

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

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 649.3014 ha forest land in Ramavaram RF of Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem forest division for grant of mining lease for proposed Venkateshkhani OCP from underground rights to surface rights in Kothagudem area in Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favor of M/s. SCCL (Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/44798/2020).

Sir/Madam,

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 20.10.2023. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with IGF (C) Sub-office Hyderabad and Nodal officer (FCA), Govt. of Telangana. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made, the committee decided that there are many shortcomings/lacking information in the present proposal. Keeping this in view the Ministry decided that the proposal cannot be acceded to in present proposition.

Further, it was noted that different User Agencies whose proposals are processed under FCA,1980, are depositing amounts related wildlife conservation plan w.r.t. their respective proposals in the *Biodiversity Conservation Society of Telangana (BIOSOT)* account of Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana. AC decided that State Govt. shall deposit such entire amount in CAMPA immediately as the process adopted by State Government is not as per rules. AC also decided that the State Govt. shall comply with all the condition and submit the report to this Ministry w.r.t. the four proposals (linked with the instant proposal) as per observations noted in the report submitted (enclosed for reference) by the IGF(C) Sub-office Hyderabad within a period of two months.

In view of the above, the Government of Telangana is requested to take appropriate action in the matter as per decision of the Advisory Committee.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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