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

Letter.No.1190/For.I(1)/2021

Dated: 27.06.2022.

From

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

Τo

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

Sir,

Sub:- EFS&T Dept. - F(C) Act, 1980 - Regularization of **330.33 ha** (330.1826 Ha as per DGPS survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapalli Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapalli District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited.-Reg.

Ref:-1.From the PCCF(HoFF),TS, Hyd, Ref.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dated:12.03.2021.

- 2. Govt. letter. No.1190/For.I(1)/2021, Dt:03.05.2021.
- 3.From Sandeep Sharma, Asst Inspector General of Forests, MoEF & CC(Forest Conservation Division), Govt. of India, No.8-16/2021-FC, Dt.07-07-2021
- 4.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-16/2021-FC, Dt.23.07.2021.
- 5.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dated:07.12.2021.
- 6.Govt. Lr.No.1190/For.I(1)/2021, dt:04-01-2021.
- 7.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC(Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi, F.No.8-16/2021-FC, dt.28.03.2022.
- 8.Govt.Lr.No.1190/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:21.04.2022.
- 9.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd, Ref.No.FC4/FC29/3/2022, Dated:11.06.2022.

I am to forward the additional information in respect of the proposal for Regularization of **330.33** ha (330.1826 Ha as per DGPS survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapalli Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapalli District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited, as reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 9th cited, for taking necessary further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

for Special Chief becretary to Government

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sri R.M.Dobriyal, IFS.,

The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forests Department, Telangana State,

& Head of Forest Force, (FAC)

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Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan", Saifabad, Hyderabad.

Ref.No. FC4/FC29/3/2022 Dated: 11/06/2022. Madam,

Sub:TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Regularization of 330.33 ha (330.1826 Ha as per DGPS survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapalli Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapalli District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited - Additional information sought by GoI- Information Furnished - Regarding.

Ref:

- 1. PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No.30176/2009/FCA-1/TS, Dt:07.09.2015 and letters issued till that time and later.
- 2. General Manager, SCCL, Ramagundem Area-lll, Peddapalli district Ref.No.RG3/ EST/FL/104-F/239, Dt: 18.10.2019.
- 3. PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt: 07.11.2019.
- 4. General Manager, SCCL, Ramagundem Area-Ill, Peddapalli District Ref.No.RG3/EST/FL/104-F/270,Dt: 14.12.2019.
- 5. PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt: 07.01.2020.
- 6. General Manager, SCCL, Ramagundem Area-Ill, Peddapalli District Ref.No.RG3/EST/FL/104-F/123,Dt: 09.07.2020.
- 7. PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt: 20.08.2020.
- 8. CCF/CF, Karimnagar Rc.No. 56/2019/M2, Dt. 12.02.2021.
- 9. PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dt: 12.03.2021.
- 10. State govt letter no.1190/For. I (1)/2021 Dt. 03.05.2021.
- 11.GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No.8-16/2021-FC Dt.23.07.2021 (received through mail on dt.28.07.2021.)
- 12.PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dt:03.08.2021.
- 13. General Manager, SCCL, Ramagundem Area-lll, Peddapalli District Ref.No.CRP/EST/F-113, Dt:19.08.2021.
- 14.PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, Dt:23.09.2021.
- 15.CCF/CF Warangal Rc.No.74/2016/TO dt.23.09.2021.
- 16.PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, Dt:07.12.2021.
- 17.GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No.8-16/2021-FC Dt.28.03.2022.
- 18.PCCF(HoFF) Rc.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, Dt:06.04.2022.
- 19. Director (P&P), SCCL, Kothagudem ref.no.CRP/EST/F-401A/483 Dt. 25.04.2022.
- 20.CCF/CF Warangal Rc.No.74/2016/TO dt.11.05.2022.
- 21.CF, Karimnagar Rc.No.56/2019/M2 dated 21.05.2022.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

Vide reference 19th cited, the Director (Projects & Planning), M/s SCCL, Kothagudem (copy enclosed) and the Conservators of Forests, Warangal and Karimnagar Circles vide ref 20th and 21st cited (copies enclosed) have submitted the point wise reply as desired by the Government of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi vide ref 17th cited for further consideration of this proposal.

