

F. No. 8-216/1985-FC (pt.-I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110 003
Dated: 23rd January, 2015

To

The Special Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department
Government of Telangana
Hyderabad.

Sub: Diversion of 4,902.00 hectares of forest land in favour of M/s. Singareni Colliery Company Limited for 2nd Renewal of Tandur Mining Lease.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No. 3114//For. I (1)/2014-1 dated 13th November 2014 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of 4,902.00 hectares of forest land in favour of M/s. Singareni Colliery Company Limited for 2nd Renewal of Tandur Mining Lease, was sought, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After examination of the said proposal and recommendations made by the FAC, I am directed to say that State Government and the user agency shall submit undertakings to the effect that from the records available with them they are certain that mention of 2,808 hectares in place of 28.08 square miles in this Ministry's said letter dated 7th October 1986 is purely a typographical error and they take full responsibility for any complications which may arise at a later date in respect of issue of appropriate corrigendum by this Ministry to rectify the said typographical error and they will abide with any directions, including direction to make payment of any sum, which this Ministry may issue in this regard on any future date.

I am also directed to say that the following information/documents may be provided to this Ministry for its further necessary action in the matter:

- (i) A copy of certificate in the prescribed format 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

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diverted along with a copy of the resolution of the concerned gram sabhas containing their consent for proposed diversion of forest land.

- (ii) Details and the extent of the area encroached/ used for non-forestry purpose in 2371 ha of non-coal bearing forest land which has been deleted from mining lease while submitting the application for 2nd renewal of the mining lease.
- (iii) Provision made in approved mine closure plan for closure of following closed mines and actual action taken to close these mines:
 - (a) MKV-3 incline: 119.47 hectares
 - (b) MKV-5 incline: 243.29 hectares
 - (c) Goleti-3 incline: 84.82 hectares
 - (d) MKV-6 incline: 88.31 hectares

I am further directed to say that the State Government may examine, in consultation with the Ministries of Coal and Mines the validity of their action to execute the lease deed for 1st renewal of mining lease for a period of 30 years with effect from 1st January 1985 to 31st December 2014. State Government, under intimation to this Ministry may take appropriate corrective or punitive action(s), in case it is found by any of these Ministries that the same was in contravention of the Rules which were in force on the date of execution of the said renewal deed.

Yours faithfully,

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(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai.
4. User Agency.
- ✓ 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

22/10/2014
(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director