

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

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

Dated:16.07.2021.

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
Telangana State Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

✓ To

The Inspector General of Forests,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi -110 003. (w.e.)

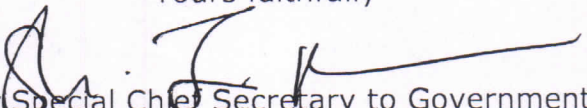
Sir,

Sub:- EFS&T Dept. – F(C) Act, 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.-Reg.

- 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), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4,
Dated:29.06.2021.

I am to forward the additional information 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 reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 3rd cited, for taking necessary further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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From
Smt R.Sobha, IFS,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force,
Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan",
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Forests Department,
Telangana State,
Hyderabad.

Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4, Dated:29.06.2021.

Madam,



Sub: MCD - F(C) Act, 1980 - TS - Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 BhadradiKothagudem District in favour of M/s.SCCL - **Additional information sought by GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi** - Regarding.

- General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradiKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/A/14/232, Dt.05.06.2019.
1. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt: 29.06.2019.
 2. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradiKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/A/14/450, Dt: 01.10.2019.
 3. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-1/PS dt:11.10.2019.
 4. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradiKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/33/79, Dt:22.02.2020.
 5. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt:11.03.2020.
 6. FDO, Kothagudem Rc.No.631/2019/A5, Dt:20.08.2020.
 7. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, Dt:16.10.2020.
 8. CCF/CF, Kothagudem Rc.No.117/2020/M3, Dt:01.12.2020.
 9. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, Dt:15.01.2021.
 10. GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-05/2021-FC Dt. 08.03.2021.
 11. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, Dt:15.03.2021.
 12. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradiKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/33/265, Dt:10.06.2020.
 13. FDO, Kothagudem Rc.No.631/2019/A5 Dt: 08.06.2021 addressed to DFO, BhadradiKothagudem
 14. FDO, WLM kinnerasani Rc.No.213/2020/K3 Dt. 17.04.2021 addressed to DFO, BhadradiKothagudem

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

Vide reference 13th cited, the General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradiKothagudem district has submitted the point wise reply as desired by the Government of India, MoEF& CC, Regional Office (SEZ), New Delhi in ref 11th cited.

The point wise information furnished are as follows:

S.No	Information Sought	Reply with remarks
1	The approved Mining plan has not been submitted.	The M/s.SCCL (User Agency) (UA) has submitted the Approved Mining Plan (including Mine Closure Plan) which is approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi File No. PCA-38011/12/2017-PCA, dated 27.01.2020 and Mining Plan is approved for the life of the project. (Copy Enclosed)

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2	The Letter of Intent issued by Ministry of Coal dated 27.01.2020 in respect of the above proposal does not mention any date with respect to the lease period. Same needs to be clarified.	The UA has informed that the Mining Lease of Proposed Project is falling in two Mining Leases as given below: a. 2 nd renewal of Kothagudem Mining Lease (G.O.Ms. No. 324 dated, 12.12.2008) valid up to 26.04.2029. b. 1 st renewal of Goutham Khani Open Cast Mining Lease (G.O.Ms No.211 dated, 08.08.2008) valid up to 18.09.2034 (Copies enclosed)
3	Certificate from the State Government that the CA site is free from all encroachments and other encumbrances is not there.	Vide ref 14 th cited, the FDO, Kothagudem has informed that some of the areas selected for CA was earlier under encroachment. However, it has been retrieved from encroachers and now under control of the Forest Department. These areas require immediate taking up of Afforestation duly following up of suitable soil and moisture conservation works. To prevent any encroachments base camps will be established under the CA Scheme and due monitoring will be taken up. (copy enclosed) Vide ref 15 th cited, the FDO, WLM Kinnerasani has informed that the proposed CA areas in Degraded Forest Lands are free from all encroachments and encumbrance and the said CA sites show encroachments by way of agriculture only which are evicted by the Forest Department. (copy enclosed)
4	As per DSS report most of the proposed CA sites show encroachment by way of agriculture and settlement. The State govt. may provide its comments.	The FDO's has informed that No Degraded Forests are available in this Division and such areas were encroached. However, the land has been retrieved from encroachers, Cultivation has been stopped at these sites and now under control of the Forest Department and will be planted subsequently. Every year on an average 400 Ha of encroached forest land is being retrieved and planted under various CA projects.
5	Certificate from the State Government that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forests (RF and PF) is not available for CA purpose, for which degraded forest land within notified forest area has been identified for taking up CA, needs to be furnished.	The Chief Secretary to the Telangana State Government has issued Non availability of CA land certificate on 03.06.2021. (copy enclosed)
6	Certificate from the PCCF or Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years needs to be furnished.	The FDO's has informed that No Afforestation / Plantation has been taken up under any plan/ programme / scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years. (copy enclosed).

