

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri R.M.Dobriyal 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.FC4/FC29/15/2022 Dated:25/07/2023.

Madam,

Sub: TSFD -FC(A)ct, 1980-1st Renewal for diversion of 124 ha (surveyed 124.065 ha)
- of forest land for GKOC Phase-II, Kothagudem in Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem
Division, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist in favour of M/s. SCCL, Kothagudem area-

Additional information sought by Gol.-Regarding.

- Ref:**
1. General Manager, SCCL, Kothagudem Area Rc.No. KGM/EST/F-07/ 169, dt: 28.03.2018.
 2. PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-1/PS,dt: 07.04.2018.
 3. CCF/CF Kothagudem Rc.No.202/2018/M3,dt: 31.01.2019.
 4. PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-1/PS,dt: 14.03.2019.
 5. Dy.DGF (C) I/c, Gol, MoEF&CC, RO (SEZ), Chennai, F.No.4-TSA156/2019-CHN/1188, Dt.22.07.2019 (through mail).
 6. Dy.DGF (C) I/c, Gol, MoEF&CC, RO (SEZ), Chennai, F.No.14092/ROSEZ/TOUR APPROVAL (LC)/18/1206, Dt.23.07.2019 (through mail).
 7. PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-1/PS,dt: 03.07.2019.
 8. CCF/CF Kothagudem Rc.No.202/2018/M3,dt: 16.08.2019.
 9. PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-1/PS dt: 30.08.2019.
 - 10.Dy.IGF, Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-17/1998-FC(Vol.), Dt.28.11.2019.
 - 11.PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-1/PS,dt: 19.12.2019.
 - 12.General Manager (Estates), SCCL, Kothagudem Area Ref.No.CRP/EST/F/396, dt:19.05.2020.
 - 13.PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-1/PS dt: 10.06.2020.
 - 14.Advisor Forestry, SCCL, Ref.No.ADF/SCCL/HYD/SEP-1, dt:17.09.2020.
 - 15.PCCF Rc.No. 4633/2017/FCA-3/PS,dt: 25.09.2020.
 - 16.Director (Planning and Projects), SCCL, Kothagudem area ref.no.CRP/EST/F/101/208, Dt.03.03.2021.
 - 17.DFO, Bhadradi kothagudem Rc.No.208/2018/D1 Dt. 16.02.2021 addressed to CCF, Kothagudem.
 - 18.PCCF Rc.No.4633/2017/FCA-4, dt:12.04.2021.
 - 19.CF Kothagudem Rc.No.202/2018/M3, dt:25.10.2021.
 - 20.PCCF Rc.No.4633/2017/FCA-4 dt:17.12.2021.
 - 21.Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi F.No.8-7/1998FC(VOL) dt:11-02-2022.
 - 22.PCCF Rc.No.4633/2017/FCA-4 dt:16.02.2022
 - 23.Director (Planning and Projects), SCCL, Kothagudem area Ref.no.CRP/EST/F/101/313, Dt.01.03.2021.
 - 24.PCCF Rc.No.4633/2017/FCA-4 dt:16.03.2022
 - 25.Director (Planning and Projects), SCCL, Kothagudem area Ref.no.CRP/EST/F/101/709, Dt.16.06.2022.
 - 26.CF, Kothagudem Rc.No.202/2018/M3 dated 18.06.2022.
 - 27.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 dt:15.07.2022.

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- 28.Govt Letter Lr.No.1069/For.I(1)/2019 dated 03.08.2022.
- 29.AIGF, Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-17/1998-FC(Vol.), Dt.29.09.2022.
- 30.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 dt:11.10.2022.
- 31.Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle Rc.No.1935/2022/DM dated 18.11.2022.
- 32.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 dt:04.01.2023.
- 33.Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle Rc.No.1935/2022/DM dated 06.02.2023.
- 34.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 dt:04.03.2023.
- 35.Govt Letter Lr.No.1069/For.I(1)/2019 dated 14.03.2022.
- 36.AIGF, Gol MoEF&CC (FC Divn) New Delhi F.N. 8-7/1998FC(VOL), dt 04.04.2023
- 37.AIGF, Gol MoEF&CC (FC Divn) New Delhi F.N. 8-7/1998FC(VOL), dt 02.05.2023.
- 38.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 dt:04.03.2023.
- 39.AIGF, Gol MoEF&CC (FC Divn) New Delhi F.N. 8-17/1998FC(VOL), dt 01.05.2023.
- 40.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/15/2022 dt:18.05.2023.
- 41.General Manager (Estates), SCCL, Kothagudem Area Ref.No.CRP/EST/F/101/300, dt:14.06.2023.
- 42.Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle Rc.No.202/2018/M3/DM dated 05.07.2023.

Vide ref 39th cited, the Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi has sought additional information on the subject proposal for further consideration of the proposal.

Accordingly, vide ref 41st, 42nd cited, the General Manager (Estates), SCCL, Kothagudem Area, the Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle has furnished information as desired by the Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi which are furnished as follows, with remarks:

Point No.i:-It is observed in DSS analysis that the State Govt. has provided the map showing location of 124 ha CA land for the instant proposai. Further, they have mentioned that out of 124 ha allotted CA, only 42.96 ha is available for instant proposal; rest CA area i.e. 81.04 ha is under encroachment by the local tribes. Therefore, in this regard the KML file of 42.96 ha and status of 81.04 ha encroached area is required. Moreover, the KML file of 124 ha area demarcated in the map wrt to CA and area for diversion (124 Ha) is not available. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the revised KML file along with the map.

