

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From:
Sri Vinay Kumar Sahu, A.C.F.,
Forest Divisional Officer,
Mancherial.

To,
The General Manager,
M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.,
Srirampur area,

Rc.No.5444/2017-F7(B), Dt.14.02.2022.

DEMAND NOTICE

Sir/Madam,

Sub: - TSFD – F(C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 162.457 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 Limited, Srirampur Area, Mancherial District –Stage-I approval accorded- **Demand Notice issued** – Regarding.

- Ref: -**
1. PCCF Rc.No. 9917/2017/FCA-1/PS Dt: 29.06.2017.
 2. PCCF Rc.No. 9917/2017/FCA-1/PS Dt: 28.11.2017.
 3. CF & FDPT KTR Nirmal Rc.No.3644/2017/D2, Dt.14.09.2018.
 4. F.D.O Mancherial Rc.No.5444/2017/F3, Dt.24.10.2018.
 5. D.F.O Mancherial Rc.No.2847/2017/D3, Dt.27.10.2018
 6. PCCF Rc.No. 9917/2017/FCA-1/PS Dt: 24.01.2019.
 7. PCCF Rc.No. 9917/2017/FCA-1/PS Dt: 11.03.2020.
 8. F.D.O Mancherial Rc.No.5444/2017/F3, Dt.05.05.2020.
 9. D.F.O Mancherial Rc.No.2847/2017/D3, Dt.11.05.2020
 10. MoEF & CC New Delhi F.No.8-06/2019-FC, Dt.12.03.2021
 11. PCCF, TS, Hyderabad Rc.No.9917/2017/FCA-1/PS Dt: 18.03.2021.
 12. FDO, Mancherial Rc.No:5444/2017/F7(B), Dt:27.12.2021
 13. Mail Received from PCCF (HoFF) & Dy.CF, TS, Hyderabad on: 28.12.2021
 14. FDO, Mancherial Rc.No:5444/2017/F7(B), Dt:28.12.2021 (Sent Through Mail on :30.12.2021)
 15. Revised Mitigative plan Sent to through mail on: 05.01.2022
 16. GI ,ME,FCC, File No:5-3/2011-FC (VoL –I), Dt:06.01.2022.
 17. FDO, Mancherial Rc.No.1825/2018/F7(B), Dt.01.02.2022.
 18. Mail Received from PCCF (HoFF) & Dy.CF, TS, Hyderabad on: 05.02.2022, 06.02.2022.
 19. FDO, Mancherial Rc.No.1825/2018/F7(B), Dt.07.02.2022.
 20. Mail Received from PCCF (HoFF) & Dy.CF, TS, Hyderabad on: 12.02.2022.

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1. It is submitted that, the Government of India vide reference 10th cited above has accorded Stage-I approval for diversion of 162.457 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 at Jaipur Mandal , Mancherial District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area, Mancherial District with conditions stipulated therein which has been communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyderabad vide reference 11th cited above with instructions to issue Demand Notice to the User Agency for payment of Compensatory Levies like Net Present Value (NPV) Vegetative Plan and SMC protection barriers, Compensatory Afforestation, Mitigative measures, Restoration of degraded notified forests, Safety zone, Afforestation on degraded forest land one and half time in extent to the area used for Safety zone, Translocation of trees, felling of trees. Demarcation of forest land etc., and also to obtain the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by

the MoEF&CC, Govt. from the user Agency and furnish for onward submission to Government for Stage-II (final) approval.

2. Accordingly, as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry, instructions contained in reference 11th and in compliance to the instructions contained in the reference 18th cited above the Demand Notice prepared is as follows:

- a. Funds to be deposited into Adhoc CAMPA account of Telangan State through Ministry's portal

The user agency shall compulsorily deposit the NPV, CA and other charges by generating challan through the Ministry's Website.