In view of the above, the State Government are requested to submit the information to GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi for consideration of this proposal.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-R. G. G. G. G.

Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests.
(Head of Forest Force)

Advance Copy submitted to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to the Govt, MoEF& CC, GoI, Indira Paryawarana Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003 for information and necessary action.

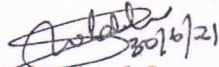
Advance Copy submitted to the Inspector General of Forests (FC), MoEF& CC, GoI, Indira Paryawarana Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003. for favor of information.

Copy to the Chairman and Managing director, SCCL, Red Hills, PB.No.18, Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad -500004 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kothagudem, the District Forest Officer, BhadradiKothagudem for information.

Copy to the General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Kothagudem Area, BhadradiKothagudem District, PO: Venkatesh Khani- 507103 for information.

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THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government Company)
KOTHAGUDEM AREA

Ref: KGM/EST/F/33/265

Date: 10.06.2021

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Telangana Forest Department,
Hyderabad.

Madam,

Sub: Diversion of 649.3014Ha of Forest land in Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem Division for proposed Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine, furnishing of replies to the EDS raised by the MoEF & CC, GOI, request forwarding of the information - Reg.

- Ref:
1. Proposal No-PCCF- FP/TG/MIN/44798/2020
 2. Government EFST Ref. No- 232/For. I (1)/2021 Dt.18.02.2021
 3. The PCCF Lr. Ref.No-10066/2019/FCA-4 Dt.16.01.2021
 4. The MOEF & CC, Gol, EDS Sought File. No- 8-05/2021-FC Dt.08.03.2021
 5. a) The Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem Lr. Ref.No. Rc.No. 631/2019/A5, Dt. 08.06.2021
b) The Forest Divisional Officer, Kinnerasani Wild life Management Division, Palvancha Lr. Ref.No. 213/2020/K3 Dt.17.04.2021
 6. Non availability of CA land certificate issued by **The Chief Secretary to Telangana State Lr. Dated, 03.06.2021.**

It is brought to the kind notice that the State Government of Telangana, vide reference 2nd cited has recommended and forwarded the proposal for diversion of 649.3014 Ha of RF land in Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Forest Division, in favor of SCCL for Coal mining.

Vide reference 4th cited, MoEF & CC, Gol has sought certain additional information/clarifications (EDS) after preliminary scrutiny of the proposal from State Government of Telangana.

Accordingly reply for EDS is as follows for further consideration of the proposal.

Vide 6th reference cited the Chief Secretary to the Telangana State Government has issued a Non availability of CA land certificate on 03.06.2021.

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i) The approved Mining Plan has not been submitted

- ❖ Submitted Approved Mining Plan (including Mine Closure Plan) which is approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi File No. PCA-38011/12/2017-PCA, dated 27.01.2020 and **Mining Plan is approved for the life of the project.**
(Enclosed as Annexure-I.)

ii) The Lol issued by Ministry of Coal date. 27.01.2020 in respect of the above proposal does not mention any date wrt the lease period. Same needs to be clarified.

1. Mining Plan was uploaded earlier in PARIVESH web at Point M-1-(i)c in place of Mining Lease (Lol).
2. Submitted the Copies of Mining Leases of Proposed Project which is falling in two Mining Leases as given below:
 - a) 2nd renewal of Kothagudem Mining Lease (G.O.Ms. No. 324 dated, 12.12.2008) valid up to 26.04.2029.
 - b) First renewal of Goutham Khani Open Cast Mining Lease (G.O.Ms No.211 dated, 08.08.2008) valid up to 18.09.2034
3. Mining Lease copies is being uploaded. **(Enclosed as Annexure-II).**

iii) Certificate from the State Government that the CA site is free from all encroachments and other encumbrances is not there.