Reply:- The KML file of land free from encroachment of 42.96 Ha and KML file of encroached land of 81.04 Ha is enclosed.

The Maps and KML file of 124.00 Ha area w.r.t. CA land and area proposed for renewal diversion (FL) are enclosed.

Point No.ii:-Approval was accorded for the instant proposal on dt.08.02.1999 with a condition that the NFL transferred to SFD for CA shall be declared as PF/RF under IFA 1927. More than 23 years has been passed since approval but the identified CA land has not been declared as RF/PF. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to speedup the process of declaring the NFL identified for CA land and submit the copy of the notification declaring the non-forest land under section 4 or section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest to this Ministry.

Reply:- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Telangana, submitted the notification proposals to the Special Chief Secretary, EFS &T, Hyderabad, vide reference No. 4750/2005/TG/WLR- Dt.30.07.2018 to an extent of 233.77 Ha and were returned by the govt with instructions to the submit revised proposals.

Meanwhile, DGPS survey was conducted for total area of CA land handed over and it was found there is shortfall of 23.77 Ha. In the available actual land of 210.00 Ha, there is an encroachment with the land allocation to the I &CADD department to an extent of 61.66 Ha.

The notification process could not be completed because of encroachment under influence of Naxal's problems in the area and it may not be possible to retrieve the encroached land. Hence, the proposal are being prepared for notification for the land which is free from encroachment to the state govt.

Point No.iii:- It has been informed that out of 124 ha earlier identified for CA only 42.96 ha is available for plantation and rest are encroached. It is pertinent to mention that the approval was accorded in 1999 and since then the CA plantation has not been carried out. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to offer its comments on the future plan for plantation in identified CA land that, whether the State is planing to remove the encroachment from the CA land or the State is identifying the fresh NFL for the purpose of CA land. In case of identification of the new NFL area by the State, the State Govt. is further requested to provide details, viz. KML file, Site Suitability Certificate, Revised CA Schemes, DGPS and Topo Sheet Map along with the progress wrt notification of the said land as RF/PF.

Reply:-

- a. It is submitted that the CA land of 124.00 Ha (part of 233.77 Ha.) was handed over to Forest Department in Sy.No.116 of Rasannagudem village of

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Mulakalapally Mandal of erstwhile Khammam district on 06.03.1990 and the same was mutated in favour of Forest Department vide Mandal Revenue Officer, Mulakalapally Rc.No.B/912/97, dt.07.07.1997. The CA area was free from encroachment at the time of handing over and encroachments happened in subsequent years.

- b. CA scheme was prepared for taking up CA in 124.00 Ha for an amount of Rs.49,60,000/- and the SCCL has deposited the amount on 23.11.1998. Due to high density of tree growth existing in the said area, CA Plantation was carried out in alternate degraded Forest land identified in Compt.No.7 of Kondapur Block, Aswapuram Range, Paloncha Division in (4) bits.
- c. Out of CA land handed over, only area of 42.96 Ha is available (free from encroachment) and having good forest growth with more than 0.6 density as such no use of any further planting. The remaining area of 81.04 Ha is under encroachment and it may not be possible to evict the encroachments. Moreover, Compensatory afforestation has already been raised at alternate place at Aswapuram with the money deposited by SCCL.
- d. However, in view of urgency in grounding of the proposed project of VKOCP by SCCL, the SCCL has reported that the area found to be under encroachment and area allocated to the I & CADD department (81.04 + 61.66 =142.70 Ha), land may be apportioned from the **Non Forest land of 212. 04 Ha handed over** as land bank in Chunchupally, Wadaguda and Ramachandrunipeta villages(i.e. Rajupeta CA Block) of Mangapet Mandal. This land was handed over vide charge certificate dt.07.09.2007 and mutated vide Lr No.B/1452/2007 dt.07.09.2007 by Tahsildar. This land was initially intended to be given towards other projects of the SCCL, but it was not allocated to any project.
- e. This area (212. 04 Ha) was initially meant to be used for CA plantation for the project JVR OC -II for 776.20 ha of SCCL duly submitting the proposal to Moef for stage I approval. Meantime the SCCL was accorded CPSU status during 2013 by MOEF and accordingly while granting Stage I approval Vide File No 8-56/2014-FC dated 10-12-2014, MOEF stipulated condition no 2 (II) stating that the Forest department shall raise CA plantations over the degraded forest land (twice in extent) to the area of proposed forest for diversion at the cost of UA. This CA DFL was later on raised by the Forest department . The above mentioned area (212.04 hac) was however remained as land bank with Forest department. At present this area is having good tree growth and well protected.
- f. Out of this 212.04 hac area of NFL , KML files of 81.04 Ha and 61.66 Ha are

enclosed. It is requested to allocate 142.70 Ha. from this land bank towards compensating the land for 124.00 Ha proposal.

