

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 09-08-2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Application for 02nd Renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over 929.29 ha. of forest land involving 15.16 ha for surface use in compartment No.s from 699 to 703, 706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited.-reg (Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/34878/2018).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to attached herewith a copy of the representation received from SCCL vide no. CMD/PS/H/99 dated 18.07.2024 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard it is informed the said representation has been examined and observed the following:

- i. The UA has not paid NPV as per the extant Rules and Guidelines.
- ii. From 2020 onwards as reported by the IGF (Central) in his monitoring report dated 26.06.2023 mining operations were continued and may also be considered as violation.
- iii. The operations of the mine, in case ongoing, shall be stopped till the decision in the matter is taken by the Ministry.**

2. In view of the above, the comments with clear recommendations of the State Government shall be provided on the representation of the UA along with compliance of the guidelines as mentioned in Para 7.7 (iii) of the handbook issued under VSEA, 1980 and Adhinyam Rules 2023 in case the State Govt. recommends and consider the instant proposal for deemed extension as requested by the UA.

3. In addition, the State government shall also clarify whether, the State Govt. will further pursue the proposal for 2nd renewal submitted earlier and for which the reply to the EDS raised by the Ministry's letter dated 10.11.2023 is still awaited.

Signed by

Yours Sincerely,

Encl: as above.

Dheeraj Mittal

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Date: 09-08-2024 20:02:35

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. DDGF (C) Regional Office, Chennai, of MoEF&CC.
4. IGF (C) Sub-office, Hyderabad, of MoEF&CC.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, of MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. User Agency.



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited

(A Government Company)

Regd. Office :
Kothagudem Collieries - 507 101.
Bhadradri Kothagudem District,
Telangana State, India.

Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills,
P.B. No. 18, Khairatabad (P.O.)
Hyderabad-500 004, Telangana State, India
CIN : U10102TG1920SGC000571

Ref. No:CMD/PS/H/99

Date:18.07.2024

To

The Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, — on tour
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Paryavaran Bhavan,
New Delhi, 110001. ADG (FC)

Sir,

Sub:- F (C) Act- 2nd renewal of diversion of 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use for Indaram mining lease in Mancherial District, Telangana for Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.(SCCL) – request to grant Permission to continue the mining operations till grant of Stage-I - Reg.

- Ref:-
1. SCCL Lr.No: SRP/EST/M-3/2018/218, Dt. 19.07.2018.
 2. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dt. 29.06.2021.
 3. MoEF &CC, Gol Lr.No. F.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), Dt 11.08.2021
 4. MoEF &CC, Gol Lr.No. F.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), Dt 14.01.2022
 5. MoEF &CC, Gol Lr.No. F.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), Dt .04.2022
 6. MoEF &CC, Gol Lr.No. F.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), Dt 22.08.2022
 7. MoEF &CC, Gol Lr.No. F.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), Dt 21.02.2023
 8. MoEF &CC, Gol Lr.No. F.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), Dt 10.11.2023.
 9. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dt. 23.11.2021.
 10. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dt. 04.02.2022.
 11. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dt. 26.05.2022.
 12. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dt. 29.11.2022.
 13. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dt. 13.10.2023.
 14. SCCL, Lr.No CRP/EST/F/510/850, dtd 04.12.2023

Kind attention is invited to the subject cited, it is to bring to your kind notice that vide reference 1st cited, SCCL submitted application for 2nd renewal of Indaram mining lease diversion of 929.29 ha of forest land (involving 15.18 ha for surface use) in Indaram RF, of Mancherial Forest Division, Telangana State. Vide reference 2nd cited, the State Government has recommended the proposal and forwarded to MoEF&CC, Gol for approval and grant of Stage-I. The MoEF&CC, Gol placed the proposal before Forest Advisory Committee in its meetings held on 31.03.2022, 01.08.2022 & 27.01.2023. The FAC discussed and differed the proposal, sought additional Information.

Vide references 3rd to 7th cited, The MoEF &CC, Gol had raised EDS and the State government has submitted the replies to the EDS raised by the MoEF&CC, Gol vide references 09th to 13th cited. (Copies of EDS and Replies are enclosed for kind perusal).