- ❖ Some of the area selected for CA was earlier under encroachment. However, it has been retrieved from encroachers and now under control of the Forest Department. These areas require immediate taking up Afforestation duly following up of suitable soil and moisture conservation works. To prevent any encroachments base camps will be established under the CA Scheme and due monitoring will be taken up.
(A Certificate is enclosed as Annexure-IIIA).

(Vide Reference 5(a) cited, Information submitted from the FDO, KGM to the DFO, KGM).

- ❖ The proposed CA areas in Degraded Forest Lands are free from all encroachments and encumbrances. The said CA sites show encroachments by way of agriculture only which are evicted by the Forest Department

(Vide Reference 5(b) cited, Information submitted from the FDO, Kinnerasani WLM Division, Palvancha to the DFO, KGM).

(A Certificate is enclosed as Annexure-IIIB).

iv) **As per DSS report most of the proposed CA sites show encroachments by way of agriculture and settlement. The State Govt. may provide its comments.**

- ❖ No Degraded Forests are available in this Division. All such areas were encroached. Cultivation is stopped at these sites and will be planted subsequently. Every year on an average 400 Ha of encroached forest land is being retrieved and planted under various CA projects.

(Vide Reference 5(a) cited, Information submitted from the FDO, KGM to the DFO, KGM).

v) **Certificate from the State Government that degraded Forest Land (double in extent) outside notified forests (RF and PF) is not available for CA purpose, for which degraded forest land within notified forest area has been identified for taking up CA, needs to be furnished, and**

- ❖ Vide 6th reference cited the Chief Secretary to the Telangana State Government has issued Non availability of CA land certificate on 03.06.2021 is enclosed as Annexure-IV

vi) **Certificate from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government that no Afforestation / plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme / scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years need to be furnished.**

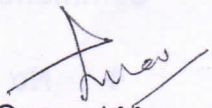
- ❖ No Afforestation / Plantation has been taken up under any plan/ programme / scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years.

(Vide Reference 5(a) cited, Information submitted from the FDO, KGM to the DFO, KGM).

- ❖ No Afforestation / plantation have been taken up under any plan/ programme / scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years.

(Vide Reference 5(b) cited, Information submitted from the the FDO, Kinnerasani WLM Division, Palvancha to the DFO, KGM).

It is requested to kindly arrange to submit this information to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi through the State Government for obtaining and communicating the orders.


General Manager
Kothagudem Area.

Encl:

1. Approved Mining Plan of Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine.
2. Mining Lease copy – Kothagudem ML & Goutham Khani ML.
3. Non availability of CA land Certificate issued by **The Chief Secretary to Telangana State.**
4. Letter from The Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem.
5. Letter from The Forest Divisional Officer Kinnerasani WLM Division, Palvancha.

Copy to:

The Conservator of Forest, Kothagudem Circle.
The District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem.
The Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem.

File No.PCA-38011/12/2017-PCA

No. 38011/12/2017-PCA
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 27th January, 2020.

To

The Director (Planning & Projects)
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Kothagudem Collieries -507101,
Bhadrachalam Road Rly Station,Khammam District
Telangana

Sub: Mining plan (Including Mine Closure Plan) (2nd Revision) for Venkatesh Khani Opencast Mine (VK OC Mine) (Venkatesh Khani No.7 Incline, Padmavathi Khani No. 5 Incline & Goutham Khani OC Mine) of Singareni Collieries Company Limited-reg

Sir,

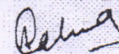
I am directed to refer the subject mentioned above and to state that after due deliberation Standing Committee approved the Mining plan (Including Mine Closure Plan) (2nd Revision) for Venkatesh Khani Opencast Mine (VK-7 Mine) (Venkatesh Khani No.7 Incline, Padmavathi Khani No. 5 Incline & Goutham Khani OC Mine) of M/S Singareni Collieries Company Limited :-

2. The above approval of Standing Committee is subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The Project Proponent shall take all necessary precautions regarding safety of mine workings and persons deployed therein;
 - ii. Mining lease of this block shall not encroach into any other adjacent coal block;
 - iii. The cost of abandonment for carrying out the closure activities envisaged in the Mine closure plan is indicative; the actual cost for carrying out the activities at the time of final closure may be higher. The actual cost of abandonment will have to be borne by the project proponent for carrying out the closure activities.
 - iv. The approval of the Mining Plan (including Mine Closure Plan) is without prejudice to the requirement of approvals from competent / prescribed authority under the relevant rules/ regulations etc.