Point No.iv:- The State Govt. may also to offer its comments whether the plantation will be possible wrt the earlier approved CA scheme since there is lapse of 23 years.

Reply:-Earlier, the CA scheme was prepared for taking up CA in 124.00 Ha for an amount of Rs.49,60,000/- and the SCCL has deposited the amount on 23.11.1998. Due to high density of tree growth existing in the said area, CA Plantation was carried out in alternate degraded Forest land identified in Compt.No.7 of Kondapur Block, Aswapuram Range, Paloncha Divisionin (4) bits. Hence, the CA has been raised already in DFL , the forest department cannot insist UA again for raising CA in the newly allotted CA NFL identified in Mulugu division and further, the area is having good growth.

Point No.v:-With regard to overlap in the non-forest CA lands handed over by M/s SCCL and that handed over by I&CADD officials for SRLIP project it has been informed that District collector has been requested for allotment of alternate NFL area to an extent of 61.66 Ha in other location and the response in the matter is awaited. In this regard the State Govt. is again requested to identify the said land and forward the KML files, site suitability certificate, CA scheme details and relevant maps.

Reply:-

- a. In view of urgency in grounding of the proposed project of VKOCP, the SCCL has submitted the area found to be under encroachment and area allocated to the I & CADD department (81.04 + 61.66 =142.70 Ha) may be apportioned from the Non-Forest land of 212.04 Ha alreday handed over to Forest department as land bank in Chunchupally, Wadaguda and Ramachandruripeta villages of Mangapet Mandal and the land was handed over vide charge certificate dt..07.09.2007 and mutated vide Lr No. B/1452/2007 dt.07.09.2007 by Tahsildar.
- b. At present this area is having good tree growth and well protected.
- c. Proposals are submitted to the PCCF for notification by the District Forest Officer, Mulugu,vide his reference No. 800/2022/TS Dt 10.01.2023 for the alternate land handed over as land bank.

Point No.vi:-The State Govt. may also clarify the validity of the mining lease with regard to instant proposal.

Reply:- M/S.SCCL gas stated that the proposal of 124.065 ha proposed for renewal of diversion is falling in Kothagudem Mining Lease (2nd renewal), which was granted by the State Government for an extent of 5158 Ha (involving 1466 Ha of Forest land) vide Go.Ms No 324 dt.12.12.2008. **This lease is valid upto 26.04.2029**. Copy of GO issued by the State Government is enclosed.

Point No.Vii:-Further, provisions as per para 1.21 (iii) of the Comprehensive guidelines issued by this Ministry 2019, Violation/Non-Compliance of any conditions imposed while granting approval under FC Act 1980 are applicable in the instant case as there is non-compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval granted. State Govt. may offer its comments in this regard.

Reply:- M/s.SCCL has complied with all the stipulations in the earlier Stage-II accorded for this project and submitted the compliance report to the District Forest Officer, Kothagudem and Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle. The Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle has also submitted the compliance report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, TS. (Copy enclosed). Further, SCCL has not carried out any violation under the F (C) Act.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, the State Government are requested to forward the above comments to the MoEF& CC, Government of India New Delhi duly recommending the alternate Non-Forest land of 124 hac (in lieu of encroached forest and overlapped land) for consideration while processing the proposal and accord necessary approval to this proposal .

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Rakesh Mohan

Dobriyal

Date: 25-07-2023 20:01:00

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
Head of Forest Force(HoFF)

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

Copy to

The Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle and the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem for information

