

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

Letter.No.232/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:01.07.2024.

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,
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi -110 003. (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: FCA, 1980 - 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 favour of M/s. SCCL. - **Furnishing of Additional information** - Regarding.

- Ref: 1.From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4, Dated:16.01.2021.
2.Govt. Lr.No.232/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:18.02.2021.
3.From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, Ref.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022, Dated:23.02.2024.
4.Govt.Lr.No.232/For.I(1)/2021, dt:01-03-2024.
5.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi,dt.19.03.2024.
6.Govt.Memo.No.232/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:15.04.2024.
7.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, (Forest Conservation Division, New Delhi, dt.14.05.2024.
8. From PCCF (HoFF), Lr. Ref.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022, Dt.28-6-2024.

I am to forward the following additional information furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the reference 8th cited (copy enclosed) in respect of the 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 favour of M/s. SCCL as sought in the reference 8th cited :-

| Point No. | Query raised by GOI | Reply |
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| I | The State Govt. has informed that with regards to transfer of BIOSOT amount for other proposals, it is submitted that in many of the projects, the amount of WLMP funds deposited before 21.11.2023, the field officers have been released amount as per plan and the works are at various stages of implementation. The field officers are being instructed to complete the work and submit the final report with physical and | In this regard, it is submitted that, the PCCF (WL) & CWLW in his reference No.5694/2021/WL-1 (1), dt:27.06.2024 has furnished a report addressing AIGF (FC) stating that, in compliance to the instructions issued from MoEF&CC dt.14.05.2024 all amounts relating to Wildlife mitigation plan approved by NBWL after the clarification issued by the MoEF & CC, dt:13.06.2023 have been ordered to transfer to adhoc CAMPA except |

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| | <p>financial progress till 31.03.2024 and the after the information is compiled, the action will be initiated for transfer of balance funds into the CAMPA account. Since the date fix by the State for submitting the physical and financial progress report has lapsed, in this regard the State Govt. shall inform the balance amount in BIOSOT account and shall transfer in the CAMPA account of the State concerned.</p> | <p>for those relating to WL mitigation plan approved by the SBWL as well as approved relating to Environment clearances of various project. A copy of the above letter duly complying the instructions of MoEF&CC regarding the transfer of balance amounts to state CAMPA is enclosed herewith.</p> |
| II | <p>Copy of the notification of remaining 42.96 ha of NFL in Sy No. 116 of Rasannagudem village as RF/PF.</p> | <p>The DGPS survey has been conducted by SCCL for an extent of 42.96 Ha of Non Forest land in Survey number 116 of Rasannagudem (V), Mulkalapally (M) of Paloncha Forest Division and the report has been submitted to FDO, Paloncha.</p> <p>The Forest Divisional Officer, Paloncha, has requested the PCCF, vide RC.No: 3284/1990/P5, dt: 01.06.2024 to provide Authentication map and Annexure I & II of the Rasannagudem -III CA land to prepare and to submit the Notification proposal with relevant documents to the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem within a week.</p> <p>The report received from FDO, paloncha has been forwarded to IT wing O/o PCCF for verification of annexures. As the Notification of CA land may take certain time to publish in the gazette and the process has been initiated by the forest department it is requested to impose the condition in Stage-I approval for Notification of 42.96 Ha of CA NFL land, so that the forest department will submit the Notification of 42.96 Ha as RF/PF along with Compliance for grant of Stage-II.</p> |
| III | <p>The copy of the notification of the non-forest land as RF/PF for CA area is required in respect of the proposal for 154.96 ha for Gauthami Khani OCP, Phase-III.</p> | <p>The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh vide letter Rc.No: EFS02-15021/7/2022/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-3, Dt: 11.06.2024 informed to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana stating that the DFO, Srikakulam has also inspected the said land parcel and observed that the area proposed of CA is not suitable for Compensatory Aforestation for notification to maintain it as forest as there are many cashew orchards with encroachments,</p> |

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| | | <p>religious structures and number of bore wells dug by the villagers scattered all through 168 ha and the CCF, Visakhapatnam has also concluded that unless the Revenue Department/ User Agency handover encumbrance free land, it will not be possible to notify the same as Forest under A.P. Forest Act, 1967.</p> <p>The PCCF(HoFF), AP has further informed that the said land is not suitable for taking up CA and notification under the State Forest Act and the PCCF & HoFF, AP has requested to advise the user agency to hand over 168.0 ha of encumbrance / encroachment free land in Telangana State as the diversion took place in Telangana in order to comply with the conditions imposed by the Government of India under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980 and Rules 2023 and implementation of CA scheme in the NFL/CA area.</p> <p>Due to urgency in grounding of VKOC project, M/s.SCCL has agreed to hand over the alternate CA land of 154.96 Ha NFL land at rehabilitated dumps of Koyagudem OCP-I for an extent of 140 Ha and 14.96 Ha at GKOC P dumps. Further, an under taking to handover the alternate NFL CA land of 154.96 Ha is enclosed along with the KML file and Map.</p> <p>Further, the notification of alternate CA land identified by the UA as RF/PF may take certain time, the MOEF&CC is requested to impose the condition in Stage-I approval for Notification of 154.96 Ha, so that the State Govt will submit the Notification of 154.96 Ha as RF along with Compliance for grant of Stage-II.</p> |
| IV | <p>The State Govt. has informed that the KML file of planting area of 252.67 Ha will be submitted after obtaining the information from the PCCF (HoFF), AP state and the 8.64 Ha of planting area in NFL will be submitted shortly after conducting the DGPS survey. The same is required.</p> | <p>The DGPS survey was completed for 8.64 Ha of plantation area in the Non Forest Land at Rasannagudem Village of Paloncha Division and the KML file is enclosed.</p> <p>Further, regarding 252.67 Ha of DFL, as per the records available at Palvoncha division the expenditure was incurred for raising of plantation over 35 Ha in comp. No. 13 of Damaracharla Extn-I RF and with the balance funds, Silvicultural</p> |

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| | | operations such as coppicing, climber cutting, singling, etc. in comp. no.10,14 and 16 in Amaravaram Range for an extent of 217.67 Ha were done. The same was certified by FDO, Paloncha. (Copy enclosed). |
| V | Only forwarding letter of MoC for approval of amalgamated Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan of Venkatesh Khani coal Mine has been provided. The complete copy of the approved mining plan has not been submitted. The same is required to be submitted by the State Govt. | The complete copy of amalgamated Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan of Venkatesh Khani coal Mine (full book) approved by the Ministry of Coal, GoI is enclosed. |
| VI | The SG has informed that the proposal of Change of Land use of 154.96 Ha is under consideration. However, the Ministry has not received any proposal for change in land use. The same is required to be submitted by the State Govt. | The proposal for change of land use for 154.96 Ha forest land for GKOC has been submitted to State Government vide Ir. No.FC4/FC29/13/2023, Dt: 22.05.2024 for recommending to MoEF & CC, New Delhi. (copy enclosed) |

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

Yours faithfully

for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Inspector General of Forests(C),
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Regional Office, Chennai,
6th Floor, Aranya bhavan, Hyderabad.

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

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