Recently, vide reference 8th cited, the MoEF&CC, Gol raised EDS regarding approval of Mining plan for the area proposed for future exploration(342.36 Ha) and also to rationalise the area of 106.10 Ha as the MoEF&CC, Gol was already granted Stage-II, in the proposal of 162.45 Ha for Srirampur OCP-II expansion.

Accordingly, the SCCL has submitted the EDS reply to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Telangana, vide reference 14th cited as follows:

To recommend for renewal of Indaram Mining Lease diversion of Forest land for UG diversion of an area of 484.52 Ha considering the following:

- i. By excluding the 106.10 Ha area of land for which stage –II obtained in the IML area.*
- ii. By excluding the 338.67 Ha area for which no mining plan approval.*

It is to submit that there are 05 Mines (04 underground and 01 Opencast) covered in the Indaram Mining lease. Out of which, One Mine (RK-7 Incline) Mining operations are presently falling in Indaram Mining Lease(929.29 Ha) and Other Mines are working in adjacent leases and Diversions(NGML & IEML)

In this regard, SCCL would like to bring few lines regarding Indaram Mining Lease

- 1) SCCL has submitted proposal for renewal of forest diversion for indaram Mining Lease (929.29 Ha) two years prior to the expiry of date.
- 2) SCCL also submitted application for Temporary working permission to the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana before expiry of validity of forest land vide Lr.No. SRP/EST/M/3/2018/73, dated 26.02.2020.
- 3) It is to submit that, the State Government has granted extension to Indaram Mining Lease to an extent of 2044.34 Ha (including 929.29 Ha Forest land) as per the Mineral Concession Rules -2021, vide G.O.Ms.No.9, Energy (Power. II) Department, dated 16.04.2022 valid upto 28.07.2030.
- 4) As per the Hand Book of consolidated guidelines of 2019, there is no provision for extension of validity of Forest diversion with the validity of Mining Lease granted under the provisions Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021 for Coal and Lignite.
- 5) After amendment of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021, the provision for deemed to have been extended up to a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease also included to Coal and Lignite in its recent Guidelines given in 2023.

- 6) As per the clause No.(iii) of Chapter 7.7 of consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) rules 2023, "In case of existing coal mining leases, period of validity of approvals accorded under clause (ii) of subsection (1) of section-2 of the Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be extended and shall be deemed to have been extended up to a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease granted under the provisions Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021"
- a) Realization of NPV by the State Government, if not already realized, within the period specified by the MoEF&CC.
- b) In case NPV has not been already realized and the State Government fails to realize NPV as mentioned in (i) above, approval accorded under The Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam shall be kept in abeyance till such time NPV is realized.
- 7) In the present proposal, SCCL has not paid the NPV as there is No provision for payment of NPV in 1st renewal. For the current proposal SCCL submitted undertaking for payment of NPV.
- 8) Further, sudden stoppage of Mine will leads to spontaneous heating / Fire problems in the Mine. To avoid the situation SCCL is forced to continue the partial Mining operations/ maintenance of machinery and panels in RK-7 Incline to prevent the spontaneous heating/ fire, safety of men & machinery, difficulties in deploying the man power & IR problems.

Now SCCL is ready to pay the NPV as per the revised NPV rates as mentioned in the clause No.(iii) of Chapter 7.7 of consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 to get the deemed extension of validity of forest land to coterminous with the validity of Mining Lease. An under taking to that effect is enclosed.

In view of the Facts above, as the renewal is under process, it is requested to advise the concerned to issue demand for NPV and also grant Permission to continue Mining Operations in Indaram Mining Lease till grant of Stage-II for an extent of 484.52 Ha of forest land (including 15.18 Ha surface use).

Yours faithfully,


Chairman & Managing Director

Enclosure: as above.

Copy submitted to:

The Integrated Regional Officer, MOEF &CC, GOI, Hyderabad, for favour of information.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Telangana , for favour of information.

The District Forest Officer, Mancherial for favour of information.



THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government Company)

Application for prior approval u/s. 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of 2nd renewal of diversion of 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use for Indaram mining lease in Mancherial District, Telangana for Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.(SCCL).

UNDERTAKING FOR PAYMENT OF NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV)

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) hereby undertakes to deposit funds towards payment of Net Present Value (NPV) for the diversion of 2nd renewal of diversion of 929.29 ha of forest land (involving 15.18 ha for surface use) for Indaram mining lease in Mancherial District, Telangana as per the demand issued by the State Forest Department.