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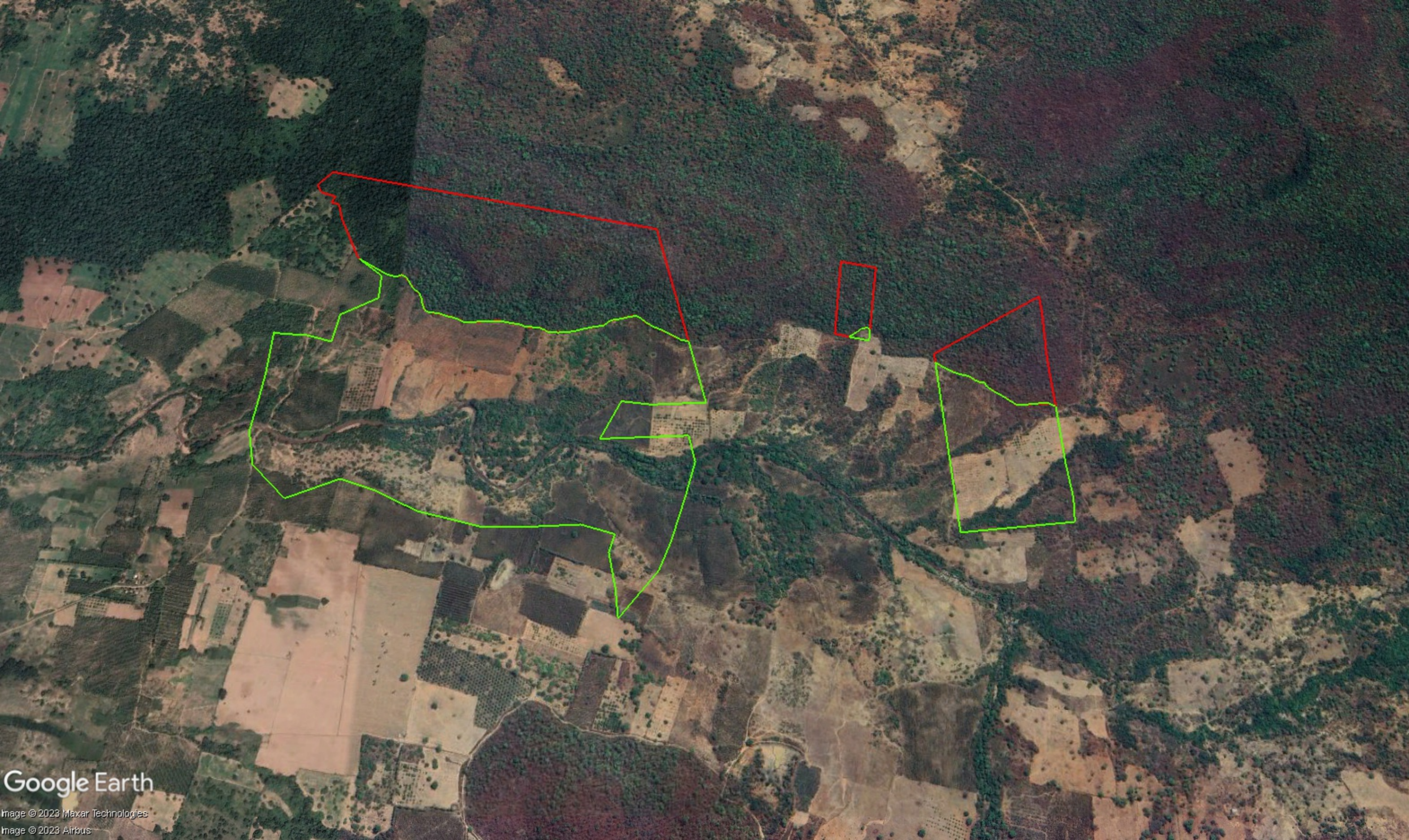
The Director (Planning & Projects), M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Kothagudem Area, Bhadradi Kothagudem District-507101 for information.

The General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Kothagudem Area, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, PO:Venkatesh Khani-507103.

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26/8/2023

1/4/2023
Superintendent



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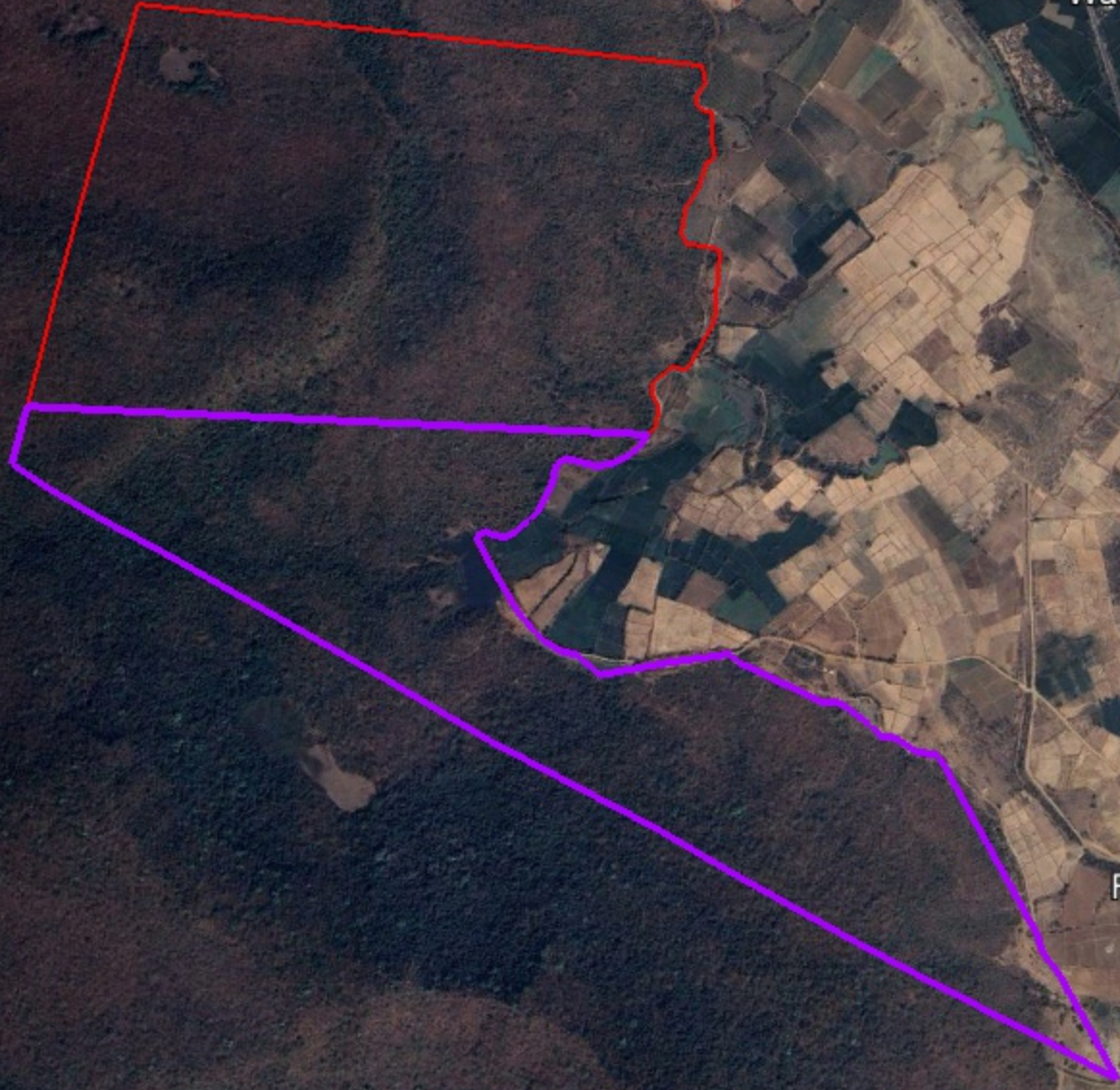
Rayagudem

