

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To
The Conservator of Forests,
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Rc.No. 2965/2018/D5(ii) Dated. .07.2024

Sub: - F (C) Act- 2nd renewal of Indaram mining lease over 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use, Mancherial Forest Division in Mancherial District (on line proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/34878/2018) – Additional information sought for – submission of EDS - Reg

- Ref: 1. The GM, SCCL, Srirampur Area Ref. No. SRP/EST/M/3/2018/163 Dt.28.05.2018.
2. PCCF, TS, Hyd Rc.No. 9982/2018/FCA-1/PS(i) Dt.18.08.2018. (Proposal No. FP/PG/Min/3487/2018)
3. SCCL, Srirampur Area Ref. No. SRP/EST/M/3/2018/73 Dt.07.07.2020.
4. SCCL, Srirampur Area Ref. No. SRP/EST/M/3/2018/238 Dt.05.09.2020.
5. DFO, Mancherial Rc.No.2965/2018/D5, Dt.12.02.2021.
6. PCCF, TS, Hyd, Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-4, Dt.17.08.2021
7. DFO, Mancherial Rc.No.2965/2018/D5, Dt.15.09.2021.
8. CCF/FDPT KTR Nirmal Rc.No.3629/2018/D2, Dt.21.09.2021.
9. MoEF & CC, GoI Lr.No.8-01/2000-fc(Vol), Dt.21.02.2023.
10. MoEF & CC, GoI Lr.No.8-01/2000-fc(Vol), Dt.10.11.2023.
11. The GM, SCCL, Srirampur Area Ref. No. CRP/EST/F/510/850, Dt.04.12.2023.
12. PCCF, TS, Hyd, Rc.No.FC4/FC29/2/2022, Dt.24.01.2024.
13. SCCL, Srirampur Area Ref. No. SRP/EST/F-04/354. Dt.04.07.2024.

It is submitted that vide reference 10th cited, the MoEF&CC, GoI, sought certain additional information for 2nd renewal of forest diversion in Indaram mining lease (IML) over 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use in Indaram RF, of Mancherial Forest Division. Accordingly, vide reference 13th cited above, M/s SCCL submitted the EDS reply point wise as follows:

Point No.(i): - It has been informed by the State that out of 929.29 ha area, balance area of 342.36 ha is not for mining activity. This area is proposed for further exploration and expansion of existing projects. Hence, approved Mining Plan for 342.36 ha has not been prepared/approved. In this regard the State Govt. shall offer comments that why this area is not excluded from the proposed forest land for diversion and the same be handed over to the State Forest Department.

User agency M/s SCCL submits that :

- a. They proposed to retain the UG rights of 342.36 Ha as it is Coal bearing area for further exploration and expansion of existing projects. Even though, there is no approved Mining Plan for the 342.36 Ha, an extent of 3.69 ha has to be retained with SCCL as there is some administrative buildings which is part of 84.80 ha with infrastructure existing before FC Act,1980. **The detailed chronology of 84.80 Ha with infrastructure and the correspondence is enclosed as Annexure-I.**
- b. Hence, out of 342.36 ha of Forest land, SCCL agrees to exclude the 338.67 Ha (342.36 – 3.69) from the current proposal. Further, land of 338.67 Ha is under possession of forest

department and SCCL had no workings (either UG/ Surface) within the 338.67 ha. The Auto cad plan and KML files(soft copy mailed) showing 3.69 ha (to be retained) is enclosed.

- c. Further, The MOEF &CC, GOI, vide F. No. 8-06/2019FC, dt.12.03.2022 has granted Stage-II approval for diversion of 162.45 Ha for Srirampur Opencast project, including 106.10 ha area which is falling in 929.29 Ha. (Copy of Stage-II for 162.45 ha is enclosed).
- d. Finally, to rationalise the present proposal, the extent of 106.10Ha (part of 162.45 Ha) and 338.67 ha of area not having approved Mining Plan may please be excluded. Hence, renewal may be granted for the balance area of 484.52 Ha (929.29- 106.10Ha-338.67 Ha) for a period of coterminous with mining lease.

