

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri R.M.Dobriyal IFS.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force, (FAC)
Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan",
Saifabad, **Hyderabad.**

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

Ref.No.FC4/FC29/3/2022 Dated:19/11/2022.

Madam,

Sub:TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Application for 2nd renewal of Indaram Mining Lease over 929.29 Ha of forest land involving 15.16 Ha for surface use in compt.Nos from 699 to 703,706 to 709 and 711 to 713 in Indaram RF, Mancherial Range of Mancherial forest, division in Mancherial District in favour of M/s.SCCL-
**Additional Information Sought by Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi-
Information Furnished** - Regarding.

Ref:

1. General Manager, Sri Rampur Area, SCCL, Mancherial district Ref.No.SRP /EST/M/3/2018/163,Dt.28.05.2018.
2. PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-1/PS,Dt: 13.06.2018.
3. General Manager, Sri Rampur Area, SCCL, Mancherial district Ref.No.SRP /EST/M/3/2018/224,Dt.25.07.2018.
4. General Manager, Sri Rampur Area, SCCL ,Mancherial district Ref.No.SRP /EST/M/3/2018/223,Dt.23.07.2018
5. PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-1/PS(i),Dt: 18.08.2018.
6. General Manager, Sri Rampur Area, SCCL, Mancherial district Ref.No.SRP /EST/M/3/2018/73,Dt.26.02.2020.
7. PCCF Rc.No.32770/2008/FCA-1/PS,Dt:19.03.2020.
8. PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-1/PS(i),Dt: 10.06.2020.
9. Director (operations), SCCL, Bhadradri Kothagudem District Ref: CRP/EST/ F/510/757,Dt:02.09.2020.
- 10.PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-1/PS,Dt:11.09.2020.
- 11.CF &FDPT, KTR, Nirmal Rc.No.3629/2018/D2,Dt:20.02.2021.
- 12.PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,Dt: 26.03.2021.
- 13.Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No.8-01/2000-FC(Vol) Dt.11.08.2021 (received through mail on dt.11.08.2021.)
- 14.PCCF RC.No.9982/2018/FCA-4 Dt. 17.08.2021.
- 15.Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No.8-01/2000-FC(Vol) Dt.18.08.2021
- 16.Telephonic message from RO, Chennai.
- 17.PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-4,Dt:13.09.2021.
- 18.General Manager, Sri Rampur Area, SCCL, Mancherial district Ref.No.SRP /EST/M/3/2021/431, Dt.14.09.2020.
- 19.CF &FDPT, KTR, Nirmal Rc.No.3629/2018/D2,Dt:21.09.2021.
- 20.PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-4 Dt. 09.11.2021.
- 21.State govt Lr No.1398/For.I (1)/2021 dated 23.11.2021.
- 22.Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No.8-01/2000-FC(Vol) Dt.14.01.2022.
- 23.PCCF Rc.No.9982/2018/FCA-4 Dt.27.01.2022.
- 24.Minutes of FAC meeting held on 31st March 2022 at Gol, MoEF & CC,

New Delhi

25. Director (Planning & Projects), SCCL, Bhadradi Kothagudem District
Ref:CRP/EST/F/510/484, Dt:25.04.2022.

26. PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/2/2022 Dt.06.05.2022.

27. Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F.No.8-01/2000-FC(Vol.), Dt:22.08.2022.

28. Director (Planning & Projects), SCCL, Bhadradi Kothagudem District
Ref.No.CRP/EST/F/510/1025, Dt:17.10.2022.

Vide ref 27th cited, the Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi has sought additional information for further consideration of the proposal.

Accordingly, vide ref 28th cited, the Director (Planning & Projects), SCCL has furnished information as desired by the Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi which are furnished as follows, with remarks:

Point No.1:- Forest area overlapping in the underground and opencast mines needs to be worked out and forest area proposed for renewal in the extant proposal may accordingly be rationalized. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana may present a detailed presentation about the changes from 1st renewal till today before chairperson FAC for further clarity of the proposal.

- i. The Indaram Mining Lease was originally granted under MM (D&R) Act to an extent of 2900 Ha involving 1070 Ha of Forest land for a period of 20 years from 29.07.1980 up to 28.07.2000. Out of this 1070 Ha of forest land, the MoEF, Gol, accorded approval for 15.16 Ha for surface use for RK.8 Incline (6.20) and RKNT (8.96) underground mine. This surface use is mainly for the mine entries of the Underground mines falling in Indaram ML now requested.
- ii. Subsequently, SCCL submitted proposals for renewal of diversion permission under F(C) Act, to extent of 1070 Ha, of forest land falling in Indaram Mining Lease, including 15.16 Ha, which was already diverted for surface rights. Accordingly, the MoEF, Gol vide Lr.No.8-1/2000-FC, dt.28.11.2001 has granted 1st Renewal of Indaram Mining Lease for a period of 20 years.
- iii. At the time of submission of proposal for 2nd renewal of diversion proposal, as per the guidelines of MoEF & CC, Gol, the SCCL conducted DGPS survey of Forest area involved in the lease along with local Forest officials. As per the survey, the Forest area covered in Indaram Mining Lease comes to 929.29 Ha only against earlier projected area of 1070 Ha. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, TS, vide letter dated 13.06.2018, communicated the authentication of DGPS Survey Plan and confirmed the Forest extent.
- iv. Accordingly, the SCCL submitted the present proposal in Form-B along with necessary documents for prior approval for 929.29 Ha of Forest land involving 15.18 Ha. (6.20+ 8.98) for surface for a further period of 20 years.
- v. The entire proposed area for 2nd renewal of 929.29 Ha. forest land is falling in