2. Two copies of approved Mining Plans (including Mine Closure Plans) as mentioned in para 1 above are enclosed herewith.

Encl : as above

Yours faithfully,



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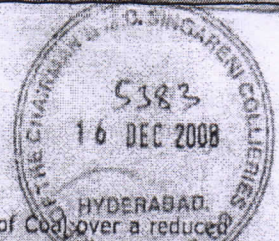
Under Secretary to Government of India

Telefax No:- 011-23386431

Copy to :-

- 1. Chairman-cum-Managing-Director, The Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem Collieries, Khammam District, Telangana- 507101**
- 2. Under Secretary, CPAM Section, Ministry of Coal**

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT



Mines and Minerals - 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 Hectares involving 1466 Hectares of forest land and 3692 Hectares of non-forest land in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029 in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited - Sanction - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (M-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.324

Dated 12-12-2008.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.152, Ind. & Com. (M-III) Dept., dt.23.05.2003.
2. G.O.Ms.No.273, Ind. & Com. (M-III) Dept., dt.15.09.2003.
3. From M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, 2nd RM.L. Application, dated 10.12.2007.
4. From the DMG., File.No. 8243/R6-2/2007, dt. 30.04.2008.
5. Govt. letter No.5878/M.III(2)/2008-1, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department dt.23-07-2008.
6. From the Ministry of Coal, GOI,, Lr.No.13016/8/2001-CA.II, (Vol.II) dt.24-10-2008.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st and 2nd read above, Government have granted 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 61.17 Sq.Kms. (includes 23.38 Sq.Kms. forest land and 37.79 non-forest lands) of Kothagudem area of Khammam District for a period of 10 years w.e.f. 28-04-1999 to 27-04-2009.

2) In the reference 4th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology has sent proposals for grant of 2nd Renewal of Mining lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 Hectares involving 1466 Hectares of forest land and 3692 Hectares of non-forest land in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029, subject to obtain prior approval of Govt. of India under Section 5(1) and relaxation of Section 5(1) (b) of M.M.(D&R) Act,1957 and the Clearances from MoEF, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and subject to satisfaction of terms and conditions of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 and M.C. Rules, 1960.

3) In the reference 5th read above, State Government have proposed for grant of 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 Hectares involving 1466 Hectares of forest land and 3692 Hectares of non-forest land in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029 in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited and accordingly addressed the Ministry of Coal, Government of India.

4) In the reference 6th read above, the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, have conveyed their prior approval for grant of 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 Hectares involving 1466 Hectares of forest land and 3692 Hectares of non-forest land in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029 under section 5(1) (b) and also in relaxation under Section 6(1) (b) of M.M. (D&R) Act, 1957 since the total area of the Mining Lease granted so far exceeds 10 Sq. Kms. in the interest of development of the minerals.

5) Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby grant the 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease for extraction of Coal over a reduced extent of 5158 Hectares involving 1466 Hectares of forest land and 3692 Hectares of non-forest land in Kothagudem Mandal, Khammam District, for a further period of 20 years from 27.04.2009 to 26.04.2029, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited subject to satisfaction of terms and conditions laid down in MM(D&R) Act, 1957 and M.C.Rules, 1960, subject to submission of Consent for Establishment from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests under Environment Impact Assessment as per S.O.No.1533, dt.14-09-2006 and also Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by Ministry of Environment & Forests before execution of lease deed and also subject to the satisfying conditions in Form-K prescribed under the M.C. Rules, 1960 and to the additional conditions specified in the Appendix to this order.



