

PART - III

(To be completed by the Officer-in-Charge of the National Park/ Sanctuary completed and submitted to the Chief Wildlife Warden or officer authorized by him in this behalf within 30 days of the receipt of PART - II)

1)	Date of receipt of the PART - II	21-03-2020
2)	Total Area (Ha.) of Sanctuary	29.81 Sq. km
3)	Total area (Ha.) diverted from the WLS so far for development purposes	-- Nil--
4)	List the past projects and the area (Ha.) diverted	-- Nil--
A	Name of Project:	-- Nil --
B	Area diverted:	-- Nil --
C	Year of diversion:	-- Nil --
5)	Positive impact/s due to the diversion of area for the projects referred to in column 4 above	--Nil--
	Name of the Project /s Positive impact Scientific Basis of Assessment (Attach separate document, if required)	
6)	Negative impact/s due to the diversion of area for the projects referred to in column 4 above	--Nil--
	Name of the Project /s Negative impact Scientific Basis of Assessment (attach separate document, if required)	
7)	Management Plan Period Attach copy of the Management Plan/ Management Scheme/ Recommendation of Chief Wildlife Warden	10 years (2013-2014 to 2022-2023) Management of Sanctuary is under the control of District Forest Officer (Mancheri), Part of territory falls under the jurisdiction of District Forest Officer, Peddapally.
8)	List Management actions taken/ proposed to be taken in the whole Block/ Zone in which the proposed area is located.	The Proposed Projects are falling within a range of 6.07 km to 10 km from the boundary of the Siwaram Wildlife Sanctuary. Since the proposed area is within 10.00 km radius of WLS, in Eco-sensitive Zone, the mitigation measures are enclosed herewith.

9)	Type of forest in which the proposed area falls.	Not applicable
10)	Location of the proposed area w.r.t. the critical/intensive wildlife management areas/ wildlife habitats. (attach Map to scale)	The area falls within 10 kms radius from Shivaram Crocodile Wild life Sanctuary.
11)	List the likely POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE impact/s of the proposed project giving scientific and technical justification for each impact.	The area of the proposed projects are falling in a range of 6.07 to 10.00 Km from the core area. The proposed projects will not have any effect on the prime habitat of the Crocodiles in the Sanctuary.
12)	Provide COMPREHENSIVE details of the impact of the proposal in terms of Sections 29 and/or section 35 (6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 as the case may be.	There is no damage under proposed the project.
13)	Whether the project authorities have ever committed violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or Forest Conservation Act, 1980. If yes, provide the exhaustive details of the offence and the present status of the case. (Concealing or misrepresenting the facts will lead to rejection of the case in addition to any other penalty as prescribed under Law)	-- No--
14)	Have you examined the Project Appraisal document and the alternatives as provided in PART - II.	Yes
15)	Have you examined the Bio diversity Impact Assessment Report.	Not applicable
16)	If Yes, please give your comments on the recommendations given in the report	Not applicable
17)	Dates and duration of your field visits to the proposed site	03.09.2020

<p>18) Do you agree that the present proposal of diversion of NP/WLS area is the best or only option and is viable.</p>	<p>There is no diversion of NP/WLS area for this project. Coal mining is site specific in nature. As such alternative sites are not considered for mining except sites where coal is found.</p> <p>Presently the SCCL is producing about 34.546 million tons of coal through 11 Mines out of which 7 are underground mines and 4 are opencast mines.</p> <p>The SCCL is excavating coal in Ramagundam Area in Peddapally District since more than 60 years, presently producing about 34.546 million tons of coal through 11 Mines out of which 7 are underground mines and 4 are opencast mines.</p> <p>In order to meet the ever-increasing demand for Coal and to achieve the targets fixed by the Government of India and to sustain the coal supplies to Super Thermal Power Station of NTPC, Ramagundam, the SCCL has embarked upon large-scale expansion of coal mining to increase coal production.</p> <p>Accordingly, SCCL has proposed a cluster project which is conversion of the existing Godavarikhani No.5 incline (GDK-5 Inc) underground mine into opencast mine, utilizing the surface area of the Godavarikhani No.2&2A Incline for dumping of OB and continuing production of coal from the underground Godavarikhani No.2&2A and Godavarikhani No.1&3 incline mines simultaneously.</p> <p>At the same time going for amalgamation / expansion of all these 11 mines, viz. . [GDK No.1&3, 2&2A and 5 Incline, GDK Coal Mine (2&2A and 5 Incline), GDK No.11 Incline, GDK No.7-LEP, Ramagundam Coal Mine (Vakilpalli Mine, Adriyala longwall Project, GDK 10&10A Inclines, RGOC-I Exp. & RGOC-II Ext.) MOCF, RGOC III Exp. Ph-II.]. This requires revised Environment Clearances for which No Objection of Standing Committee of National Board of Wild Life is essential, after recommendation from the State Board of wild life.</p>
<p>19) Any other information that you would bring to the notice of the State Board, National Board or its Committee that may be relevant and assist in decision making</p>	<p>-- Nil --</p>
<p>20) Do you recommend the project (Please provide full justification to support your recommendations)</p>	<p>Coal mining is site specific in nature. As such alternative sites are not considered for mining except sites where coal is found.</p>

Coal mining activities are being carried out in Ramagundam area from the year 1959. Presently, the SCCL is operating 11 Mines out of which 7 are underground mines and 4 are opencast mines.

The coal mining is carried out by opencast and underground methods. Underground mining will not have much effect on the environment when compared to opencast mines. However, the present proposed projects are falling in a range of 6.07 to 10 km from the Siwaram Wildlife Sanctuary. It is observed that the dumping of overburden is at a distance of 7.2 km.

As per the blasting permissions issued by the Director General of Mines Safety, the safety zone for blasting operations is up to 500m only, whereas it is beyond 6 km in the proposed projects. Moreover, SCCL is supposed to take all measures to arrest soil run-off from overburdens and use control blasting.

Hence, the proposed projects will not have any direct adverse impact on the habitat of the Crocodiles of the Sanctuary.

Hence this proposal may be considered and recommended for approval.

Signed by

District Forest Officer,

The Officer in Charge of the WLS

Official Seal

**Chief Conservator of Forests,
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