Indaram Mining Lease and mining lease was extended by the Government of Telangana under Mineral Concession Rules -1960 (amended as on 01.10.2021) to an extent of 2044.34 Ha (**involving 929.29 Ha Forest land**) vide G.O.Ms.No.9, Energy (power-IT) department, dated 16.04.2022 valid upto 28.07.2030. As such, the details of Forest land diverted in Indaram Mining Lease from originally grant to till date is summarised as follows:

Sl. No	Name of Lease	Extent(Ha.)			Sanction under MM(D&R) Act	
		Forest land	Non-forest land	Total	G.O.Ms.No. & date	Period From-To
1	Indaram ML Original	1070.00	1830.00	2900.00	No.438, 28.05.1979	20 years 29.07.1980 to 28.07.2000
2	1 st Renewal of Indaram Lease (including 15.16 surface use)	1070.00	1030.00	2100.00	No.15, 23.01.2006	20 years 24.07.2000 to 23.07.2020
3	2 nd Renewal of Indaram (including 15.18 surface use)	929.29	1115.05	2044.34	No.09, 16.04.2022	Valid upto 28.07.2030

vi. **At the outset it is also submitted that no new area is added into the 2nd renewal proposal of Indaram.** The area of 342.36 ha where no mining is going on is proposed for future exploration to expand the existing Mines, based on the demand and technology. This area was already part of the lease granted 1st renewal, During the FAC meeting it was presented as New Area. The details of Mines, total RF in the Mine and RF covered in different leases are shown below.

Sl.No	Name of the Mine	RF Area in Indaram Mining Lease	RF Area in North Godavari ML in Ha	RF Area in Indaram Extension ML in Ha	RF Area in Srirampur ML in Ha	Total RF in Ha	NFL area	Total Area
1	RK-6 Incline	131.43	71.52	26.68	0	229.63	71.73	301.36
2	RK-7 & RKNT Incline	310.59	140.91	0	0	451.5	0	451.5
3	RK-8 Incline	38.81	0	0	0	38.81	123.94	162.75
4	SRP OC-II Exp	106.1	57.96	0	112.32	276.38	1327.73	1604.11
5	Area for future exploration	342.36	0	0	0	342.36	0	342.36
		929.29	270.39	26.68	112.32	1338.68	1523.40	2862.08

vii. It is to submit that part areas of four mines are falling in the proposed area for renewal of 929.29 Ha and their other parts are falling in different mining leases.

viii. Further, the SCCL submitted an application for diversion of Forest land from underground rights to surface rights for Srirampur open cast - II Expansion

Project to an extent of 162.45 ha, out of which an extent 106.10 Ha is falling in the present proposal of 929.29 ha of forest land. The MOEF &CC, GOI, vide F.No.8-0612019FC, dt.12.03.2022 has granted Stage-I approval for diversion of 162.45 Ha including 106.10 ha falling in Indaram Mining Lease.

ix. This inclusion of 106.10 Ha of Srirampur OC-II Expansion is only to get the mining lease under MMRD Act, as this area though part of Sri Rampur II Expansion project yet it is a part of Indaram mining lease. The remaining area of the Srirampur II Expansion project is falling in adjacent Sri Rampur Mining lease. Thus it is coterminous with the Indaram Mining lease.

x. The present bifurcation of 929.29 Ha. of forest land in Indaram ML is as follows:

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1	Underground Mining	465.65
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3	Surface for RK 8 Incline	6.20
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5	SRP OC-II Exp. (out of 162.45 Ha.)	106.10
	Total	929.29

Point no.2:-Condition laid down and their compliance needs to relooked since the proposal has overlapping areas involved. State must give a detail report in this regard.