The point wise information furnished are as follows:

<u>Point-A</u>: The KML files mentioned in PCCF(HoFF) letter Dt.07.12.2021 (point no.v, vi, vii & viii) has neither received in the Ministry nor it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. In this regard the State Government is again requested to submit the same to this Ministry or upload the KML files in PARIVESH portal.

Reply: The Kml files for the point No's. v, vi, vii & viii are submitted in the soft copy. (enclosed in CD) and the kml files of ACA areas are uploaded in the Ministry's portal.

Further, following mining leases were issued to this mining project and the Year wise validity is as follows.

S.No	Name of the Mining lease	G.O.Ms No. & date	Period of validity		Extent
			From	to	(Ha.)
1	South Godavari ML(SGML)	H.E.H Nizam Govt. Lease dated 17.10.1927	17.10.1927	16.10.1957	6848
2	1 st Renewal of SGML	GO No. 1485 dated 29.11.1958		31.12.1984	6848
3	2 nd Renewal of SGML	GO No. 291 dated 11.06. 1986	01.01.1985	31.12.2014	6848
4	3 rd Renewal of SGML	GO No. 02 dated 12.01.2015	01.01.2015	31.12.2035	6848

<u>Point-B</u>: The justification given by the State Govt. in response to this Ministry's letter dt 23.07.2021 point (ix) regarding the details of Non-Forest land for CA with respect to the current diversion proposal i.e. 330.33 ha is not clear. In this regard the State Govt. is once again requested to submit the details of NFL identified wrt the instant proposal.

Reply: Vide reference 19th cited, the Director (Projects & Planning). SCCL, Kothagudem has submitted the information which are as follows:

- a. The SCCL was granted South Godavari Mining Lease by Nizam Government for a period of 30 years from 17.10.1927 for an area of 6848 Ha. (26.44 Sq. Miles) and renewed from time to time. The entire lease has been granted to M/s SCCL as nonforest land which also consist of Upparlakesaram Block.
- b. Further, as per the terms of the Mining Lease, SCCL is entitled to use Government land (non-forest) wherever it is vacant. Accordingly, as per the applications submitted by SCCL from time to time the Revenue Department has handed over the Upparlakesaram Reserve Forest Block treating it as a government non-forest land for an extent of 448.90 ha for different Mining allied activities from 1973 to 1987.
- c. Further, M/s SCCL has acquired private land adjacent to the Upparlakesaram block to an extent of 288.87 ha for different Mining activities. Accordingly, SCCL has been utilizing land to the extent of ~742 ha handed over by Revenue department including Upparlakesaram (448.90 Ha) for different Mining activities since 1973 without any objection raised from Forest Department.
- d. During the year 1986, they have submitted proposal vide FP/TG/MIN/112/1986 for diversion of Forest Land to an extent of 412.40 ha (104 +308.40) for the purpose of Manuguru OCP-IV at Manuguru area. The CA land for above proposals, equaling extent of 412.40 ha was provided by the M/s SCCL as Government and Patta lands out of the 742 ha land handed over by the revenue department to SCCL in Ramagundam (South Godavari mining lease area 288.87 ha of Patta land and 123.80 ha Govt land)
- e. Forest department has taken the above **revenue land as CA in the year 1987-88 and notified as Protected Forest in the year 1989**. As coal was available in the area given as CA, the SCCL vide letter dated 07.02.2005 submitted proposal for diversion of 412.40 ha (247 ha surface use + 165.40 ha UG rights) of protected forest land, which was earlier given as CA land, for the purpose of GDK 9, 10 & 10A and OC I and OC-II expansion.
- f. The MOEF, GoI vide reference No. 81-09/2005-FC, dated 2nd May 2008, issued order for diversion of 412.40 ha of protected forest land (247 ha Surface use + 165.4 ha UG Use).
- g. Further, out of the 165.40 ha of UG rights, SCCL submitted another proposal vide Lr No RG3/EST/FL/105/138, dated 25.06.2009 for conversion of UG to surface rights to the extent of 147.42 ha.
- h. The MoEF, GoI, has granted Stage-I for 147.42 ha of Surface rights from UG vide F.No 8-109/2005-FC(vol), dated 19.07.2012, and amended on 23.07.2013. Subsequently granted stage-II vide F.No- 8-109/2005-FC(vol), dated 01.08.2013.
- i. The Upparlakesaram Reserve Forest Block of 448.90 ha was notified on 12.12.1944, the same has not been indicated either on survey of India topomap nor on any plan maintained in the Forest Division nor in Revenue record and no boundary was

