

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

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From
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
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Sir,

Sub: FCA, 1980 - Proposal for Diversion of **151.8517 Ha** of Forest land falling in Yellandu division for proposed JK OC project at Yellandu division in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (Online Proposal **No.FP/TG/MIN/49581/2020**)- Additional Information Submitted-Regarding.

Ref:1.From thePCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Ref.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022,
Dated:26.04.2022.

2.Govt.Lr.No.3219/For.I(1)/2022, dt:06-06-2022.

3.Mail received from FC Division, MoEF&CC, dt.17.05.2024
(letter from AIG, MoEF&CC, FC Division, dt:16.05.2024.

4.From thePCCF(HoFF),TS,Hyd., Ref.No.FC4/FC29/1/
2022(i),Dated:27.06.2024.

I am to forward the following additional information furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the reference 4th cited (copy enclosed) in respect of the proposal for Diversion of **151.8517 Ha** of Forest land falling in Yellandu division for proposed JK OC project at Yellandu division in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited as sought in the reference 3rd cited :-

Point No.	Query raised by GOI	Reply
1	The State Government is required to submit the details that how much coal reserve has been excavated from the UG mines so far and how much coal reserve is available in the proposed forest land for diversion with justification for seeking surface rights for open cast mining.	<p>M/s.SCCL has informed that the percentage of extraction of coal in underground mining is very less and the percentage of extraction varies from 20% to 40% depending on the technology and other site-specific conditions.</p> <p>In the present case the geological reserves in the proposed area of 151.8519 ha are 23.334 Mt. The depleted reserve by underground method is only 8.5 Mt which is about 36.42%. In view of existing demand of coal for thermal power plants, sustenance of coal to the linked power plants, and coal conservation with profitability, it is now proposed to convert this underground mine into an opencast mine to extract additional coal reserves of 6.0 MT</p>

which otherwise would have been lost forever. Hence, the total extractable reserves are optimised to 14.5 MT in conservation point of view and thus the percentage of extraction would be about 62.14%.

The detailed reserves from 151.8519 ha are shown in below table: (Mt)

Total geological reserves	Reserves excavated from U/G	Reserves to be excavated from proposed OC
23.334	8.50 (36.42%)	6.00 (25.70%)

2 The detailed action plan to remove the noted encroachment from the 68.00 ha out of 106.3042 ha forest land proposed for diversion as well as in the 18 ha which is part of earlier diverted 124.96 ha shall be submitted. Further, the details of the eligible families to be considered as per the provisions of the RFCTLAR Act, 2013 shall be provided. Also, the State Government shall clarify, whether any R&R plan is required for the same.

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem has informed that the illegal encroachment i.e., four (4) rooms with RCC Slab & three (3) rooms permanent shed and running poultry farm business in three room shed in Yellandu RF compartment No.51 of Joduboulli Beat which is a part of proposed Forest land for diversion of JK OC Project 151.8517 ha are evicted on 07.02.2024 by the then Forest Range Officer, Yellandu and concerned staff. The encroachers were duly served notice & eviction process was taken up and some structures in 106.304 ha forest land area (part of 151.8517 ha proposed for diversion) were dismantled & forest area was retrieved in the presence of the Revenue Officials & Police personnel and the cultivation of crops on field is also hereby stopped.

Further, informed that, a small part of encroached area to an extent of 18.00 ha patch of 124.96 ha earlier diversion area with underground rights, nearly 102 huts are established and 9 houses are constructed with cement bricks in this area. The concerned Deputy Range Officer, Joduboulli and Forest Beat Officer, Joduboulli issued eviction notices to the encroachers i.e., for 15 members and they tried to issue notices to the remaining encroachers. But, when the concerned staff proceeded to the spot to serve notices, the encroachers are not available in their huts and this encroachment will be cleared with

		<p>an action plan in this regard by serving notices to the remaining encroachers.</p> <p>Further he has informed that the SCCL authorities has agree to pay compensation for the eligible families if any, as per the provisions of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013. Undertaking to that effect is enclosed.</p>
3	<p>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 Government is required to submit the NOCs for the concerned departments (i.e. Road & building and Electricity) and action plan for removal/shifting of the noted structures in this part of the forest land.</p>	<p>M/s SCCL has informed that the areas beside grave yard i.e, BT road, part of electrical substation and some path ways are parts of 45.5477 Ha. They has agreed for providing CA & NPV and the existing substation/road/path ways will be diverted in SCCL land. The NOC's are obtained as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NOC for diversion of electrical substation belonging to SCCL was obtained from TSNPDCCL on 30.05.2024. NOC is enclosed. b. NOC for diversion of BT road belonging to SCCL is obtained from R&B department on 06.06.2024. Road alternate to the left of Hanuman Temple will cater to the needs of people going from GM Office to SCCL Guest house side. NOC is enclosed. c. NOC for diversion of graveyard/cemetery is obtained from Panchyath department on 13.06.2024. NOC is enclosed.
4	<p>As per the proposed land use 0.3510 ha area below river/Nala/Canal has been proposed to be diverted. In this regard, the State Government is required to submit the NOC from the concerned department of State Government</p>	<p>(M/s SCCL has informed that the proposed extent of 0.3510 ha is to straighten the existing course of nala within the boundary of proposed 151.8517 ha. Further, the nala is seasonal, very small and the straitening work will be taken up after grant of Stage-II only. NOC was obtained from I&CAD, Telangana on 07.06.2024. Copy of NOC is enclosed.</p>
5	<p>As per the Site inspection report by the Regional Office the exact area proposed for the CA(NFL-rehabilitated OB dump area), is not demarcated completely (verified and measured) and there may be a possibility of encroachment in the fringe areas.</p>	<p>M/s.SCCL has stated that the proposed CA land of 151.8517 ha was resurveyed and demarcated completely (verified & measured). Out of 151.8517 ha of given CA land, an extent of 8.889 ha was identified with encroachments at fringes.</p>

	<p>In this regard the State Government shall demarcate the area and submit exact details along with plan to protect the said area for its protection and management</p>	<p>SCCL has identified the alternate CA land NFL (rehabilitated OB dump area) to an extent of 8.889 ha in the adjacent area and the KML file of 8.889 ha of alternate CA land is enclosed.</p> <p>Further, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi has been requested to instruct the District Forest Officer, Khammam to inspect the 8.889 Ha of CA NFL (rehabilitated OB dump area). As soon the inspection report is received from the District Forest Officer, Khammam, the same will be forwarded to GoI.</p>
6	<p>Clear recommendation from the DDGF Regional Office, Chennai shall be submitted within 15 days</p>	<p>Information to be submitted by the Regional Office, Chennai.</p>

2. I am to request you to consideration of the proposal for placing in the next FAC Meeting for grant of Stage-I approval.

Yours faithfully


for Principal Secretary to Government

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