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6) The rates of royalty, dead rent, surface rent & water charges and cess shall be collectable as follows or as revised by Government from time to time:

I. Rates of Royalty:

COAL:

A. Coal produced in all States and Union Territories except the State of West Bengal.

(1) Royalty on Coal:

The rates of royalty, which shall be a combination of specific and ad valorem rates of royalty which shall be as follows:

$R(\text{Royalty Rupees/tonnes}) = a + bP$

Where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges and the values of 'a' (fixed component) and 'b' (variable or ad-valorem component) would be as follows:

Group	Grade of coal	Royalty on coal in Rupees per tonne
Group-I	Steel Gr.-I	a=Rs.180.00
	Steel Gr.II	b=5 per cent
	Washery-I	i.e. Rs.180+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
	Direct Feed	
Group-II	Washery-II	A=Rs.130.00
	Washery-III	b=5 per cent
	Semi Coking Gr.I	i.e. Rs.130+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
	Semi Coking Gr.II	
	Grade-A	
Grade-B		
Group-III	Washery-IV	a=Rs.90.00
	Grade-C	b=5 per cent i.e. Rs.90+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-IV	Grade-D	a=Rs.70.00
	Grade-E	b=5 per cent i.e. Rs.70+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-V	Grade-F	a=Rs.55.00
	Grade-G	b=5 per cent i.e. Rs.55+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.

II. Dead rent:	Rates of dead rent in rupees per hectare per annum or as revised by Government from time to time
First Two years of lease	3 rd year onwards
100/-	400/-

III. Surface rent & water charges and also Cess	As fixed by the Government from time to time
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- 7) The grantee should pay a deposit of Rs.10,000/- as prescribed under Rule 32 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 before the lease is actually executed.
- 8) The grantee should execute the lease deed within the time limit specified in Rule 31 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.
- 9) The terms and conditions referred to in paras 5-6 of this order are subject to such further modifications, additions and alterations as may be ordered before the lease deed is executed.
- 10) The Director of Mines and Geology shall take necessary further action for the execution of the lease deed after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfils all the required provisions of the amended Act and Rules. As soon as the deed is executed, the date of such execution should be reported to the Government.

Note:- The grant is liable for cancellation, should it be found that at a later date that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud or in excess of authority.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.,
Kothagudem-507 101.
Khammam District, (BY RPAD) (we)
The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Hyderabad (we.File)

Copy to:

The Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Kothagudem, Khammam District.
The Collector, Khammam District.
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri
Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.
The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, "A" Block, 2nd Floor,
Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur 440 001.
The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Bihar.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
SF/SC(C.No.587B/M.III(2)/2008)

"Copy of this order is available on Internet and can be
accessed at address <http://www.ap.gov.in/goir>".

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Le. V. S. Rao
SECTION OFFICER

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Mines and Minerals - 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, for a further period of 27 years - Sanction - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (M-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.211.

Dated the 08-08-2008.

Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.82, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department, dt.21-04-1997.
- 2) From M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., RML application Dt. 05-01-2006.
- 3) From the DMG, File No. 27053/R6-2/2007, dt. 10.10.2007.
- 4) Govt. Lr.No.15512/M.III(2)/2007-1, dt.07-01-2008
- 5) From the Ministry of Coal, GOI., Lr.No.13016/02/2008-CA.II, dt.28-2-2008.

ORDER:

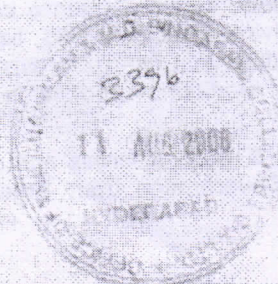
In the reference 1st read above, Government have granted the Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District for a period of 10 years from 19-09-1997 to 18-09-2007 in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

2) In the reference 2nd read above, M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited have filed 1st Renewal Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District for a further period of 27 years from 19-09-2007 to 18-09-2034.

3) In the reference 3rd read above, the Director of Mines and Geology has sent proposals for grant of 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, for a further period of 27 years, subject to satisfaction of terms and conditions laid down in MM(D&R) Act, 1957 and M.C.Rules, 1960 and subject to obtain the clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and also subject to submission of Approved Mining Plan as required under Rule 22 (4) of M.C.Rules, 1960.

4) In the reference 4th read above, Government have proposed to grant of 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited for a further period of 27 years and accordingly addressed the Ministry of Coal, Government of India.

5) The Ministry of Coal, Government of India, in the reference 5th read above, have conveyed their prior approval for grant of 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, for a further period of 27 years under section 5(1) (b) and also in relaxation under Section 6(1) (b) of M.M. (D&R) Act, 1957 since the total area of the Mining Lease granted so far exceeds 10 Sq. Kms. In the interest of development of the minerals, subject to submission of Mining Plan duly approved by Central Government and other statutory clearance from Central Government and State Government.