As submitted by the user agency, the land admeasuring 338.67 Ha without any approved mining plan has to be excluded from the renewal of mining lease, and has to be handed over to the forest department.

Point no.(ii) :- Copy of the approved mining plan of excluding the area of 342.36 ha./or the amalgamated mining plan wrt conversion of underground to open cast mining has not been submitted. The same requires submission.

M/s SCCL has submitted that :

- a. After exclusion of 338.67Ha from the current proposal and an area of 3.69 ha proposed to be retained, the balance extent of 586.93 Ha (including 106.10 Ha) is covered under Mining Operations. These 586.93 Ha consists of five Mines (part areas) (04 underground and 01 opencast Mine) and each mine has individual approved Mining Plans including the area covered in Indaram Mining Lease as shown below:

S. No	Name of the mine	Area of mines covered in IML (ha)	Ministry of Coal, GoI Approved Mining Plan Letter & Date	Remarks
1	RK NT Incline	310.59	No.13016/10/2006-CA-II, dt 25.11.2014 (Combined mining plan for both mines)	Underground Mine
2	RK-7 Incline			Underground Mine
3	RK-6 Incline	131.43	No.13016/5/2007-CA-II, dt 10.02.2016	Underground Mine
4	RK8 Incline	38.81	No. 38011/12/2017-PCA, dt 08.03.2018	Underground Mine
5	SRP OCP II Expn	106.10	No. 13016/1/2017-PCA, dt 21.08.2017	Open cast Project The MOEF &CC, GOI, granted Stage-II approval vide F. No. 8-06/2019FC, dt.21.12.2023 (part of 162.45 Ha)
Total		586.93		

Copies of approved Mining plans are enclosed for perusal.

Point No (iii):- Since, there is change in the area proposed for diversion (considering the proposed exclusion and also the area having no mining plan), this will lead to changes in required the CA land and CA scheme. The State Govt is requested to submit revised details in this regard along with revised KML files.

M/s SCCL submit that:

- A) Area of 929.29 Ha was proposed for renewal of diversion and area is divided as follows:

a) 106.10 Ha with surface rights :

This area proposed for exclusion from the current proposal as the MoEF&CC, GoI already granted Stage-II vide F. No. 8-06/2019FC, dt.21.12.2023 (part of 162.45 Ha). The CA land in degraded forest land in double extent was identified at Indaram RF for an area of 325 Ha (162.45 x 2) and SCCL deposited an amount of Rs. 20.95 crores in CAMPA towards CA scheme.

b) 15.18 Ha (8.98+6.20 Ha) of surface rights for infrastructure :

Non-Forest CA land (including penal CA for 6.20 Ha) to an extent of 21.36 Ha (8.96 +12.40) was handed over in Rallapet, Gurijala and Bhoodakalan Villages during 1996 and 1998. The CA lands there will be no change in CA area etc. are falling in Mancherial District and CA charges were also paid to Forest Dept.

c) 342.36 Ha of No Mining area with UG rights: out of this an extent of 338.67 ha is now proposed for exclusion and the balance area of 3.69 ha is proposed for retention which consists of Administrative buildings since before FC Act-1980.

d) 465.65 Ha of area with underground rights:

The area contains with four UG mines having UG Rights.

B) As such, there may not be change in CA scheme or no revision of CA is required as the excluded area (338.67 ha) and proposed area (480.83 Ha) are for Underground rights only.

The submissions of M/s SCCL are true with regard to point no (iii) and as such there will be no revision of CA land required, CA charges, regarding the instant renewal of mining lease.

It is requested to kindly recommend and forward this submission to the MOEF&CC, GOI, through State Government for grant of 2nd renewal of proposed forest diversion to an extent of 484.52 Ha (including 15.18 Ha of surface rights) duly excluding the UG area of 338.67 Ha and surface rights of 106.10 Ha already granted stage-II for SRPOC-II extension (part of 162.45 Ha).

Yours faithfully,

District Forest Officer,
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Enclosure: As above.

Copy submitted to:

The Forest divisional officer, Mancherial Division, for favor of information.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer Telangana, for favor of information.

Yours faithfully,

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