The following amounts shall be deposited by the User Agency as per the Rules / guidelines issued by the MoEF to deposit all kinds of levies in the respective State CAMPA account only through e-payment method by generating the challan from the Ministry's web portal, in consultation with the Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyderabad. The user agency needs to upload the demand notice against the project for approval by Nodal Officer (FCA), Telangana and generate challan after approval. The payment to be made against the Challan number and the Challan is valid for one week. A step-by-step process is available at <http://parivesh.nic.in>.

Sl. No	Division	Item	Amount in Rs Lakhs
1	Mancherial	<u>C.No.A(i)</u> NPV charges @ 8.030 Lakhs per Ha for Moderately Dense Forest under Eco-Class III for 62.007 Ha. = Rs.497.916 Lakhs).	497.916
	Mancherial	NPV charges @ 6.260 Lakhs per Ha for open forest under Eco-value class-III for 100.45 Ha. = Rs.628.817 Lakhs).	628.817
2	Mancherial	<u>C.No.(iii)</u> CA Scheme for 324.90 Ha in double degraded forest area for raising of plantation, with 10 years of maintenance	2095.538
3	Mancherial	<u>C.No.B (ix)</u> CA Scheme of 4.35 Ha. for raising of plantation with 10 years of maintenance (Safety Zone 2.90Ha.) one and halftime in extent of area used for SZ	34.549
		Total:	3256.82

- b. Funds to be deposited into CA PD account of FDO, Mancherial:

Further the user agency is requested to deposit the following amounts in favour of Forest Divisional Officer, Mancherial Ac.No.0112556358, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Branch: Mancherial, IFSC: KKBK0008367.

Sl. No	Particular	Amount (in Lakhs)
1	<u>C.No.(xiii)</u> Erecting of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars at an interval of 20 Mtrs i.e. 397 Nos. @ 9900 /- (Total length 7942 Mtrs)	39.303
2	<u>C.No.(A-xi)</u> Extraction and transportation of tree growth	21.86267
3	User Charges for conducting the survey in the proposed site.	0.030
	Total :	61.19567

Other conditions to be complied:

- a. Further, the User Agency is requested to comply with the conditions contained in the Stage-I approval (No.4-TSB183/2021-HYD/121, Dt.04.08.2021 communicated vide PCCF, Hyderabad Rc.No.7195/2017/FCA-2, Dt.23.08.2021) the conditions are as detailed below:

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

Condition No.	Condition	Remarks
A-ii	From the analysis of the area through DSS it is observed that a river exists on the southern boundary of Srirampur mining lease area that flows through/alongside large forest area on the downstream at some distance of these leases. Therefore, it is essential to protect the water source for the sustainability of flora and fauna there. The User agency shall get a detailed plan (comprising of vegetative and SMC protection barriers, and duly approved by the competent authority in the forest department) prepared by an expert agency and implement it to protect the riverbank so that debris, etc. from mines doesn't block or reduce water flow in the river and cause adverse impact on the flora and fauna in the downstream forested area. The plan shall be implemented within 3 years of handing over of proposed forest land to the User Agency;	To be implemented by User agency under the supervision of the Forest Department
A-iii	The area has several coal mines in the vicinity which together had/have been affecting the natural forest cover in this locality in a significant manner, and, therefore, CA over lands other than notified forest would have been ideal scenario. Therefore, keeping in view the goal of harmonious pursuit of conservation and development, it was agreed to accept the proposal of Compensatory Afforestation on double the degraded notified forest area under forest department on the condition that in addition to the proposed CA, non-forest area equivalent in size to the diverted forest area shall be made available and mutated in favour of State Forest Department out of the area available immediately after the closure and rehabilitation of mines of M/S SCCL from 2027-28 (or, earlier) onwards as submitted by M/S SCCL vide their letter no. CMD/PS/H/129 dated 29.09.2020. A Board resolution in this regard shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Forest Department, and the State Forest Department will accordingly ensure the compliance of this condition in a timely manner. The land so mutated shall be notified under the relevant sections of the Forest Act as a Reserve Forest. After handing over, the State Forest Department shall protect the so transferred land and may develop it further at own cost for bringing the area under sustainable forest management. For CA on notified forest land, Nodal Officer shall give a certificate that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme on that land in the last ten years;	
A-iv	The KML files of diverted area, the CA area and the areas mentioned in sub-clause (ii), (iii) and B(iii) shall be uploaded on e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage II approval;	
A-V	As reported by DFO, Mancherial Division and endorsed by State Government, the User Agency (M/SSCCL) is having two operational open cast mining projects, namely SRP-1 and RKP OC, 4 underground mines and soon to be operational Indram OC mines. The two operational mines and the Indaram OC will produce about 829 million tons and about 382 million tons of overburden respectively within their lifetime. It is, therefore, crucial to undertake overburden restoration/ stabilisation as the mining progresses as per high scientific to minimise further damage to flora, fauna, soil and hydrology of the adjoining area due to such huge overburden accumulation. As this is a new area of technical expertise, the User Agency has proposed to create adequate capacity in the State Forest Department so that the Eco-restoration of the overburden and the mined out area could be monitored effectively, and for this purpose to expose a team of at least 10 forest officers to global best practice being implemented in coal mines of Australia / New Zealand, etc. at User Agency cost. The recommendation of State Government as reported in the proposal and conveyed by PCCF (HoFF), Telangana and agreed to by the representative of User Agency in the meeting may be accepted on the condition that the visit is approved by the State Government and the admissible expenditure as per norms on this account is reimbursed by the User Agency to the Forest Department;	
A-vii	The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a	