General Manager,
Srirampur Area.
General Manager
SRIRAMPUR



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited

(A Government Company)

Srirampur Area.

Ref. No. SRP/EST/M-3/2018/218

Date: 19.07.2018

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

Sir,

Kind Attention of Addl. Prl. CCF & Nodal Officer.

Sub: Application for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over reduced extent of 929.29 Ha. (9.29 Sq. K.Ms) Forest land involving 15.18 Ha. for surface use in Compartment Nos. 699 to 703, 706 to 709, 711 to 714 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range and Division of Mancherial District – Reg.

Ref:- PCCF, Hyd, Rc.No. 9982/2018/FCA-1/PS, dated 13.06.2018.

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Kind attention is invited to the subject cited. It is to submit that the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (S.C.Co. Ltd.) is a Government Company jointly owned by Government of Telangana and Government of India. The Company has been exploiting Coal for more than 125 years. Over the years, the Company has expanded its exploration and exploitation activities in Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Pro. Jayashankar Bhoopalpally, Peddapalli, Mancherial & Komuram Bheem Asifabad Districts of Telangana State. SCCL is having 44 coal mining leases spread over in the above Districts and operating 29 Nos. of Underground Mines and 19 Nos. Opencast Mines producing around 60.0 Million Tonnes of Coal per annum.

2. It is to submit that to meet the increasing demand of Coal from Power Sector and to compensate loss of Coal production due to depletion of reserves from on-going underground mine as well as open cast projects, SCCL has envisaged opening of deep shaft projects for large-scale production.

3. The Indaram Mining Lease was originally sanctioned by State Govt. vide G.O.Ms.No.438, dtd.28.5.1979 over an extent of 2900 Ha.(29 Sq.Kms.) for a period of 20 years from 29.07.1980. Subsequently, MoEF vide letter No.FC(A)/16.1/AP/II/MIN, dtd.23.2.1996 diverted 6.20 Ha. of Forest land (falling in Indaram Mining Lease) for

surface use for RK.8 Incline mine. Similarly, MoEF vide letter No.8-70/90-FC dtd.23.2.1998, diverted 8.96 Ha. of Forest land for surface use for Ravindra Khan New Tech underground mine which is also covered in the same Lease. As such, altogether 15.16 Ha. of Forest land diverted for surface use and CA land to an extent of 21.36 Ha (8.96 + 12.40) given in Rallapet, Gurijala and Bhoodakalan Villages in Bellampalli Forest Division and CA charges paid to Forest Dept. Further, MoEF vide Lr.No.8-1/2000-FC, dtd.28.11.2001 granted 1st Renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over an area of 1070 Ha. Forest land for a period of 20 years. The extent of Forest land was subsequently modified by MoEF vide Lr.No.8-1/2000-FC, dtd.20.3.2002 as 1054.84 Ha. instead of 1070 Ha., excluding 15.16 Ha. which was already diverted by MoEF for surface use as stated above. Boundary pillars have been constructed all along the boundary of 1070 Ha.

4. As the present lease period is expiring on 23.7.2020, and balance coal reserves are still to be extracted from this lease area, SCCL intend to apply for 2nd renewal of existing lease. As per MoEF guidelines, SCCL had done survey of Forest area involved in the lease with DGPS instrument along with local Forest officials concerned. As per the survey, the Forest area covered in Indaram Mining Lease comes to 929.29 Ha. only against earlier projected area of 1070 Ha. The difference in the extent of Forest area is due to mistakes in the survey done during earlier lease period since no accurate Survey Instruments were available during the olden days. The Forest area diverted for surface use falling in this lease area covering an extent of 15.16 Ha. (6.20 + 8.96) have also been surveyed with DGPS instrument and these extents are found as 6.20 Ha. and 8.98 Ha. The raw data of proposed Mining Lease area and areas already diverted for surface use along with the DGPS surveyed plans, co-ordinates are submitted to PCCF, Hyderabad for authentication. Accordingly, the PCCF, Hyderabad, vide letter cited communicated the authentication of DGPS plan and confirmed the Forest extent(copy enclosed).

