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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Ref.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022
Dated: 25/08/2023

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Telangana, "Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500 004

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
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Sub: TSFD -FC(A)ct, 1980- Diversion of 151.8517 Ha of forest land falling in Yellandu division for proposed Jawahar Khani OC project at Yellandu division in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited - **Additional Information Sought by Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi** -Regarding.

- Ref:**
1. General Manager, Yellandu Area, SCCL, Bhadradi Kothagudem District Ref.No.YLD/EST/185 dt.25.04.2021.
 2. PCCF RC.No.20207/2019/FCA-1/PS Dt.18.05.2021.
 3. DFO, Bhadradi Kothagudem Rc.No. 109/2020/D1 Dt. 19.06.2021 addressed to CF,Kothagudem.
 4. PCCF RC.No.20207/2019/FCA-4 Dt.09.08.2021.
 5. CCF, Kothagudem Rc.No.125/2020/M3 dt:02.12.2021.
 6. CCF.Kothagudem Rc.No.168/2022/M11 dt:06.04.2022.
 7. PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022 Dt.26.04.2022.
 8. GoTS Lr.No.3219/For.I(1)/2022 dated 06.06.2022.
 9. AIGF, Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi FC division F.No.8-260/1985-FC(Vol.I) dated 27.07.2022.
 - 10.Forest (Conservation) Rules,2022 published vide MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi Gazette Number GSR 480 (E), Dt.28.06.2022 and communicated in MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.29.06.2022
 - 11.MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.18.07.2022.
 - 12.Minutes of Meeting of Forest Advisory Committee Dt.15.07.2022 communicated in MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi File No.11-91/2012FC on 27.07.2022.
 - 13.Director (Planning & Projects), SCCL ref.no.CRP/EST/F/164/849 dated 01.08.2022.
 - 14.PCCF-FC4/FC29/1/2022-FCA Section (20207/2019/FCA-4), Dated: 23.08.2022.
 - 15.AIGF, Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi FC division F.No.8-260/1985-FC(Vol.I) dated 13.09.2022
 - 16.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022 dated 20.10.2022.
 - 17.Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi FC division F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 14.11.2022.
 - 18.Minutes of 1st project Screening Committee (PSC) meeting held on 19.11.2022.
 - 19.AIGF, Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi FC division F.No.8-260/1985-FC(Vol.I) dated 29.11.2022.
 - 20.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022 dated 04.12.2022.
 - 21.AIGF, Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-260/1985-FC(Vol.I), Dt.18.01.2023.
 - 22.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022 dt.18.01.2023.
 - 23.CCF, Bhadradi circle Rc.No.125/2020/M3/DM dt.26.05.2023.

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24.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022 dt03.07.2023

25.AIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-260/1985-FC(Vol.I),
Dt.07.08.2023

Vide reference 25th cited, the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi has requested to furnish the following additional information at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal.

- i. The observations raised by the Ministry's letter dated 18.01.2023 wrt point No. (i), (ii), (iii), (vii), (xi) and (xii) regarding KML/shape files of the area were not found with the State Govt. letter dt 14.07.2023 and neither it is uploaded in PARIVESH. The same require submission for further analysis.
- ii. It has been informed that the Old Dargah & Burial Ground existing near Timber Depot in proposed area for diversion is under the control of the Forest Department. Further, it was stated that the UA will provide alternate site for the purpose. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to provide the details of the alternative sites identified.
- iii. From the site inspection carried out by the Sub-office, Hyderabad it was learnt that about 68.00 ha out of 106.3042 ha forest land (part of the total area proposed for diversion is 151.8517 ha) proposed for diversion is under encroachment and there are some claims under process under FRA. In addition, in this forest land, encroachments by way of cultivation of agricultural crops and commercial establishments like poultry shed, shops, dwelling house etc. were also noticed as per site inspection report. In this regard, the State Govt is requested to offer its comments and action taken for removal of encroachments.
- iv. As per the site inspection carried out by the sub-office, Hyderabad it was learnt that the balance forest land i.e. 18 ha which is the part of earlier diversion of 124.96 ha approved by the Ministry vide F.No.8-260/1985-FC, dated 20.07.2018 is also under encroachment. In this regard, the State Govt is requested to offer its comments and action taken report for removal of encroachment.
- v. From the site inspection carried out by the Sub-office, Hyderabad it was learnt that in the additional 45.5477 ha proposed for diversion, graveyards/cemeteries, BT road, electrical substation and some pathways were observed at a few locations. In this regard the State Govt may offer the comments and the action taken report in this regard.
- vi. It was learnt from the site inspection report that the forest area now proposed i.e. 45.5477 ha. for diversion was not part of any earlier approved diversion.

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However, underground mining has been carried out in this area without any approval. In such a case the violation has been carried out by the user agency. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to offer its comments and submit the action taken report.

vii.It was informed in the site inspection report, that the amalgamated mine named as Jawahar Khani Opencast (JK OC) will have an area of 1114.507 ha which includes 167.46 ha forest land as indicated at Para 8.1.2 of the approved Mining Plan. However, the forest area now proposed for diversion i.e. 45.5477 ha is not shown as forest land in this Mining Plan. In this regard, the State Govt. shall offer its comments.

viii.As per para 1.20 of hand book of guidelines issued by this Ministry, if the State Govt. does not furnish the reply in 90 days, the proposal may be rejected by the Central Government. In the instant case the Ministry on 18.01.2023 sought the EDS and the State Govt. has submitted the reply on 14.07.2023. Therefore the State Govt. may clarify that why the instant proposal shall not be rejected with immediate effect.

In view of the above, the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem is directed to submit the information on the points no.(iii, iv, v, vi, viii)as desired by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi and also address the UA to submit the information on the points no.(i, ii, iv, vi, vii, viii) for further consideration of the proposal by the ministry.

This may be Treated as Most Urgent

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& HoFF

To

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem.

Copy to

The Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle for information

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The General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Yellandu Area, Bhadradi Kothagudem District He is requested to submit the information on point no. (i, ii, iv, vi, vii, viii).