



# The Singareni Collieries Company Limited

( A Government Company )

**Kothagudem Area.**

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The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)  
Govt. of Telangana,  
Aranya Bhavan,  
HYDERABAD.

Madam,


Sub: Application for diversion of 649.3014Ha. of Forest Land in Ramavaram RF, Ramavaram Range, Kothagudem Forest Division in Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited for opening of Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine– Reg.

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1. Kind attention is invited to the subject cited above.
2. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is a Government Company jointly owned by Government of Telangana and Government of India. It is the only Coal producing Company in the South India and meeting the coal requirements of various industries located in South India. The activities of SCCL are spread over in Khammam, Jayashankar Bhupallpally, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Peddapalli, Manchiryal, Komaram Bheem (Asifabad) Districts. The SCCL is presently having 45 Coal Mining Leases spread over in the above six Districts. In this sanctioned mining lease, SCCL is operating 28 Underground mines and 18 opencast mines to be produced 70 Million Tonnes of coal in 2019-20.
3. It is to submit that to meet the ever increasing demand for Coal and the targets set by Government of India, The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has proposed to increase coal production by opening new projects and expansion of existing mines. Accordingly, it has been planned to start Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine towards North side of the existing Goutham Khani OCP.
4. Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine 2403.17 Ha. of Land, of which 649.3014Ha. Forest Land. The balance extractable coal reserves of the mine are 190.11 Million Tonnes of which about 64.18 Million Tonnes of Coal has been located in Forest Land in Compartment Nos.2(part), 3(part), 4(part), 5(part) &11(part) of Ramavaram RF, Kothagudem Forest Division.

5. Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine planned to produce 4.5 Million Tonnes of Coal per annum with a capital outlay of Rs.480.00 Crores and has a life of 40 years. This project provides direct employment to 401 persons. The Nation will be benefited by achieving increased coal production by exploiting Coal reserves of the project and also gets benefited financially due to additional income by way of Royalty, Excise Duty, Sales Tax and Electricity supply continuously. Further, this project will contribute benefit to the society by way of increased employment resource direct and indirect in nature with resultant improvement in standard of living, rise in per capital income of the population of surrounding villages of this area.
6. The details relating to total Forest Land already diverted at Kothagudem Area, their current use, details of reclamation, plantation carried out so far, environmental and biological engineering measures taken etc., are furnished in the enclosed Statement (Annexure-XIII & XIV).
7. The eight sets of application (in Form-A) duly filled in Part-I (under Section 2 of F (C) Act 1980) for prior approval for diversion of 649.3014Ha. in Ramavaram RF, Kothagudem Forest Division. The lease of the Forest land is required for a period of 40 years.
8. Therefore, it is requested to kindly arrange to process and forward the application to MoEF, GoI through Govt. of Telangana for prior approval for diversion 649.3014Ha. Forest of land for Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine for a period of 40 years.

Yours faithfully,

  
General Manager,  
Kothagudem Area

**Encl:** As above

**Copy to:**

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kothagudem  
The Divisional Forest Officer, Kothagudem  
The Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem

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