

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 Bhadradri 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 Khani New Tech underground mine which is also covered in the same Lease. As such, all together 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, Mancherial Range and Division in Mancherial District for 2nd Renewal of Indaram Mining Lease for further period of 20 years.

- 6. 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,

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Seperal Manager
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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.

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