	Survey of India topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale;	
A-X	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	
A-xi	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;	
A-xii	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019;	
A-xiii	The KML files of diverted forest land, CA area and other areas over which plantation and any other activities are proposed to be taken up from CAMPA fund shall be uploaded on egreen watch portal	

B: Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

Condition No.	Condition	Remarks
B-i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	To be implemented by User agency under the Supervision of the Forest Department
B-ii	<i>The validity of FC approval shall be up to 27.6.2030;</i>	
B-iv	<i>The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;</i>	
B-vi	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	
B-xi	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	
B-xii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;	

- b. Further, the UA is requested to intimate the details of payments made and submit seven sets of compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval along with all the necessary documents, certificates, undertaking etc., for onwards submission to the competent authority for issue Stage-II approval.
- c. Further, the User Agency is also requested comply with the following in accordance with the MoEF & CC, GoI instructions issued vide F.No.4-TSB183/2021-HYD/121, Dt.04.08.2021 communicated vide PCCF., Hyderabad Rc.No. 9917/2017/FCA-1/PS Dt: 18.03.2021.
 1. Publish the entire forest clearances granted to the project proponent for the use of forest land for the non-forest purpose in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central Government in two widely circulated daily newspaper i.e., one in vernacular language and the other in English.
 2. The copies of the clearance should also be submitted to the heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies by the project proponents in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt of this reference.
- d. Further, the user agency shall furnish the copies of Paper Clippings about the publishing of forest clearance etc., as instructed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Telangana, Hyderabad vide reference 2nd cited above.

Therefore, it is kindly requested to the General Manager, M/s SCCL, Srirampur area of Mancherial District intimate the details of payments made and submit the (07) sets of compliance report on the all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval along with Paper clippings about publishing of Forest clearance and all the necessary documents, certificates, Undertaking etc., for taking further action.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: (as above)

Sd/- Forest Divisional Officer,
Mancherial.

Copy submitted to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) TS, Hyderabad for favour of kind information.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests/ Field Director Project Tiger, KTR Nimal for favour of kind information.

Copy Submitted to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, O/o the PCCF, TS, Hyderabad fore favour of information and necessary action.

Copy submitted to the District Forest Officer, Mancherial for favour of information.

Sd/- Forest Divisional Officer,
Mancherial.

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Superintendent

14/12/2022