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M.S. Singareni
A. Sivasubramanian
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6) Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby grant of 1st Renewal of Mining Lease for Coal over an extent of 261.31 Hectares of Forest Land in Compartment No. 156/P of Penagadapa Village, Ramavaram R.F. Kothagudem Division, Khammam District, in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, for a further period of 27 years from 19-09-2007 to 18-09-2034, subject to satisfaction of terms and conditions laid down in MM(D&R) Act, 1957 and M.C.Rules, 1960, subject to submission of Consent for Establishment from Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests under Environment Impact Assessment as per S.O.No.1553, dt.14-09-2006 and Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by Ministry of Environment & Forests before execution of lease deed and also subject to the conditions in Form-K prescribed under the M.C. Rules, 1960 and to the additional conditions specified in the Appendix to this order.

7) The rates of royalty, dead rent, surface rent & water charges and cess shall be collectable as follows or as revised by Government from time to time:

I. Rates of Royalty:

COAL:

A. Coal produced in all States and Union Territories except the State of West Bengal.

(1) Royalty on Coal:

The rates of royalty, which shall be a combination of specific and ad valorem rates of royalty which shall be as follows:

$$R(\text{Royalty Rupees/tonnes}) = a + bP$$

Where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges and the values of 'a' (fixed component) and 'b' (variable or ad-valorem component) would be as follows:

Group	Grade of coal	Royalty on coal in Rupees per tonne
Group-I	Steel Gr.-I	a=Rs.180.00
	Steel Gr.II	b=5 per cent
	Washery-I	i.e. Rs.180+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the Invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
	Direct Feed	
Group-II	Washery-II	A=Rs.130.00
	Washery-III	b=5 per cent
	Semi Coking Gr.I	i.e. Rs.130+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the Invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
	Semi Coking Gr.II	
	Grade-A	
Group-III	Grade-B	
	Washery-IV	a=Rs.90.00
Group-III	Grade-C	b=5 per cent
		i.e. Rs.90+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the Invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-IV	Grade-D	a=Rs.70.00
	Grade-E	b=5 per cent
		i.e. Rs.70+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the Invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.

Group-V Grade-F
Grade-G

a=Rs.55.00

b=5 per cent

i.e. Rs.55+5 per cent where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (run-of-mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.

II. Dead rent:	Rates of dead rent in rupees per hectare per annum or as revised by Government from time to time
First Two years of lease	3 rd year onwards
100/-	400/-

III. Surface rent & water charges and also Cess	As fixed by the Government from time to time
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8) The grantee should pay a deposit of Rs.10,000/- as prescribed under Rule 32 of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 before the lease is actually executed.

9) The grantee should execute the lease deed within the time limit specified in Rule 31 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

10) The terms and conditions referred to in paras 6-7 of this order are subject to such further modifications, additions and alterations as may be ordered before the lease deed is executed.

11) The Director of Mines and Geology shall take necessary further action for the execution of the lease deed after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfils all the required provisions of the amended Act and Rules. As soon as the deed is executed, the date of such execution should be reported to the Government.

Note:- The grant is liable for cancellation, should it be found that at a later date that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud or in excess of authority.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.,
Kothagudem-507 101.
Khammam District, (BY RPAD) (we)
The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Hyderabad (we.File & MP)

Copy to:

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The Collector, Khammam District.
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastry Bhavan,
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The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, "A" Block, 2nd Floor,
Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001.
The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Bihar.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
The Ind. & Com (IF Cell) Department
SF/SC(C.No.15512/M.III(2)/2007)

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri A. Appaiah, ACF.,
Forest Divisional Officer,
Kothagudem.

To
The District Forest Officer,
Bhadradi Kothagudem District,
Kothagudem.

Rc. No. 631/2019/A5, dt: 08.06.2021

Sir,

Sub:- TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - TS - Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 Kothagudem area in Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. SCCL - Additional information sought by GOI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi - Revised Report submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1. GOI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F. No. 8-05/2021-FC, dt: 08.03.2021.
2. Prl.C.C.F., T.S., Hyderabad Rc. No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, dt: 15.03.2021.
3. FDO, Kothagudem Rc. No. 631/2019/A5, dt: 19.04.2021.

