



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

Letter. No.460/For.I(1)/2019

Dated:16-08-2022

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: FCA, 1980 - Diversion of **162.457 Ha** of forest land in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District for grant of Mining lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project in Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area, Mancherial District - Compliance Report Furnished - Reg.

- Ref: 1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd., Lr.No.9917/2017/FCA
- 1/PS,Dt.24.01.2019.
2. Govt. Lr.No.460/For.I (1)/2019, Dt:13.02.2019.
3. From the Dy. Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC,
New Delhi, F.No.8-06/2019-FC, Dt.04.07.2019.
4. Govt. Memo No.460/For.I(1)/2019, Dt.10.10.2019.
5. From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S.,Hyd.Lr.No.9917/2017/FCA1/PS,
Dt:23.08.2019.
6. Govt. Lr.No.460/For.I (1)/2019, Dt.27.12.2019.
7. From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S.,Hyd.Lr.No.9917/2017/FCA1/PS,
Dt:05.08.2020.
8. Govt. Lr. No.460/For.I (1)/2019, Dt.26.09.2020.
9. From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S.,Hyd.Lr.No.9917/2017/FCA1/PS,
Dt:08.09.2020.
10. Govt.Lr. No.460/For.I (1)/2019, Dt.14.10.2020.
11. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Lr.No.9917/2017/FCA-1/
PS, Dt:30.09.2020
12. Govt. Letter.No.460/For.I(1)/2019, Dt:23.11.2020.
13. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.9917/2017/FCA-
4, Dt:04.01.2021.
14. Govt. Letter No.460/For.I(1)/2019, Dated:23.01.2021.
15. From the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-06/2019-FC,
Dt:12.03.2021.
16. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC4/FC29/
17/2022-FCA Section(9917/2017/FCA-4), Dt.05.08.2022.

I, am to invite your attention to the reference 15th cited, and I am to inform that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, have accorded approval in-principle (Stage-I) U/s 2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980, for diversion of **162.457 Ha** of forest land in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District for grant of Mining lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project in Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Srirampur Area, Mancherial District, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

2. I am to further informed that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, in his letter 16th cited, has submitted condition wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated in in-principle (Stage-I) approval. The details of compliance report are as follows:-

A:Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

C. No	Description of Condition	Reply
(i)	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05.02.2009.The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;	M/s.SCCL (User Agency) has deposited an amount of Rs.11,26,73,300/- towards cost of Net present Value which is a part of total amount of Rs.32,56,82,000/- deposited through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579939285 on Dt: 25.04.2022 into the Adhoc Telangana CAMPA account by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. Same has been confirmed as paid status in the portal.
(ii)	From the analysis of the area through DSS it is observed that a river exists on the southern boundary of Srirampur mining lease area that flows through/alongside large forest area on the downstream at some distance of these leases. Therefore, it is essential to protect the water source for the sustainability of flora and fauna there The User agency shall get a detailed plan (comprising of vegetative and SMC protection barriers, and duly approved by the competent authority in the forest department) prepared by an expert agency and implement it to protect the river bank so that debris, etc. from mines doesn't block or reduce water flow in the river and cause adverse impact on the flora and fauna in the downstream forested area. The plan shall be implemented within 3 years of handing over of proposed forest land to the User Agency;	The User Agency (UA) has furnished the Vegetative and Soil Moisture Conservation Plan for Rs.13,98,84,000/- in consultation with forest department which is enclosed herewith. The UA will implement the plan within three years of handing over of the forest land diverted. Further, if any other works shall be implemented as per the field requirement during the execution of works.
(iii)	The area has several coal mines in the vicinity which together had/have been affecting the natural forest cover in this locality in a significant manner, and, therefore, CA over lands other than notified forest would have been ideal scenario. Therefore, keeping in view the goal of harmonious pursual of	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raising of Compensatory Afforestation on double the degraded forest area in lieu of the diversion area proposed and accepted. 2. M/.SCCL has stated that a Board Resolution has been obtained from the Board of Directors of SCCL vide Minute No. 558:5:18 dated 25.09.2021 at Hyderabad.

