

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradi Circle, Warangal.

To: The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State,
H Y D E R A B A D

Rc.No.125/2020/M3/DM, Dated: 01.12.2023

Sir,

Sub TSFD - Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Diversion of **151.8517 Ha** of forest land :- falling in Yellandu Division for proposed Jawahar Khani OC Project (JK OCP) in Yellandu Division of Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited – **Additional Information sought by GoI. MoEF & CC, New Delhi** – Report submitted - Reg.

- Ref : 1. PCCF, TS., Hyderabad Rc.No.FC4/FC29/1/2022, Dt.26.04.2022
- 2. DFO, Mahabubabad Rc.No.1731/2021/To, Dt.06.05.2022
3. CCF/CF, Kothagudem Circle Rc.No.125/2020/M3, Dt.12.05.2022
4. GoI, MoEF, IRO Hyderabad F.NO.AD/IRO-HYD/Tourapproval-IGF/2022, Dt.20.03.2023
5. PCCF, TS., Hyderabad Rc.NO.FC4/FC29/1/2022, Dt.18.01.2023
6. DFO, Bhadradi Rc.No.109/2020/D1, Dt.20.05.2023
7. CCF, Bhadradi Rc.No.125/2020/M3/DM, Dt.26.05.2023
8. PCCF, TS., Hyderabad Rc.NO.FC4/FC29/1/2022, Dt.25.08.2023
9. PCCF, TS., Hyderabad Rc.NO.FC4/FC29/1/2022, Dt.03.07.2023
10.DFO, Bhadradi Rc.No.109/2020/D1, Dt.16.11.2023

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Adverting to the reference 8th cited above, the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem vide reference 10th cited above has submitted that, as per the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad vide reference 8th cited, the General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Yellandu area has submitted the following Additional Information sought by GoI. MoEF & CC, New Delhi regarding the proposals for diversion of **151.8517 Ha** of forest land falling in Yellandu Division for proposed Jawahar Khani OC Project (JK OCP) in Yellandu Division of Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited and the same is submitted herewith as follows.

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transmitted by their state government (Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department) letter No. 3219 /FOR.1(1)/2022 dtd:14.7.2023 (Annexure-III). However, it seems that by mistake these documents were not attached in report submitted. A copy of these documents is enclosed here with. These includes following:

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, vide reference 20207/2019/FCA-4 Dt.09.03.2021 has authenticated the DGPS surveyed map for 151.8519Ha. The same is enclosed. (Annexure-V&X).

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v. (Reply to point no.xi) JK 5 OCP (NFL) is falling in the Yellandu Addl.ML(YAML).Copy of YAML enclosed as Annexure-XII. No forest land is involved in JK-5 OCP.

Copy of approved Mining Plan for JK-5 OCP is enclosed as Annexure-XIII. The mine of 21 Incline UG is falling in Yellandu ML (YML) and worked with approved Environment Clearance issued by the MOEF vide Ref.No-J-11015/930/2007-IA.II(M) Dt.27th October 2008. (Annexure-XIV). This mine worked since 1950 and there was no Mining Plan.

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It is submitted that, the areas beside grave yard i.e, BT road, part of electrical substation and some path ways are parts of 45.5477 Ha. The SCCL authorities have agreed for providing CA & NPV and the existing substation/road/path ways will be diverted in SCCL land.

6. **Point No - 6** - *It was learnt from the site inspection report that the forest area now proposed i.e. 45.5477 ha. for diversion was not part of any earlier approved diversion. However, underground mining has been carried out in this area without any approval. In such a case the violation has been carried out by the user agency. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to offer its comments and submit the action taken report.*

It is submitted that, block of 45.5477 Ha was initially treated as Non-forest land while preparing the proposal and subsequently the Mandal Revenue Officer, Yellandu vide his reference No.B/295/2020 dated 05.11.2020 had certified that this land is forest land. Accordingly in the proposal this land is shown as fresh area for diversion. KML file of 106.304 Ha and 45.5477 Ha is (enclosed) Annexure X. In this area, UG mining was completed before 1980. It was clarified as RF land by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Yellandu during 2020 only. SCCL will abide the orders of Government.

7. **Point No. 7** - *It was informed in the site inspection report, that the amalgamated mine named as Jawahar Khani Opencast (JK OC) will have an area of 1114.507 ha which includes 167.46 ha forest land as indicated at Para 8.1.2 of the approved Mining Plan. However, the forest area now proposed for diversion i.e. 45.5477 ha is not shown as forest land in this Mining Plan. In this regard, the State Govt. shall offer its comments.*

The amalgamated mine named as JK OC is having project area of 1114.507 Ha out of which mining plan approval was initially obtained for 167.46 Ha. After knowing that area of 45.5477 Ha is also forest land, a revision to mining plan was obtained from the Board of SCCL vide Ref No.CRP/Cs/54/408 dtd:12.8.2021 and accordingly has modified the mining plan for 213.0077 Ha Forest land duly including 45.547 Ha which was initially thought to be non-forest land. The Board of the SCCL is competent to grant approval for minor changes (Copy of the Board approval enclosed). MOC vide its O.M-F.No.34011/28/2019 – CPAM dtd:29.05.2020 vide para 1.3(B) has authorized the project proponent to make such changes. Thus, this area of 45.5477 Ha also part of the approved mining plan. (Annexure-XXV)

8. **Point No. 8** - *As per para 1.20 of hand book of guidelines issued by this Ministry, if the State Govt. does not furnish the reply in 90 days, the proposal may be rejected by the Central Government. In the instant case the Ministry on 18.01.2023 sought the EDS and the State Govt. has submitted the reply on 14.07.2023. Therefore the State*

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Govt. may clarify that why the instant proposal shall not be rejected with immediate effect.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem has submitted that, the initial EDS Dt:18.1.2023 communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of forests, TS, vide reference, FC4/FC29/1/2022, dt:18-01-2023 received by SCCL on dt:01/02/2023 (Annexure-XXVI).