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With reference to the above, the GOI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi informed that the after examination of the proposal by the Ministry has requested to submit the following information/ documents for further consideration of this proposal.

Sl. No.	Additional information sought by GOI	Reply
a.	The approved Mining Plan has not been submitted.	:: The User Agency submitted Approved Mining Plan (including Mine Closure Plan) which is approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi File No. PCA-38011/12/2017-PCA, dated 27.01.2020 and validity of Mining Plan is till life of the project. (Enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.)
b.	The Letter of Intent issued by Ministry of Coal dated 27.01.2020 in respect of the above proposal does not mention any date with respect to the lease period. Same needs to be clarified.	:: 1. Mining Plan was uploaded earlier in PARIVESH web at Point M-1-(i) c in place of Mining Lease (LoI). 2. The User Agency submitted the Copies of Mining Leases of Proposed Project which is falling in two Mining Leases as given below: a) 2nd renewal of Kothagudem Mining Lease (G.O.Ms.No. 324 Dt 12.12.2008) valid up to 26.04.2029. b) First renewal of Goutham Khani Open Cast Mining Lease (G.O.Ms No.211 Dt. 08.08.2008) valid up to 18.09.2034 3. Mining Lease copies is being uploaded. (Enclosed as Annexure-II).

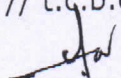
c.	Certificate from the State Government that the CA site is free from all encroachments and other encumbrances is not there.	:: Some of the area selected for CA was earlier under encroachment. However, it has been retrieved from encroachers and now under control of the Forest Department. These areas require immediate taking up Afforestation duly following up of suitable soil and moisture conservation works. To prevent any encroachments base camps will be established under the CA Scheme and due monitoring will be taken up. <u>(A Certificate is enclosed as Annexure-III).</u>
d.	As per DSS report most of the proposed CA sites show encroachment by way of agriculture and settlement. The State Govt may provide its comments.	:: No Degraded Forests are available in this Division. All such areas were encroached. Cultivation is stopped at these sites and will be planted subsequently. Every year on an average 400 Ha of encroached forest land is being retrieved and planted under various CA projects.
e.	Certificate from the State Government that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forests (RF and PF) is not available for CA purpose, for which degraded forest land within notified forest area has been identified for taking up CA, needs to be furnished.	:: The User Agency submitted, the Chief Secretary to the Telangana State Government has issued Non availability of CA land certificate on 03.06.2021 <u>is enclosed as Annexure-IV.</u>
f.	Certificate from the PCCF or Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government that no afforestation/ plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/ scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years needs to be furnished.	:: No afforestation/ plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/ scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years. <u>(A Certificate is enclosed as Annexure-V).</u>

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

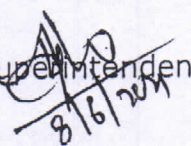
Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- A. Appaiah,
Forest Divisional Officer,
Kothagudem

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Superintendent

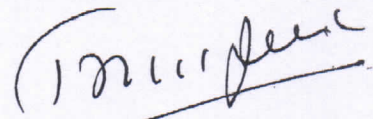


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ANNEXURE-III

CERTIFICATE

Some of the area selected for CA was earlier under encroachment. However, it has been retrieved from encroachers and now under control of the Forest Department. These areas require immediate taking up Afforestation duly following up of suitable soil and moisture conservation works. To prevent any encroachments base camps will be established under the CA Scheme and due monitoring will be taken up.



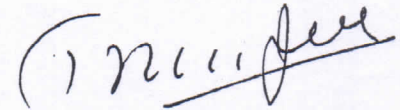
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ANNEXURE-V

CERTIFICATE

No afforestation/ plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/ scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years.



Forest Divisional Officer,
Kothagudem

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri K.Damodar Reddy, S.F.S.,
Forest Divisional Officer,
Kinnerasani WLM Division,
Palvancha.

To
The District Forest Officer,
Bhadradi Kothagudem District,
Kothagudem.

Rc.No.213/2020/K3, Dt:17.04.2021.

Sir,

Sub: - Diversion of 649.30 Ha. of forest land for proposed Venkatesh Khani OCP, furnishing of replies to the EDS raised by the MoEF & CC, GoI, request forwarding of the information - Submitted - Reg.