5. The present application is for prior approval for diversion of reduced extent of 929.29 Ha. (9.29 Sq. K.Ms) Forest land involving 15.18 Ha. for surface use in Compartment Nos. 699 to 703, 706 to 709, 711 to 714 in Indaram RF, Mancherla Range and Division in Mancherla District for 2nd Renewal of Indaram Mining Lease for further period of 20 years.

The application in Form-B along with necessary documents for prior approval under Section 2 of F (C) Act, 1980, Part-I duly filled in seven (7) sets is submitted. The proposed diversion of 929.29 Ha. (9.29 Sq. K.Ms) Forest land involving 15.18 Ha. for surface use is required for 2nd Renewal of Mining lease for further period of 20 years.

7. Therefore, it is requested to kindly arrange to process and forward the application to Government of India through Govt. of Telangana State for prior approval for diversion of 929.29 Ha. (9.29 Sq. K.Ms) Forest land involving 15.18 Ha. for surface use in Compartment Nos. 699 to 703, 706 to 709, 711 to 714 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range and Division in Mancherial District, for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease for further period of 20 years.

Yours:faithfully,

~~General Manager~~
General Manager,
Srirampur Area
The Srirampur Area
Po, Srirampur Colony
Dist: Adilabad-504 303

Encl:- As above.

Copy to:

The Conservator of Forests
& Field Director Project Tiger, Nirmal.
The District Forest Officer, Mancherial,
The Forest Divisional Officer, Mancherial.

} for favour of information please.

NOO:

GM(Estates), GM(P&P), GM(Env.)

} together with a copy of application for information and office record please.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:29.06.2021

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi -110 003. (w.e.)

Sir,

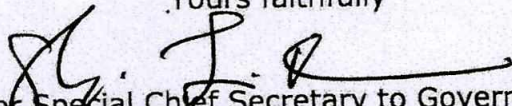
Sub:- F(C) Act, 1980 – Application for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt.Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited. – Reg.

Ref:- From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,
Dated:26.03.2021.

I am to enclose a copy of the reference cited, along with statutory proforma proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, Application for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt.Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, subject to the conditions stipulated in part – II & III.

2. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, at an early date.

Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests (C),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), 1st & 2nd floor, HEPC Building,
No.34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Chairman & Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company
Limited, Singareni Bhavan Red Hills Hyderabad.
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Alligarj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 11th August, 2021

To,

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
EFS&T Dept.,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Application for 02nd Renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over 929.29 ha. of forest land involving 15.16 ha for surface use in compartment No.s from 699 to 703, 706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited.-reg (Online proposal No. FI/FC/MIN/34878/2018),.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.1398/For.I (1)/2021 dated 29th June, 2021 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the proposal the Ministry has observed the following shortcomings:

- i. The present lease period expired on 23.07.2020, But the State Govt. has submitted the proposal 29.06.2021. In this regard the State Govt. may submit the valid reason for delay in submission of proposal for 02nd renewal. Further, the status of mining work over forest land after expiry of lease period may kindly be provided.
- ii. The Complete KML file of CA areas which was already carried out in response to this Ministry approval letter dt 23.02.1998 (8.90 ha) and 23.02.1996 (6.2 ha) may be forwarded to this Ministry.
- iii. The Complete Compliance of FRA 2006 may be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal.
- iv. The CB report uploaded is not countersigned by the concerned DFO. in this regard the UA may upload the revised CB Report duly countersigned by the Concerned DFO.

In view of above the State Govt. is requested to furnish the above information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Sandeep Sharma)

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: April, 2022

To,
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Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.1398/For.I (1)/2021 dated 29.06.2021, 23.11.2021 and 04.02.2022 with respect to the above mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31.03.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting is uploaded in the parivesh.nic.in. After through deliberation, the FAC deferred the proposal and desired following information to be furnished:-

- i. Complete detail of mining leases covered within the approved forest area of 929.90 ha may be provided by the State along with the nature of mining operations i.e. opencast or underground.
- ii. Forest area overlapping in the underground and opencast mines needs to be worked out and forest area proposed for renewal in the extant proposal may accordingly be rationalized and submitted by the State along with supporting details.
- iii. Detail of NPV and CA, if any, realized from the user agency in the past by the State.
- iv. Detail of mining operations, if any carried out by the agency, in contravention to the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Rules and Guidelines made thereunder needs to be intimated by the State.
- v. Implications of the amendments affected in the MMDR Act, 1957 from time to

time on the extant renewal proposal and relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC needs to be examined and intimated.