Naga Devatha Temple

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CHARGE CERTIFICATE

As per the directions of the District Collector, Warangal vide letter No.E4/817/2007, dated. 27-07-2007 & 29-08-2007, the Government non-forest land to an extent of 212.04 Ha. (Acs. 523.94) (as detailed below) in Mangapet Mandal, Warangal District is peg marked, surveyed and prepared plans for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of requirement of Reserved Forest land to be diverted for the coal mining projects of The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) (A Govt. Company), Kothagudem, Khammam District.

Sl.No	Name of the Village	Survey Number	Extent	
			Acs. - Cents	Hectares
1.	Chunchupalli	88/1	124.36	50.33
2.	Wadaguda	120/1	321.18	129.98
3.	Ramachandrunipeta	415/1	78.40	31.73
Total.			523.94	212.04

The above mentioned Government non-forest land after joint inspection by the Revenue, Forest and SCCL Officials, has been handed over to Forest Department on 7.09.2007 by Revenue Department.

Handed Over by:

Taken Over by:



Tahsildar

Mangapet Mandal

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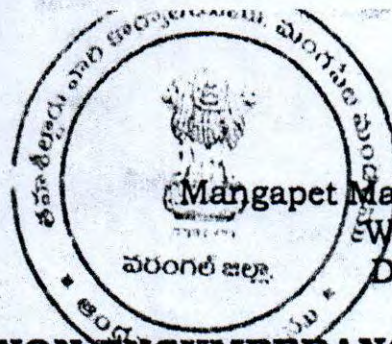
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Forest Range Officer
Eturinagaram Range.

Forest Range Officer
ETURNAGARAM Range.

RC.No. B/1452/2007



O/o. Tahsildar,
Mangapet Mandal, Mangapet,
Warangal District,
Date: 7-09-2007.

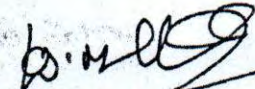
CERTIFICATE OF NON-ENCUMBRANCE

The following Government non-forest land to an extent of 212.04 Ha. (Ac.523.94) in Mangapet Mandal, Warangal District identified for Compensatory afforestation and transferred to the Forest Department in lieu of requirement of forest land for the proposed mining project of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (A Govt. Company), Kothagudem (SCCL) is certified in village records as follows:-

Sl. No	Name of the Village	Survey No.	Area transferred to Forest Department.		Classification	Remarks
			Ac. - Cts.	Hectares		
1.	Chunchupalli	88/1	124.36	50.33	"Government Poramboku land"	Nil
2.	Wadaguda	120/1	321.18	129.98		Nil
3.	Ramachandrunipeta	415/1	78.40	31.73		Nil
Total.....			523.94	212.04		

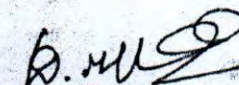
It is further certified that the above area is free from any encumbrance, encroachments and cultivation and the said lands are classified as "Government Poramboku land" in Village Records. The area has not been proposed or will be proposed for any other Project or alternate land use.

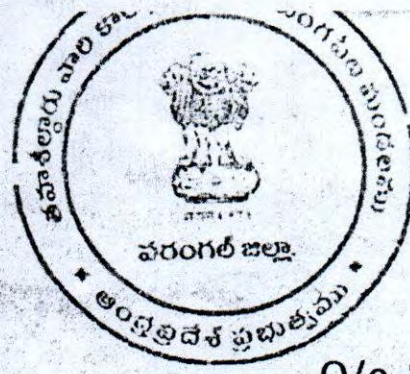
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Certified that the above non-forest land has not been proposed for any other Projects of this department for compensatory afforestation purpose to Forest Department in lieu of Reserved Forest other than area to be diverted for SCCL'S projects.

Date: 7.9.07


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Rc.No. B/1452/2007

O/o. Tahsildar.
Mangapet Mandal, Mangapet
Warangal District.
Date: 7 -09-2007.

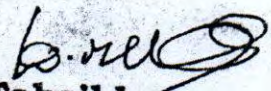
CERTIFICATE OF MUTATION

This is to certify that the Government non-forest land to an extent of Acres 523.94 equivalent to 212.04 Ha. as detailed below in Mangapet Mandal, Warangal District, has been handed over to Forest Department (i.e. Forest Range Officer, Eturunagaram) on 7.09.2007 for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation land in lieu of requirement of forest lands for the Coal Mining Projects of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (A Govt. Company), Kothagudem.