Ref: - 1. GM, SCCL, KGM, Rc.No.KGM/EST/F/33/138, Dt: 13.03.2021.
2. MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi, F.No.8-05/2021/FC, Dt: 08.03.2021.
3. FDO, WLM, Kinnerasani, Rc.No.213/2020/K3, Dt: 15.03.2021.
4. FRO, WLM, Chatakonda, Rc.No.22/2020/Chk, Dt:20.03.2021.
5. FRO, WLM, Yanambail, Rc.No.220/2020/Ybl, Dt:20.03.2021.
6. FRO, WLM, Allapally, Rc.No.04/2020/Alp, Dt:20.03.2021.
7. FRO, WLM, Regalla, Rc.No.04/2020/Rgl, Dt:20.03.2021.

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With reference to the subject and references cited above, I submit that DFL area over an extent of 392.0 Ha. has been identified and proposed for Compensatory Afforestation in Kinnerasani WLM Division, Paloncha in lieu of diversion of forest land for grant of mining lease for proposed Venkatesh Khani OCP from underground rights to surface rights in Ramavaram RF of Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem Forest Division in favour of M/s. SCCL, Kothagudem. The details of DFL area are as follows:

Sl. No.	Division	Range	Section	Beat	RF	Compt. No.	Area
1	Kinnerasani WLM Division, Paloncha	Chatakonda	Bangaruchelka	Bangaruchelka	Bangaruchelka	8	40
2			Bangaruchelka	Sandralagudem	Bangaruchelka	5	20
3			Sampathnagar	Tokabandala	Punukuduchelka	4	15
4			Gattumalla	Gattumalla (S)	Chatakonda	11 (A)	20
5			Gattumalla	Mylaram	Chatakonda	13	15
6			Sampathnagar	Siddaram	Chatakonda	24	20
7		Yanambail	Regulagudem	Regulagudem	Ulvanoor	10	21
8			Mandrikalapadu	M.Venkatapuram	Mamillavai	7	20
9			Mandrikalapadu	M.Venkatapuram	Mamillavai	7	30
10			Yanambail	Mondikatta	Mandrikalapadu	6	11
11			Yanambail	Mondikatta	Mandrikalapadu	8	20

12	Kinnerasani WLM Division, Paloncha	Allepally	Chintakunta	Chintakunta (W)	Allapally	16	50
13			Allapally	Ramanujagudem	Allapally	6	50
14			Venkatapuram	Venkatapuram (S)	Allapally	22	30
15		Regalla	Markode	Kichanapally (N)	Markode	57	30
						Total:	392

Further it is submitted that the Government of India has called for the additional information / clarification vide reference 2nd cited, accordingly all the Forest Range Officers of this Division have submitted a report vide reference 4th to 7th cited stating that (1) the proposed CA areas in Degraded Forest Lands are free from all encroachments and encumbrances, (2) the said CA sites show encroachments by way of agriculture only which are evicted by the Forest department and (3) no Afforestation / Plantation has been taken up under any plan / programme / scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten (10) years.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- K. Damodar Reddy,
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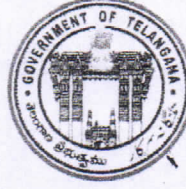
✓ Copy to the General Manager, Singareni collieries company Ltd., Kothagudem area for information with a request to approach the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Kothagudem for consolidated report.

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Superintendent.

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Somesh Kumar, I.A.S.



ANNEXURE - I

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**CHIEF SECRETARY
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Non-Availability of Compensatory Afforestation land Certificate

This is to certify that Singareni Collieries Company Limited, which is a Government Company, having 49% share of Government of India and 51% share of Government of Telangana, has informed that big chunk of land is not available for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) purpose in the State of Telangana. This issue has been verified from the District Collectors and it was confirmed that bigger chunk of land which is contiguous to the forest and suitable for CA is not available.

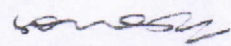
Hence, this is to certify that revenue land suitable for CA purpose in big chunk is not available in the State. With this certificate the proposal of Singareni Collieries Company Limited may be considered on par with the Government of India proposals wherein the SCCL will pay the cost towards raising of CA in twice the area of degraded forest land in the State.

Sd/xxxxxxx
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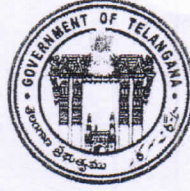
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