

THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED (A Government Company) KOYAGUDEM OCP:YELLANDU AREA

Ref.No. YLD/SUR/KOCP-III/581

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

Kind attention: Addl PCCF&Nodal Officer

Sir.

Sub:- Application for diversion of 12.03 Ha of Forest land for Laying of railway track from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem Opencast-III in Mahasura (Forest land, Compartment No.23) Karepally range, Thadikalpudi section Kothagudem Forest division, Khammam District-Reg.

The Singareni Collieries Company Limitted (SCCL) is a Government coal mining company jointly owned by the Government of Telangana and Government of India on 51:49 equity basis. SCCL is currently operating 16 opencast and 32 underground mines in 4 districts viz. Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Khammam of Telangana state.

The present proposal for laying of railway track from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem Opencast mine for Private railway siding of Koyagudem OC project is to reduce dust pollution to enrouted villagers and facilitate to dispatch of coal in large quantum as there is no rail connectivity at Koyagudem OCP. Presently all the coal is being transported by road and enrouted villagers are resisting the transportation of coal by road due to dust pollution.

Further, exploration works are in progress at Kachanapally and Mamakannu villages of Gundala. These villages are nearer to Koyagudem Opencast mine. By laying railway track line at proposed loading point may facilitate and cater future needs of Gundala mines and connect interior villages. Thus transportation facility to villagers may be increased.

The proposed KOC-III project is designed for a rated capacity of 3.60 MTPA with a peak capacity of 4.80 MTPA. The total extractable Coal reserves are 113.46 Mt and OB to be removed is 884.93 M.Cum with an average stripping ratio of 7.80 Cum/T. The

life of the project is estimated as 30 years.

The total Forest land required for Laying of railway track from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem Opencast mine for Koyagudem Opencast Project is 12.03 Ha. Hence the present application is for diversion of 12.03 Ha.

In this connection it is to submit that the forest rights have been recognised under RoFR Act, 2006 in part of the forest land proposed for diversion. The District collector was requested to issue RoFR certificate in this regard. A copy of the above letter is enclosed here with.

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited hereby Undertakes for payment of charges for raising Compensatory Afforestation in double the extent of degraded forest land i.e in 24.06 Ha (12.03 x 2) as per the scheme prepared by the State Government, as MOEF, GOI accorded status of CPSU to SCCL for the purpose of compensatory afforestation. SCCL will deposit funds towards C A, and N P V etc., as per the demands issued by Forest department.

The application form in seven sets for diversion of 12.03 Ha of forest land in Mahasura forest, Karepally range, Thadikalpudi section Kothagudem forest division for Koyagudem OC-III is submitted herewith. The diversion of forest land of 12.03 Ha. proposed for Railway siding of Koyagudem opencast Project is permanent as right of way.

It is therefore requested to kindly arrange to process the application early.

Enclosures: 7 sets of application.

Yours Faithfully,

General Manager,

Yellandu Area.

 $\mbox{\sc Cc}$ to: The Conservator of forests,Khammam.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Kothagudem,