Sl. No	Name of the Village	Survey Number	Extent	
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3.	Ramachandrunipeta	415/1	78.40	31.73
Total.			523.94	212.04

It is certified that the said land has been mutated in Revenue records in favour of the Forest Department.

Date: 7.9.07


Tahsildar,
Mangapet Mandal
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**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 6(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.

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:

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

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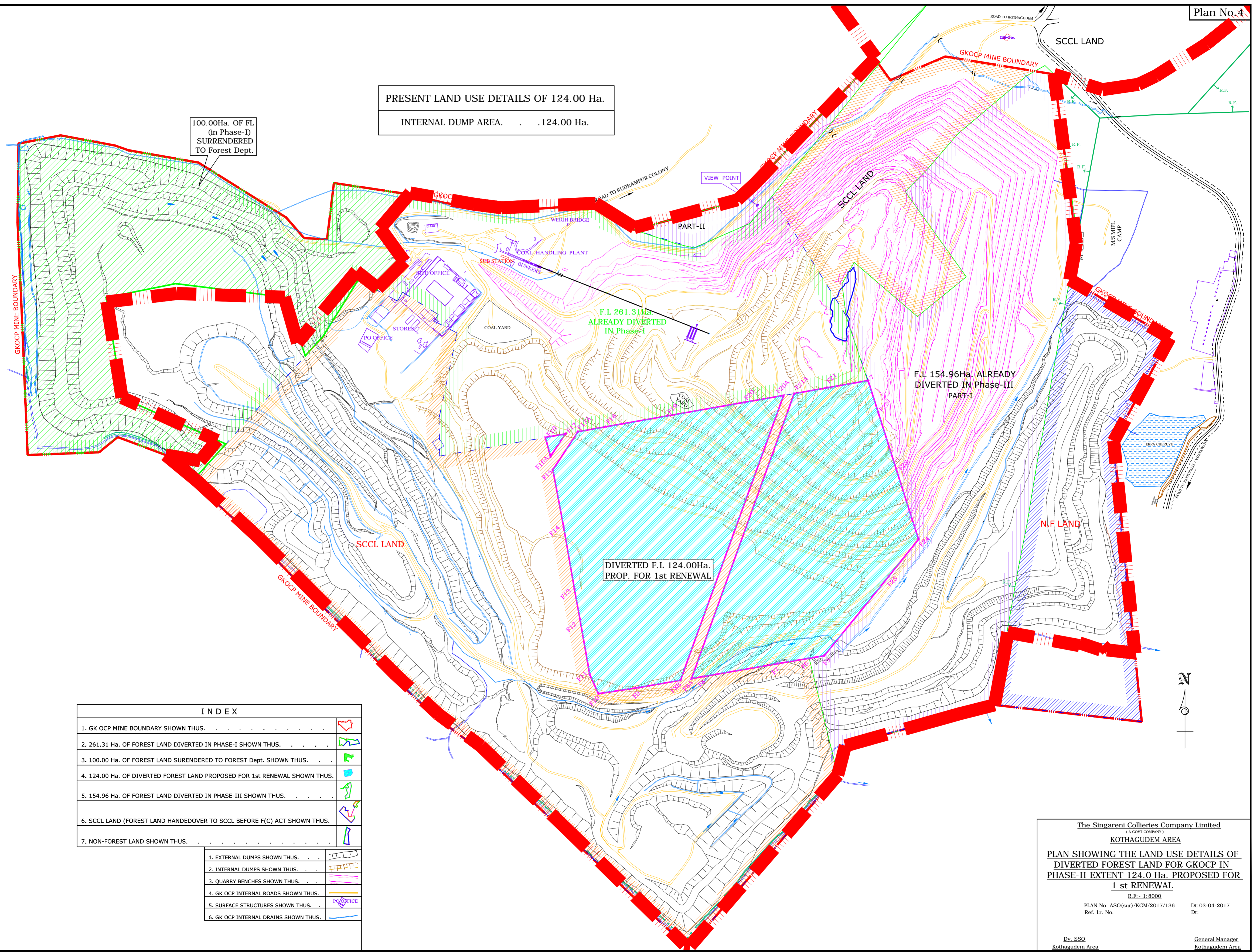
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(A GOVT COMPANY)
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H Y D E R A B A D

Rc.No.202/2018/M3/DM, Dated:05.07.2023

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Ref : 2. DFO, Bhadradi Rc.No.208/2018/D1, Dt.17.06.2023 received on 03.07.2023

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Compliance: SCCL vide letter No. GMK/ASO(SUR)/ 61A/2K/96 dated 11.04.2000 requested GOI for deletion of condition (7), as it is not in consonance with condition No.6 and the GOI vide letter No. 8-17/98-FC, dated 01.01.2002 amended and communicated the same to read as " in a phased manner as per approved Reclamation Plan" instead of within next (1) year.

