from Underground Rights to Surface Rights in Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited

Sl. No	Scheme Proposals	Cost in Lakhs	
		Phy	Fin (Rs.in Lakhs)
1	2	51	52
I	I.Afforestation Works		
1	Rasing of nursery works	333250	211.272
2	Raising of Plantations under LIM	200	840.456
			1051.728
II	II.Soil & Moisture Conservation Works		
1	Construction of Percolation Tanks	4	23.650
2	Construction of Check Dams	2	21.000
3	Construction of RFDs	40	4.400
4	Digging of borewell with solar panels	2	18.480
			67.530
III	III. Protection Measures		
1	Purchase of petrolling Vehicle for monitoring around the plantation areas along with maintenance of vehicle and wages for drivers	1	159.113
2	Establishment of two base camps to monitor the DFL area and adjoining RF areas to curb the encroachments and smugglings of forest produces etc.	1	60.282
	Sub Total:		219.395
IV	IV.Publicity And Awareness		
1	Pre-Fire Season Workshops and awareness meetings	2	0.486
2	Publicity and awarness on forest and wild life	2	0.486
3	Erection of hoardings	2	11.000
3	Construction of Watch Towers	1	22.000
4	Construction of Supervisory Huts	1	74.500
			108.472
V	V.Nursery Infrastructure		
1	Establishment of two Cetral Nursery at Kothaguda and Gangaram ranges including construction of seed stores and nursery infrastructure	1	20.000
2	Erection of solar power system at nursery site	1	10.000
			30.000
VI	VI.Out sourcing of Technical Expert / Computer Operator		
1	Engaging computer operators Division / Range Level for online programming of Project	1	24.300
		1	24.300
VII	Administrative Cost - 5%		57.408
			57.408
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