- i. M/s.SCCL are submitting the compliance report for the conditions imposed by the MoEF & CC, GoI.
- ii. Further, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, vide F.No.8-06/2019FC, dt.12.03.2022 has granted stage-I approval for diversion of 162.45 Ha (including 106.10 ha falling in Indaram Mining Lease). M/.SCCL has complied with the conditions stipulated in the Stage I permission and submitted the compliance. The State Government has submitted the compliance report to the MoEF & CC, GoI, with a request to issue the Stage-II order. The GoI has issued an EDS on 19.09.2022, as soon as the EDS information is forwarded to the GoI, Stage-II will be accorded by the GoI.
- iii. The Mining Lease period of this area 106.10 Ha (of Srirampur OCP-II Expansion Project) which is part of Indaram ML, **will be having same validity period as parts of remaining areas of the Indaram ML up to 28.07.2030.**
- iv. **There is no overlapping of UG mine with the opencast mine in this proposal.**

In view of the above, stating all the above facts 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,

Signed by Rakesh Mohan
Dobriyal
Date: 19-11-2022 08:44:46
Reason: Approved

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, GoI, Indira Paryawarana Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003 for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director Project Tiger, Kaleshwaram Circle, Kawal TR, Mancherial and the District Forest Officer, Mancherial and the Forest Divisional Officer, Mancherial.

Copy to the General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Srirampur area for information.

Copy to the Advisor, Forestry, M/s.SCCL, Hyderabad for information.

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21/11/2022

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21/11/22
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests



THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government Company)

Registered Office

Kothagudem Collieries (P.O.)-507 101, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Telangana State

CIN: U10102TG1920SGC000571

Ref: - CRP/EST/F/510/1025

Date: 17.10.2022

The
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force
Telangana Forest Department
Aranya Bhavan
Hyderabad

Handwritten notes:
18/10/22
D. K. S. R. M.

Sir,

Sub: F (C) Act- Application of 2nd **renewal of diversion permission for Indaram mining lease in 929.29 ha of forest land** involving 15.18 ha for surface use, submission of additional information basing on the minutes of meeting of the FAC conducted on 01.08.2022, request to submit these details. Reg.

Ref: 1- SCCL Lr.No: SRP/EST/M-3/2018/218, Dt. 19.07.2018.
2. MoEF Lr. No. FC(A)/16.1/AP/II/MIN, dtd 23.2.1996.
3. MoEF Lr. No.8-70/90-FC dtd.23.2.1998.
4. SCCL Lr.No SRP/EST/F/09/391, dated 07.05.2022
5. Govt. of Telangana Lr.No. 460/For.I(1)/2019. Dtd. 16.08.2022
6- Minutes of meeting Dt.01.08.2022

In continuation to the discussion held with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC), Telangana today, it is brought to the kind notice that reference 1st cited, SCCL submitted application for 2nd **renewal of forest diversion in Indaram mining lease over 929.29 ha of forest land involving 15.18 ha for surface use in Indaram RF**, of Mancherial Forest Division. This proposal was discussed in FAC held on 01.08.22 and following further information point wise was sought. The replies to the same in view of the discussion held is submitted herewith:

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Point no.2 :- Conditions laid down and their compliance needs to relooked since the proposal has overlapping areas involved. State must give a detail report in this regard.

- (i)- **Compliance is being submitted every year for the conditions imposed by the MoEF&CC, GoI.**
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- (iv)- **It is submitted that there is no overlapping of UG mine with the Open Cast Mine in this proposal.**

Hence, it is requested to kindly recommend and forward this submission to the MOEF&CC, GOI, through State Government for grant of 2nd renewal of forest diversion with co-terminus of the mining lease.

It is also requested to kindly take some time with the Chairman of the Forest Advisory committee, so that the Nodal Officer, (FC), Telangana, may be authorised to make presentation to him as advised in the minutes of meeting.

Yours faithfully,


Director (Planning and Projects)

DIRECTOR (P & P)

THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES CO. LTD.

Enclosure: as above.

INDARAM MINING LEASE	
FL -----	929.29 Ha.
NFL -----	1115.05 Ha.
TOTAL -----	2044.34 Ha.

**NORTH GODAVARI
MINING LEASE - 4494.0**
VALID UP TO = 21.05.2030

**AREA PART OF FUTURE
EXPLORATION AREA OF 342.36Ha.**

**INDARAM EXTENSION
MINING LEASE - 199.88**
VALID UP TO = 08.12.2039

**SRIRAMPUR
MINING LEASE - 938.85**
VALID UP TO = 27.06.2038

FL=162.45 Ha
Stage 1 Grnted

106.10 Ha



8.96Ha

**FOREST LAND
929.29 Ha.**

SRPOCP

**INDARAM
MINING LEASE - 2044.34 Ha.**
VALID UP TO = 28.07.2030

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FOREST LAND IN INDARAM ML (929.29 Ha.)	

THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT COMPANY)
SRIRAMPUR AREA
PLAN SHOWING THE 929.29 Ha OF FOREST LAND ALONG WITH
SURFACE DIVERSIONS OF 8.96, 6.20 Ha & PART OF 162.45 Ha.
NOT TO SCALE