In view of above, it is requested that the State Government may submit the information/documents as stated above to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Hyderabad.
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated: 21 February, 2023

To,

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.1398/For. I (1)/2021 dated 29th June, 2021 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2023. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. After going through the details of the proposal, the FAC deferred the proposal for want of the below mentioned information:

(i) There is an overlapping of the area within the various underground and open cast mines, which is required to be worked out. The State Govt. shall examine the matter and submit the detail with the respective mining plans involved/overlapping with instant proposal along with lease details.

(ii) The State Govt. shall revise the area proposed for diversion keeping in view the already approved Mines involved in the instant proposal.

(iii) Consolidated mining plan shall be submitted after rationalizing the overlapping area involved in instant proposal.

In view of the above the Government of Telangana is requested to furnish the above information/documents for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Dheeraj Mittal

Date: 22-02-2023 09:35:48

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad.
4. The Monitoring Cell, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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To,

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Telangana's letter No.1398/For. I (1)/2021 dated 13.10.2023 forwarding the additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 21.02.2023 and to say that the after examination of the additional information following information required to be submitted by the State for further action in the matter:

- i. It has been informed by the State that out of 929.29 ha area, balance area of 342.36 ha is not for mining activity. This area is proposed for further exploration and expansion of existing projects. Hence, approved Mining Plan for 342.36 ha has not been prepared/approved. In this regard the State Govt. shall offer comments that why this area is not excluded from the proposed forest land for diversion and the same be handed over to the State Forest Department.
- ii. Copy of the approved mining plan of excluding the area of 342.36 ha./or the amalgamated mining plan wrt conversion of underground to open cast mining has not been submitted. The same requires submission.

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- iii. Since, there is change in the area proposed for diversion (considering the proposed exclusion and also the area having no mining plan), this will lead to changes in required the CA land and CA scheme. The State Govt is requested to submit revised details in this regard along with revised KML files.

In view of the above the Government of Telangana is requested to kindly furnish the above information at the earliest for further processing of the proposal under FCA, 1980.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. DDGF (C) Regional Office, Chennai, of MoEF&CC.
4. IGF (C) Sub-office, Hyderabad, of MoEF&CC.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, of MoEF&CC, New-Delhi.
6. User Agency.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1398/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:23.11.2021.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi - 110 003. (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub:- EFS&T Dept. - F(C) Act, 1980 - Application for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt.Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited.-Reg.

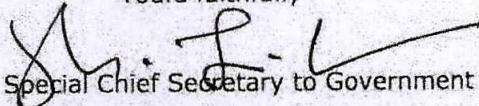
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Dated:26.03.2021.

2.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:29.06.2021.

3.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,
Dated:09.11.2021

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Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
SC.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1398/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:04.02.2022.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T(Forest) Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

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To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
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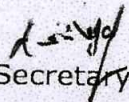
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FCA-4, Dated:26.03.2021.
2.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:29.06.2021.
3.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.9982/2018/
FCA-4, Dated:09.11.2021.
4.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:23.11.2021.
5. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.9982/2018/
FCA-4, Dated:27.01.2022.

I am to forward the additional information in respect of the proposal for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt.Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, as reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 5th cited(copy enclosed), for taking necessary further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
SC.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1398/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:26.05.2022.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T (Forest)Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road,
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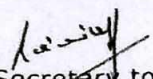
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Dated:26.03.2021.
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3.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,
Dated:09.11.2021.
4.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:23.11.2021.
5. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,
Dated:27.01.2022.
6. Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:04.02.2022.
7.From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S.,Hyd, Ref.No.FC4/FC29/2/2022,
Dated:06.05.2022

I am to forward herewith the additional information in respect of the proposal for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt.Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, as reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 7th cited(copy enclosed), for taking necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
SC.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:29.11.2022.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department, Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.



To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003. (w.e.)

