



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(A Government Company)
Yellandu Area

Ref. No. YLD/EST/185

Date: 25.04.2021.

To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Forest Department of Telangana,
Aranya Bhavan,
HYDERABAD.

Madam,

Sub: Revised application for diversion of 151.8519 Ha. of Forest land (from Underground rights to Surface rights) for Jawahar Khani Opencast (JK OC) mine in Yellandu RF of Yellandu Forest Division Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. The Singareni Collieries Company, request for getting it processed and transmitted to MOEF & CC, GOI, duly recommending for approval – Reg.

Ref: The PCCF Lr. Ref No. 20207/2019/FCA-4, dated 09.03.2021

1. It is submitted that, SCCL submitted earlier an application for diversion of 106.304 Ha vide Proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/49581/2020 dated 18.09.2020. The application was forwarded by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests to the Forest Divisional Officer, Yellandu vide PCCF letter Ref. No. 20207/2019/FCA-4, dated 08.09.2020 for verification and processing. .
2. During site inspection of the proposed RF area for diversion, it has been informed by the Forest Department that an area of 45.565 Ha is also forest land, which was not taken into the proposal. As it is in the possession of Forest department since 50 years with Timber depot. Later SCCL requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad, to kindly confirm the status of 45.565 Ha. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad vide Ref No. 20207/2019/FCA-4, dated 09.03.2021 confirmed this area also as Forest land and authenticated the extent of Forest land as 45.5477 Ha. It was advised to the SCCL to submit revised application for an extent of 151.8519 Ha. Accordingly this revised application is submitted.

3. It is to submit that, to meet the ever increasing demand for Coal and the targets set by Government of India, the SCCL has proposed to increase coal production by opening new projects and expansion of existing mines.
- Accordingly, it has been planned to start Jawahar Khani Opencast (JK Open Cast) Mine by converting the existing 21 Incline UG mine to Opencast.
4. JK Opencast Project requires 151.8519 Ha Forest land for which surface rights are needed. The total coal reserves of the mine are 25.23 Million Tones of which about 4.05 Million Tons of Coal has been located in Forest land in Compartment Nos. 49 and 51 of Yellandu RF, Yellandu Forest Division Bhadradi Kothagudem District.
5. It is planned to produce 2 Million Tons of Coal per annum with a capital outlay of Rs.316 Crores. The mine life will be 19 years. This project provides direct employment to 250 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 seven sets of application (Form-A) duly filled in Part-I (under Section 2 of F (C) Act 1980) for prior approval for fresh surface diversion of 151.8519 in Yellandu RF, Yellandu Forest Division are submitted herewith. The permission under F (C) Act for diversion of Forest land is required for a period of 20 years.


Therefore, it is requested to kindly arrange to process and forward the application to the MoEF & CC, Gol, through Government of Telangana, duly recommending to obtain and communicate prior approval for diversion 151.8519 Ha Forest land for JK Opencast Mine for a period of 20 years.

The SCCL is having CPSU status for CA purpose. It is also requested to kindly advise the Field Officers to identify degraded Forest land double in extent of area proposed for diversion for taking of CA and prepare CA scheme accordingly.

Yours Sincerely

Power
**General Manager,
Yellandu Area.**

GENERAL MANAGER
The Singareni Collieries Co.Ltd.
YELLANDU AREA



Encl: As above

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The Conservator of Forests, Kothagudem Circle, Bhadrachalam District for favour of information.

The District Forest Officer, Kothagudem for favour of information please.

The Forest Divisional Officer, Yellandu for favour of information please

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Advisor (Forestry) – for favour of information please.

GM (Estates)

PO, JK OCP -- for information please