The reclamation is being done as per approved EMP and approved plan of VKCM. A Half yearly Environmental Monitoring report is regularly submitted to The Director, Regional Office, MoEF&CC Hyderabad. The recent report (April-2022 to September-2022) was submitted vide Lr.No.KGM/ENV/401/160, dtd 26.11.2022. Coal excavation was completed in the year March,2019. Dumping of OB in under progress in 83.98 Ha and balance 40.02 Ha. Will be completed by the end of year 20th year (i.e.2043) as per approved VKCM mine closure plan. Further it is noticed that the mining closure plan of VKCM will be implemented for this project instead of GKOC (124.00 Ha opencast is part of GKOC), for which mine closure plan is approved by MOC in the year 2020 and is valid till 2040 (Mine closure plan approval vide GOI Ministry of Coal File No. PCA-38011/12/2017-PCA, dt: 27.01.2020 attached)

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In this regard, the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem has requested to forward the compliance report on Stage - II approval to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad for further action.

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This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.
Encl: As Above.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Daravath Bheema
Date: 05-07-2023 22:36:29
Reason: Approved

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Compliance: SCCL vide letter No. GMK/ASO(SUR)/ 61A/2K/96 dated 11.04.2000 requested GOI for deletion of condition (7), as it is not in consonance with condition No.6 and the GOI vide letter No. 8-17/98-FC, dated 01.01.2002 amended and communicated the same to read as “ in a phased manner as per approved Reclamation Plan” instead of within next (1) year.

The reclamation is being done as per approved EMP and approved plan of VKCM. A Half yearly Environmental Monitoring report is regularly submitted to The Director, Regional Office, MoEF&CC Hyderabad. The recent report (April-2022 to September-2022) was submitted vide Lr.No.KGM/ENV/401/160, dtd 26.11.2022. Coal excavation was completed in the year March,2019. Dumping of OB in under progress in 83.98 Ha and balance 40.02 Ha. Will be completed by the end of year 20th year (i.e.2043) as per approved VKCM mine closure plan. Further it is noticed that the mining closure plan of VKCM will be implemented for this project instead of GKOC (124.00 Ha opencast is part of GKOC), for which mine closure plan is approved by MOC in the year 2020 and is valid till 2040 (Mine closure plan approval vide GOI Ministry of Coal File No. PCA-38011/12/2017-PCA, dt: 27.01.2020 attached)

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Compliance: The lease period is for 20 years. The renewal proposal was submitted well in advance on 28-03-2018 by SCCL and State Government vide letter No.1069/For.I/2019, dtd.29-10-2019 has forwarded the proposal to MoEF&CC, GoI, recommending for renewal. Mining Lease under MMDr Act is valid up to 26.04.2029.

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Compliance: Coal burning is not taking place in SCCL for making soft coal.

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Compliance: MoEF vide letter No.23-254/2018-IA.III (V), dt.20.05.2021 and accorded Environmental Clearance for GKOC (Copy attached).

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Compliance: No other condition was stipulated. The SCCL will abide with any condition if imposed in future.

This is submitted for favor of kind information in (5) sets and further necessary action.

Encl: (As above)

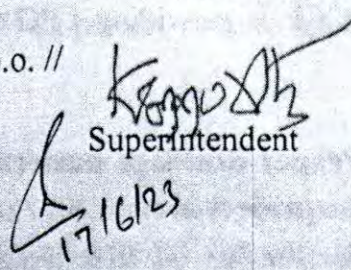
Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Laxman Ranjeet Nayak,
District Forest Officer,
Bhadradi Kothagudem District.

Copy to the General Manager, M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem area, Bhadradi Kothagudem District for information.

Copy to the Forest Divisional Officers, Kothagudem, Paloncha and Manuguru for information.

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Superintendent

17/6/23



The Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(A Government Company)
KOTHAGUDEM AREA

Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/25/ 226

Date: 16/05/2023

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Nodal Officer (FC)
Telangana State,
AranyaBhavan,
Hyderabad.

Sir,

Sub: Submission of status on compliance of the stipulated conditions in MoEF, GOI orders under F (C) Act for diversion of 124.00 Ha. for renewal of GauthamKhani Opencast Project (Phase-II) in BhadradiKothagudem District Kothagudem Division in favor of SCCL. Reg.

Ref: MoEF Letter No.8-17/98-FC, Dtd.08-02-1999.

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited wherein the MOEF, GOI, has accorded final approval for diversion of Forest land to the extent of 124 Ha for GauthamKhani Opencast Project Phase-II in Kothagudem. Accordingly, the Compliance report as on 31.03.2023 is submitted herewith on the stipulated conditions as in the order.

Condition No.(1): Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: The legal status of land remains as Reserve Forest.

Condition No.(2): Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent non-forest land at the project cost.

Compliance: The SCCL has handed over non-forest land of 124 Ha to the Forest Department on 06-03-1990 towards CA. This land is part of 495.08 Ha situated in Sy.No.116 of Rasannagudem (V) , Mulakalapalli (M), Paloncha Forest Division and handed over to the Forest Department. The SCCL has paid Rs.49,60,000 to the Divisional Forest Officer, Paloncha on 23-11-1998 towards CA charges. The SCCL paid cost of CA (124.00 Ha.) amounting to Rs.49,60,000/- vide Cheque No.32932, dtd.23.11.1998. Further, the State Government vide letter No.15050/For.I/97-7, dtd.08-01-1999, confirmed the above CA land, while forwarding the proposal to MoEF, Gol.