	<p>conservation and development, it was agreed to accept the proposal of Compensatory Afforestation on double the degraded notified forest area under forest department on the condition that in addition to the proposed CA, non-forest area equivalent in size to the diverted forest area shall be made available and mutated in favour of State Forest Department out of the area available immediately after the closure and rehabilitation of mines of M/S SCCL from 2027-28 (or, earlier) onwards as submitted by M/S SCCL vide their letter no. CMD/PS/H/129, dated 29.09.2020. A Board resolution in this regard shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Forest Department, and the State Forest Department will accordingly ensure the compliance of this condition in a timely manner. The land so mutated shall be notified under the relevant sections of the Forest Act as a Reserve Forest. After handing over, the State Forest Department shall protect the so transferred land and may develop it further at own cost for bringing the area under sustainable forest management. For CA on notified forest land, Nodal Officer shall give a certificate that no Afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme on that land in the last ten years;</p>	<p>(Copy enclosed). This has been authorised to handover equal extent of rehabilitated OB dumps from 2027-28 onwards.</p> <p>3. Before handing over rehabilitated OB dumps, the said lands will be mutated in favour of forest department.</p>
(iv)	<p>The KML files of diverted area, the CA area and the areas mentioned in sub-clause (ii), (iii) and B(iii) shall be uploaded on e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The KML files of Diverted area of 162.45 Ha and CA area of 324.90 Ha is enclosed in CD. 2. The CA DFL areas are uploaded in the ministry's portal along with the compliance report. 3. For condition B(iii), the CA DFL kml files and diversion area are uploaded in the egreenwatch portal.
(v)	<p>As reported by DFO, Mancherla Division and endorsed by State Government, the User Agency (M/s SCCL) is having two operational open cast mining projects, namely SRP-1 and RKP OC, 4 underground mines and soon to be operational Indaram OC mines. The two operational mines and the Indaram OC will produce about 829 million tons and about 382 million tons of</p>	<p>M/s.SCCL has stated that they will organize this exposure visit at the project cost as and when names of the forest officers are finalized and furnished to the SCCL.</p> <p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect.</p> <p>For this expose foreign visit, names of the forest officers will be proposed and necessary permission will be obtained from the Government and details</p>

	<p>overburden respectively within their lifetime. It is, therefore, crucial to undertake overburden restoration/ stabilization as the mining progresses as per high scientific to minimize further damage to flora, fauna, soil and hydrology of the adjoining area due to such huge overburden accumulation. As this is a new area of technical expertise, the User Agency has proposed to create adequate capacity in the State Forest Department so that the Eco-restoration of the overburden and the mined out area could be monitored effectively, and for this purpose to expose a team of at least 10 forest officers to global best practice being implemented in coalmines of Australia / New Zealand, etc. at User Agency cost. The recommendation of State Government as reported in the proposal and conveyed by PCCF(HoFF), Telangana and agreed to by the representative of User Agency in the meeting may be accepted on the condition that the visit is approved by the State Government and the admissible expenditure as per norms on this account is reimbursed by the User Agency to the Forest Department.</p>	<p>furnished to Ministry before sending officers to visit and after return from visit.</p>
(vi)	<p>The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department;</p>	<p>As per the Demand Notice issued by the FDO, Mancherial, the User Agency has paid an amount of Rs.21,86,257/- towards Extraction of tree growth into the PD account of FDO, Mancherial account which is a part of Rs. 61,19,567/- deposited RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579931581 on 25.04.2022.</p> <p>Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.</p>
(vii)	<p>The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale;</p>	<p>The identified CA land has been depicted on SOI Topo sheet, which is enclosed.</p>
(viii)	<p>The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory Afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works</p>	<p>M/s.SCCL (User Agency) has deposited an amount of Rs.20,95,53,800/- towards cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation with 10 years of maintenance which is a part of total amount of Rs.32,56,82,000/- deposited through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579939285 on Dt: 25.04.2022 into the Adhoc Telangana CAMPA account by</p>

	scheduled for subsequent years	generating the challan in the ministry's portal. Same has been confirmed as paid status in the portal.										
(ix)	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.	<p>M/s.SCCL (User Agency) has deposited an amount of Rs.32,56,82,000/- towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net present Value, Safety zone area through NEFT / RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579939285 on Dt: 25.04.2022 into the Adhoc Telangana CAMPA account by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. Same has been confirmed as paid status in the portal.</p> <p>The details of funds deposited are as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Description of Item</th><th>Amount in Rs</th></tr><tr><td>Cost of NPV-C.No.A(i)</td><td>112673300</td></tr><tr><td>Cost of Compensatory Afforestation in 324.90 ha-C.No.B(v)</td><td>209553800</td></tr><tr><td>Cost of afforestation one-and-half-times SZA in 4.35 ha-B(ix)</td><td>3454900</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>325682000</td></tr></table>	Description of Item	Amount in Rs	Cost of NPV-C.No.A(i)	112673300	Cost of Compensatory Afforestation in 324.90 ha-C.No.B(v)	209553800	Cost of afforestation one-and-half-times SZA in 4.35 ha-B(ix)	3454900	Total	325682000
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(x)	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	Complied and uploaded.										
(xi)	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;	M/s.SCCL (User Agency) has furnished the RoFR certificate in Form-II from the District Collector, Mancherial vide Rc.No.D4/1232/2017 Dt. 10.08.2018, and enclosed again.										
(xii)	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter1 of the Hand book of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FCdated 28.03.2019;	<p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed.</p> <p>The State Forest Department will take necessary action in the event of violations committed by the user agency, if any.</p>										
(xiii)	The KML files of diverted forest land , CA area and other areas over which plantation and any other activities are proposed to be taken up from CAMPA fund shall be up loaded on e-green watch portal	The CA DFL and diversion area KML files will be uploaded in the egreenwatch portal.										