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem has further submitted that, the SCCL Authorities has submitted information to the District Forest Officer vide GM, YLD ref No.YLD/EST/2023/12/588 Dt. 10.4.2023 (Annexure-XXVII). Thus submission was made with in a time and any delay was not intentional. Therefore the submissions made here may kindly be accepted and proposal may be considered for recommendation.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem has submitted that, the enclosures for above additional information was already submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad by the User agency vide reference GM, SCCL, Yellandu area Ref. No. YLD/EST/2023/12/84, Dt. 29.09.2023.

Therefore, based on the report of the District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem, the additional information as sought by GoI. MoEF & CC, New Delhi in respect of the above project is submitted to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad for favour kind perusal and further necessary action.

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

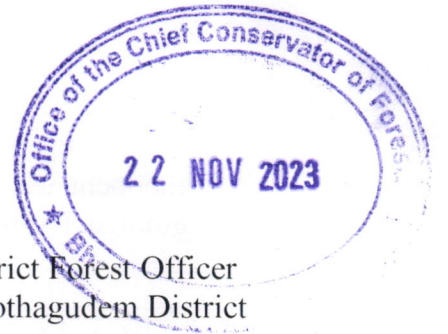
Yours faithfully,

Signed by Daravath Bheema
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Rc.No.109/2020/ D1
Date: 16.11.2023.

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2. GM, SCCL, Yellandu area Ref. No. YLD/EST/2023/12/84, Dt. 29.09.2023 (Addressed to the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad and copy marked to DFO, Bdd.Kothagudem).
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It is submitted that, the areas beside grave yard i.e, BT road, part of electrical substation and some path ways are parts of 45.5477 Ha. The SCCL authorities have agreed for providing CA & NPV and the existing substation/road/path ways will be diverted in SCCL land.

6. **Point No - 6 - It was learnt from the site inspection report that the forest area now proposed i.e. 45.5477 ha. for diversion was not part of any earlier approved diversion. However, underground mining has been carried out in this area without any approval. In such a case the violation has been carried out by the user agency. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to offer its comments and submit the action taken report.**

It is submitted that, block of 45.5477 Ha was initially treated as Non-forest land while preparing the proposal and subsequently the Mandal Revenue Officer, Yellandu vide his reference No.B/295/2020 dated 05.11.2020 had certified that this land is forest land. Accordingly in the proposal this land is shown as fresh area for diversion. KML file of 106.304 Ha and 45.5477 Ha is (enclosed) Annexure X. In this area, UG mining was completed before 1980. It was clarified as RF land by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Yellandu during 2020 only. SCCL will abide the orders of Government.

7. **Point No. 7 - It was informed in the site inspection report, that the amalgamated mine named as Jawahar Khani Opencast (JK OC) will have an area of 1114.507 ha which includes 167.46 ha forest land as indicated at Para 8.1.2 of the approved Mining Plan. However, the forest area now proposed for diversion i.e. 45.5477 ha is not shown as forest land in this Mining Plan. In this regard, the State Govt. shall offer its comments.**

The amalgamated mine named as JK OC is having project area of 1114.507 Ha out of which mining plan approval was initially obtained for 167.46 Ha. After knowing that area of 45.5477 Ha is also forest land, a revision to mining plan was obtained from the Board of SCCL vide Ref No.CRP/Cs/54/408 dtd:12.8.2021 and accordingly has modified the mining plan for 213.0077 Ha Forest land duly including 45.547 Ha which was initially thought to be non-forest land. The Board of the SCCL is competent to grant approval for minor changes (Copy of the Board approval enclosed). MOC vide its O.M-F.No.34011/28/2019 – CPAM dtd:29.05.2020 vide para 1.3(B) has authorized the project proponent to make such changes. Thus, this area of 45.5477 Ha also part of the approved mining plan. (Annexure-XXV)

8. Point No. 8 - As per para 1.20 of hand book of guidelines issued by this Ministry, if the State Govt. does not furnish the reply in 90 days, the proposal may be rejected by the Central Government. In the instant case the Ministry on 18.01.2023 sought the EDS and the State Govt. has submitted the reply on 14.07.2023. Therefore the State Govt. may clarify that why the instant proposal shall not be rejected with immediate effect.

It is submitted that, the initial EDS dt:18.1.2023 communicated by the Principal Chief Conservator of forests, TS, vide reference, FC4/FC29/1/2022, dt:18-01-2023 received by SCCL on dt:01/02/2023 (Annexure-XXVI).

The SCCL Authorities has submitted information to the Undersigned vide GM, YLD ref No.YLD/EST/2023/12/588 Dt. 10.4.2023 (Annexure-XXVII). Thus submission was made with in a time and any delay was not intentional. Therefore the submissions made here may kindly be accepted and proposal may be considered for recommendation.

Further, it is submitted that, the enclosures for above additional information was already submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad by the User agency vide reference 2nd cited.

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

Yours faithfully,
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Superintendent.
16/11/23