Due to high density of tree growth in the area (NFL) already handed over to Forest Dept., alternate degraded Forest land of 124.00 Ha., suitable for raising plantation was

identified in Compt.No.7 of Kondapur Block, Aswapuram Range, Paloncha Division. Accordingly, a Certificate dtd.8-10-1998 is also issued regarding its suitability for raising Compensatory Afforestation by FDO, Paloncha.

The MoEF&CC, Gol vide Lr.No.8-17/1998 FC (Vol), dt.01.05.2023 has informed that 61.66 ha.0 is overlapping of CA area of SRLIP and 81.04 ha under encroachment. The SCCL has handed over the said CA land free from encroachment. However at this stage submitting herewith an under taking to handover 124 ha of Non-forest land (from their land bank) at Rasannagudem village, Mulakalpalli Mandal, Erstwhile Khammam District handed over to Forest Dept vide Charge Certificate on 06.03.1990, the SCCL also paid CA charges Rs.49,60,000/- on 23-11-1998.

The Forest Divisional Officer, Mulugu informed the this land has good forest growth and fenced. The SCCL will handed over the land after grant of Stage-I.

Condition No.(3): Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground with RCC pillars with serial number and bearing and distance from pillar to pillar at the project cost.

Compliance: Since the mining lease area is for the quarry purpose, accordingly demarcation with pillars has been made in field. The entire area of 124.00Ha has been de-coaled all the pillars are disturbed in the Opencast mining. In the area filled with OB 14 nos. pillars had been constructed.

Details of pillars constructed with Latitude and Longitudes are as follows:

PILLAR No.	LATITUDE IN DEC-DEG-FORMAT (N) (WGS-84)	LOGITUDE IN DEC-DEG-FORMAT (E) (WGS-84)	LINE	FORE BEARING	BACK BEARING	Distance from Previous Pillar
F22	17.45719501	80.65769137	F22 to F23	162°-22'-59"	342°-22'-59"	234.21
F23	17.45517173	80.65833840	F23 to F24	162°-23'-59"	342°-23'-59"	289.47
F24	17.45267089	80.65913730	F24 to F25	218°-51'-59"	38°-51'-59"	188.71
F25	17.45135358	80.65800913	F25 to F5	219°-05'-34"	39°-05'-34"	399.33
F5	17.44857499	80.65561034	F5 to F6	260°-28'-57"	80°-28'-57"	59.42
F6	17.44849133	80.65505776	F6 to F7	165°-21'-10"	345°-21'-10"	124.89
F7	17.44831223	80.65389687	F7 to F8	260°-07'-58"	80°-07'-58"	295.28
F8	17.44788035	80.65115358	F8 to F8A	259°-59'-59"	79°-59'-59"	48.18
F8A	17.44780888	80.65070619	F8A to F8B	261°-41'-03"	81°-41'-03"	44.00
F8B	17.44775516	80.65029572	F8B to F9	260°-07'-00"	80°-07'-00"	166.02
F9	17.44751189	80.64875342	F9 to F10	261°-09'-00"	81°-09'-00"	159.80
F10	17.44730762	80.64726411	F10 to F11	335°-38'-00"	155°-38'-00"	82.68
F11	17.44799113	80.64694978	F11 TO F12	350°-01'-00"	170°-01'-00"	217.53
F12	17.44993026	80.64661414	F12 TO F13	349°-36'-00"	169°-36'-00"	122.35
F13	17.45101959	80.64641709	F13 TO F14	350°-09'-00"	170°-09'-00"	248.96
F14	17.45323975	80.64603832	F14 TO F15	349°-22'-00"	169°-22'-00"	227.44
F15	17.45526330	80.64566341	F15 TO F16A	349°-17'-08"	169°-17'-08"	52.72
F16A	17.45573046	80.64557615	F16A TO F16	344°-55'-21"	164°-55'-21"	70.1
F16	17.45641004	80.64539826	F16 TO F17	79°-59'-21"	259°-59'-21"	79.56

F17	17.45652822	80.64613719	F17 TO F17A	80°-00'-52"	260°-00'-52"	50.54
F17A	17.45660310	80.64660664	F17A TO F18	79°-59'-00"	259°-59'-00"	108.97
F18	17.45676505	80.64761862	F18 TO F19	79°-59'-00"	259°-59'-00"	249.77
F19	17.45713623	80.64993821	F19 TO F20	80°-01'-00"	260°-01'-00"	303.74
F20	17.45758601	80.65275929	F20 TO F20A	80°-00'-00"	260°-00'-00"	156.27
F20A	17.45781781	80.65421060	F20A to F21A	79°-59'-56"	259°-59'-56"	41.93
F21A	17.45788001	80.65460000	F21A to F21	79°-59'-56"	259°-59'-56"	132.25
F21	17.45807618	80.65582822	F21 to 7	79°-59'-56"	259°-59'-56"	162.00
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The Chief Conservator of Forest, Kothagudem Circle, Kothagudem, for favor of information and with a request to submit this inspection report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Officer), TS for favor of information.

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