

**Sub: Diversion of 4.828 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Singareni collieries Company Ltd. for sinking of Man Winding Shaft and essential infrastructure in Shantikhani Long Wall Project in Mandamarri area, under Forest Division Benampally and District Mancherial, State Telangana (Online Proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/27545/2017)-reg.**

**A.** The Special Chief Secretary (FAC) to Government of Telangana, has submitted a fresh proposal vide their letter No. 2917/For.I(1)/2018 dated 28.08.2018. This proposal has been received in this office on 20.09.2018 for obtaining prior approval of the Central Govt. under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.828 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. for sinking of Man Winding Shaft and essential infrastructure in Shantikhani Long Wall Project in Mandamarri area, under Forest Division Benampally and District Mancherial, State Telangana.

**B.** The facts related to the proposal as given below:-

**Fact Sheet**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Diversion of 4.828 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. for sinking of Man Winding Shaft and essential infrastructure in Shantikhani Long Wall Project in Mandamarri area, under Forest Division Benampally and District Mancherial, State Telangana
<b>2.</b>	<b>Location:</b>	
<b>i.</b>	State	Telangana
<b>ii.</b>	Districts	Mancherial
<b>iii.</b>	Category	Mining
<b>iv.</b>	Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted (in year).	30
<b>3.</b>	<b>Detail of user agency</b>	
	Name of the user agency	Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL)
	Nature of user agency	Central PSU
<b>4.</b>	<b>Particular of Forests</b>	
<b>i.</b>	Name of Forest Division	Benampally
<b>ii.</b>	Area of Forest land for Diversion	4.828 ha
<b>iii.</b>	Legal Status of Forest land	Reserved Forest
<b>iv.</b>	Density of Vegetation	Area = 4.828 Ha. Density = 0.2 Eco class = 3
<b>5.</b>	<b>Maps</b>	
<b>i.</b>	Differential GPS map of the area proposed for diversion	Given and same is available at Pg. 68/c.
<b>ii.</b>	Differential GPS map of the area identified for raising CA	Not given. Google earth image is given at page no. 95/c and same is uploaded online application form of Prat-II in column no. 13 (iii) & (iv)
<b>iii.</b>	Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area proposed for diversion	Given and same is available at Pg. 64-67/c.
<b>iv.</b>	Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area identified for CA	<b>Not given</b>
<b>v.</b>	Land use plan	At page no. 66/c
<b>vi.</b>	Forest Cover map	Not given.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Vegetation</b>	
<b>i.</b>	Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees.	List attached at page no <b>81-93/c</b> and same is uploaded online application form of part-II under column 4 (ii)
<b>ii.</b>	Density	0.3
<b>iii.</b>	Number of trees to be felled	769 trees to be felled
<b>iv.</b>	Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion.	Nil
<b>7.</b>	<b>Vulnerability of area to soil erosion</b>	There is no noticeable erosion
<b>8.</b>	<b>Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion;</b>	No
<b>9.</b>	<b>Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.</b>	-0-
<b>10.</b>	<b>Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a protected area is not notified, then, 10 KM distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ):</b>	-No-
<b>11.</b>	<b>Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so, the details of the area the comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)</b>	-No-
<b>12.</b>	<b>Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so, details thereof.</b>	As reported by DFO in Part-II there is no rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.</b>	As reported by DFO in Part-II there is no Protected archaeological/and Heritage Site in the area
<b>14.</b>	<b>Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.</b>	-Yes-
<b>15.</b>	<b>Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still under progress.</b>	No
<b>16.</b>	<b>Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:</b>	
<b>i.</b>	Details of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	CA proposed in degraded forest land double the forest area proposed for diversion i.e. 4.828 ha and CA will be carried out on Compartment No. 348 of Benampally R.F.
<b>ii.</b>	Area of CA	10.0 ha