Sir,

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- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Ref.No.9982/2018/FCA-4, Dated:26.03.2021.
 - 2.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:29.06.2021.
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 - 6.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:04.02.2022.
 - 7.From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.FC4/FC29/2/2022, Dated:06.05.2022.
 - 8.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:26.05.2022.
 - 9.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad, Ref.No.FC4/FC29 /3/2022, Dated:19.11.2022.

I am to forward the additional information in respect of the proposal for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over 929.29 Ha of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt. Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, as reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 9th cited (copy enclosed), for taking necessary further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
for SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
SC.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

Letter.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:13.10.2023.

From
The Additional Secretary to Government,
EFS&T(Forest) Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003. (w.e.)


Sir,

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2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest
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to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial
Range of Mancherial forest division in Mancherial District in
favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited- **Furnishing
of Additional information**-Regarding.

- Ref:- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Ref.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,
Dated:26.03.2021.
2.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:29.06.2021.
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/3/2022, Dated:19.11.2022.
10.Govt.Lr.No.1398/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:29.11.2022.
11.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad, Ref.No.FC4/
FC29/2/2022, Dated:07.10.2023.

I am to forward the additional information in respect of the proposal
for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over **929.29 Ha** of forest
land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in Compt. Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709
and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest
division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company
Limited, as reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 11th cited (copy enclosed), for and
request to grant of 2nd renewal of proposed forest diversion for an extent of
823.19 Ha (including 15.18Ha of surface rights) with co-terminus of the
mining lease, for taking necessary further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


for Additional Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.



THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government Company)

Registered Office

Kothagudem Collieries (P.O.)-507 101, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Telangana State

CIN: U10102TG1920SGC000571

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DEC 2023

Ref: - CRP/EST/F/510/850

Date: 04.12.2023

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FCA)
Telangana Forest Department
Aranya Bhavan
Hyderabad

Sir,

Sub: - F (C) Act- 2nd renewal of Indaram mining lease over 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use, Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District (on line proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/34878/2013) - submission of additional information sought by the MoEF&CC, Gol - request to submit these details to the MoEF&CC, Gol through State Government. - Reg.

- Ref:
1. SCCL Lr. No. SRP/EST/M-3/2018/218, Dt. 19.07.2018.
 2. MoEF Lr. No. FC(A)/16.1/AP/II/MIN, dtd 23.2.1996.
 3. Govt. of Telangana Lr. No. 460/For.I(1)/2019. Dtd. 16.08.2022
 4. The MoEF&CC, Gol Ref No 8-01/2000- FC(Vol) Dt.21.02.2023.
 5. PCCF&HoFF, TS Lr No. FC4/FC29/3/2022, dtd.28.02.2023.
 6. SCCL Lr.No. CRP/EST/F/510/676, dtd 26.09.2023.
 7. PCCF, TS Lr.No FC4/FC29/2022, dtd 07/10/2023.
 - 8.State Govt Lr.No 1398/For.I(1)/2021 dtd 13.10.2023.
 9. MoEF&CC, Gol Lr.No. 8-01/2000-FC(Vol), dtd 10.11.2023.

It is to bring your kind notice that vide reference 1st cited, SCCL submitted application for 2nd renewal of forest diversion in Indaram mining lease (IML) over 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use in Indaram RF, of Mancherial Forest Division.

The MoEF&CC, Gol, vide reference 9th cited sought certain additional information. Accordingly, point wise information is submitted herewith.

Point No.(i): - It has been informed by the State that out of 929.29 ha area, balance area of 342.36 ha is not for mining activity. This area is proposed for further exploration and expansion of existing projects. Hence, approved Mining Plan for 342.36 ha has not been prepared/approved. In this regard the State Govt. shall offer comments that why this area is not excluded from the proposed forest land for diversion and the same be handed over to the State Forest Department.

Received on
12/12/2023

DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,
MANCHERIAL

Dy. Est. Mgnt

Received
12/12/2023
PCCF & FDPT
Mancherial

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Number No. 1844
Date. 04.12.2023

Enclosure: as above.

Copy submitted to:


The Integrated Regional Officer, MOEF &CC, GOI, Hyderabad, for favor of information.

^{KTR}
The Chief Conservator of Forests, ~~Kaleswaram~~ Circle, for favor of information.

The District Forest Officer, Mancherial for favour of information.

GM(SRP)

Yours faithfully,


12/12/23
General Manager (Estates)