B: Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

C. No	Description of Condition	Compliance
(i)i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed.
(ii)	The validity of FC approval shall be up to 27.6.2030;	Agreed. The validity of FC approval will be co-terminus with the mining lease.
(iii)	In addition to CA, restoration of degraded notified forests in an area equivalent to the diverted forest area will be undertaken at the cost of the User Agency in between Mancherla and Jaipur, as is being done elsewhere in Telangana State. The restoration work shall start within 6 months of handing over of proposed forest land to the User Agency;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed.
(iv)	The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed.
(v)	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 324.9 ha. Degraded forest land (Compartment no. / Khasra No.691, 693, 698, 687, 688, 689, 690, Adilabad District) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance;	M/s.SCCL (User Agency) has deposited an amount of Rs.20,95,53,800/- towards cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation with 10 years of maintenance which is a part of total amount of Rs.32,56,82,000/- deposited through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579939285 on Dt:25.04.2022 into the Adhoc Telangana CAMPA account by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. Same has been confirmed as paid status in the portal.
(vi)	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed herewith.

(vii)	<p>The future forest diversion proposals in the coal mining projects of the User Agency (those which have not been forwarded to the Central Government by the State Governments as yet) shall have CA undertaken on areas outside notified forests. CA on degraded notified forests in these cases shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances when:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State Government has issued a certificate that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forest boundary is not available for CA purpose, and The Nodal Officer has certified that no afforestation/ plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/ scheme in the degraded forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years 	<p>M/s.SCCL agrees with this condition, furnished and undertaking, and enclosed herewith.</p>
(viii)	<p>Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area [7.5 meters strip shall be kept within the mining lease boundary and area of the safety zone shall be part of the total area of mining lease] shall be done at the project cost within three years and maintained thereafter as per approved working plan of the State Govt.;</p>	<p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed.</p> <p>A detailed plan was prepared by the SCCL and submitted to Forest Divisional Officer, Mancherial on 02.11.2021. which is accepted by the department,</p>
(ix)	<p>The User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake afforestation on degraded forest land, at project cost, one and half time in extent to the area used for safety zone;</p>	<p>M/s.SCCL (User Agency) has deposited an amount of Rs.34,54,900/- towards cost of Safety zone area which is a part of total amount of Rs.32,56,82,000/- deposited through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579939285 on Dt: 25.04.2022 into the Adhoc Telangana CAMPA account by generating the challan in the ministry's portal. Same has been confirmed as paid status in the portal.</p>
(x)	<p>Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;</p>	<p>The State govt has issued an order vide G.O.Ms.No.9, Energy (Power.II) dept dated 16.04.2022 for Indaram Mining Lease valid upto 28.07.2030.</p> <p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.</p>
(xi)	<p>The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;</p>	<p>Environment Clearance for the proposed expansion project has been submitted to MoEF & CC, GoI vide proposal no.IA/TG/CMIN/187387/2017 dated 02.11.2022 and EAC meeting is</p>

		awaited. Once EC is granted by the Ministry, same will be furnished, and enclosed herewith.										
(xii)	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.										
(xiii)	The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;	<p>The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs.39,30,300/- towards Construction of Boundary pillars into the PD account of FDO, Mancherial account which is a part of Rs. 61,19,567/- deposited RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579931581 on 25.04.2022.</p> <p>Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.</p> <p>The details of the funds deposited into CA PD account of FDO, Mancherial are as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Description of Item</th><th>Amount(In Rs.)</th></tr><tr><td>Erecting of 397 No's 4 feet high cement concrete pillars at an interval-C.No.B(xiii)</td><td>3930300</td></tr><tr><td>Extraction and transportation of tree growth-C.No.(A-vi), B(xviii)</td><td>2186267</td></tr><tr><td>User Charges for conducting the survey in the proposed site.</td><td>3000</td></tr><tr><td>Total:</td><td>6119567</td></tr></table>	Description of Item	Amount(In Rs.)	Erecting of 397 No's 4 feet high cement concrete pillars at an interval-C.No.B(xiii)	3930300	Extraction and transportation of tree growth-C.No.(A-vi), B(xviii)	2186267	User Charges for conducting the survey in the proposed site.	3000	Total:	6119567
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(xiv)	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect and enclosed herewith.										
(xv)	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be cause;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith. Necessary action will be taken by forest department against user agency, if any damage occurred.										
(xvi)	The layout plan of the mining plan/proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.										

(xvii)	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;	Noted. This condition is agreed by the Field officers.
(xviii)	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;	<p>The User Agency has paid an amount of Rs.21,86,257/- towards Extraction of tree growth into the PD account of FDO, Mancherial account which is a part of Rs. 61,19,567/- deposited RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52022042579931581 on 25.04.2022.</p> <p>Most of the plants are shrubs in nature beside Eucalyptus, Bamboo, plantation. The trees will be restricted to the minimum and will be felled under the supervision of the forest department.</p> <p>Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect.</p>
(xix)	The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect.
(xx)	The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly; and	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.

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(xxi)	The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Agreed and the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, and enclosed herewith.
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3. I am to also inform that the UA has also published the Stage-I forest clearance granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central government in two widely circulated daily newspapers one is vernacular language and the other in English.

4. I am to enclose a copy of the letter of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the reference 16th cited along with its enclosures and to request you to obtain and communicate final (Stage.II) approval, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy To

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

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