iii.	Map showing non-forest/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	<b>Not given</b>
iv.	Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	Given at page no. 96-116/c and Uploaded online application form of Part-II in column 13 (ii)
v.	Total financial outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme.	86.782 lakhs
vi.	Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view. To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservatory of Forests.	<b>Not Given</b>
17.	<b>Documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted enclosed.</b>	<p>The District Collector, Mancherial, Government of Telangana State has issued FRA certificate vide his letter No. B3/889/2017 dated 04.10.2017 (P-77/c) certifying the information in respect of all clauses of the MoEF's advisory dated 05.07.2013 i.e. diversion of 4.828 ha. forest land for facilities managed by the Government and safeguarding the rights of Primitive Tribal Group and Pre-Agricultural Communities as required under the Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, discussion on the proposal in meeting of concerned Gram Sabha (s) maintaining the prescribed quorum, etc. The concerned Gram Sabha (s) of Akenapalli Village Grampachnyat of Belampally Mandal Mancherial District.</p> <p><b>Documentary evidences in support of complete settlements of FRA submitted and same is available at (Pg. 69-76/c).</b></p>
18.	<b>Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer</b>	The Site Inspection Report carried out by the Divisional Forest Officer, North Benampally, Telangana, copy of the same may kindly be seen at (Pg <b>78-79/c</b> ).
19.	<b>Whether the project requires environment clearance</b>	Yes, and the user agency has obtained environment clearance vide letter no. J-11015/97/2004-IA.II(M) on 24.01.2006 ( <b>P-50-55/c</b> ) ( <b>same details not uploaded online application form Part –I in column H</b> )
20.	<b>Status of Wildlife clearance</b>	Not Applicable
21.	<b>Rehabilitation of Oustee</b>	-No-
	Number of SC Families	
	Number of ST families	
	Number of Backward Families	
	Copies of R&R Plan	
22.	<b>Cost Benefit Analysis</b>	Cost benefit ratio of project is 1:3436.74 Cost benefits Analysis report is placed in the file may kindly be seen at (Pg. 44-45/c).
23.	<b>Total Cost of the project</b>	Rupees 237.70 crores it is reported by the State Government.
24.	<b>Employment Potential</b>	As reported by State Government 1147 persons will be generated during the mining operations and will be continued for 20 to 30 years.
25.	<b>Undertakings</b>	

i.	Compensatory Afforestation	At page no. 35/c and uploaded
ii.	Net Present value	At page no. 36/c and uploaded
iii.	Addl. Net Present Value	At page no. 37/c and uploaded
iv.	Extraction of tree growth	At page no. 38/c and uploaded
<b>26.</b>	<b>Profile of the District / Department / Damoh Division</b>	
i.	Geographical Area of the Dist.	16,12,800 ha.
ii.	Total Forest Area	7,16,244 ha.
iii.	Total area diverted since 1980	Area 7774.933 ha. Number of case - 14
iv.	Total area proposed for afforested since 1980	Degraded forest land- not given Penal CA over Forest land 9.3 ha Non-forest land 150.0 ha
v.	Total area afforested since 27.04.2017	Degraded forest land ---- ha Forest land 0 ha. Non-forest land 0 ha.
<b>27.</b>	<b>Recommendation with Specific conditions, (if any)</b>	
	DFO	Recommended. (P-78-79/c )
	CF	Recommended. (P- 30/c )
	PCCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA)	Recommended. (P- 32/c )
	State Govt.	Recommended. (P- 3/c )

#### Background note of the proposal-

1. The Ministry was issued earlier approval vide letter no. 8-87/2001-FC dated 20.12.2005 (p-56-57/c) for **285.89 ha** of forest land for Shanti Khani Extension Block underground mining in favour of M/s SCCL in Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh State. The present proposal is for **sinking of Man Winding Shaft and essential infrastructure in Shantikhani Long Wall Project in Mandamarri area**. Since, it pertains to diversion of additional area of the same proposal.
2. Further it is submitted that the State Government of AP (now TG) was submitted a proposal vide letter no. 17950/2005/F1 dated 10.11.2005 for diversion of 4.88 ha of forest land in Benampally Forest Division for Shaft Sinking of Shanti Khani Long Wall Project in favour of M/s SCCL in which Ministry was accord "In-principle" approval on 18.07.2006 (p-218/c) and Final approval on 14.07.2008 (p-47-48/c).
3. After examination the proposal, the following information are not found:
  - a. Forest cover map is not given.
  - b. SOI Toposheet and DGPS map for CA is not given.
  - c. Site suitability certificate is not given.
4. In view of the above facts related to the proposal, it is proposed that proposal may be placed before FAC for its consideration in its forthcoming meeting scheduled to be held on 26.10.2018.

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