demarcated on the ground.

- j. As on that date, it was concluded that out of 448.90 ha of Upparlakesaram RF Block, an extent of 118.57 Ha was already covered under diversion of 412.40 ha and the balance 330.33 ha was under possession of SCCL without any diversion.
- k. While granting Stage-I for 147.42 Ha, the MoEF, imposed certain conditions regarding 448.90 Ha (118.57+330.33) as follows:

Condition for 118.57 ha

"the user agency shall transfer and mutate additional Non Forest land double to the extent of 118.57 ha. forest land located in the Upparlakesaram RF for creation of CA treating it as non forest land".

Accordingly, the SCCL has handed over 237.45 ha of Non-Forest land at different places and mutated in favor of the Forest Department and non-encumbrance certificate submitted. SCCL has also paid CA charges for raising C.A in 237.45 ha, into CAMPA account. Details of CA land (118.57 ha x 2= 237.45 Ha) handed over to Forest department are as follows:

118.57 CA land details (118.57*2=237.45ha)			
Sl.No.	Extent in Ha.	Location	
1	86.727 out of	Zafarghad (V), Mulugu Range, Warangal North Division presently	
	183.45	Mulugu District	
2	30,330 out of	Polkepad (V), Gopalpet Mandal, Mahaboobnagar Division	
	70.00		
3	48.863 out of	Pinapaka (V), Bayyaram Range, Palvoncha Division	
	55.13		
4	71.53	Esala Thakkapalli (V), Manthani Range, Karimnagar East Division	
	237.45		

Condition for 330.33 ha

"State Government shall create and maintain penal compensatory afforestation from funds realized from the user agency over degraded forest land twice in extent to the portion of the 448.90 ha of forest land in the Upperlakesaram Reserved Forest Block kept under possession by the SCCL without obtaining approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, after excluding the 118.57 ha (overlapped in 412.4 ha) of forest land which was utilised by SCCL for creation of compensatory afforestation (CA) considering it as non-forest land for which penal CA has separately been stipulated [i.e. $2 \times 48.9-118.57 = 330.33 = 660.66$ ha]".

Forest department has identified double the extent of degraded forest area of 660.66 ha

(330.33 ha x2) in Bhagirathi RF of erstwhile Warangal Division now in Bhupalpalli Division towards CA for the regularization of 330.1826 Ha.

The SCCL has also paid amount into Adhoc CAMPA account for raising the compensatory afforestation in 660.66 Ha of degraded forest land.

The CA charges for current Regularization proposal area of 330.1826 ha were already paid in the year 2013 to an extent of 660.66 Ha of degraded Forest land along with 237.45 ha of CA in non forest land & CA charges towards overlap area of 118.57 Ha.

<u>Point-C:</u> It is clarified that even if there are no rights, as reported, on the proposed forest land the State Government has to follow the process as specified under FRA 2006.

Reply: The present proposal is for regularization of already used area and it is in initial stage and after getting the Stage-I approval, the SCCL will comply to pay the NPV charges etc. The Certificate as required under RoFR Act will be submitted before Stage-II approval.

<u>Point-D:</u> The State Govt. is requested to furnish its reason/ comments/ justification for taking up CA plantations in 2021 even though the approval was accorded by this Ministry in the year 2013.

Reply: Vide ref 20th cited, the CCF, Warangal has stated that the District Forest Officer, Jayashanker has submitted that the reasons for delay in taking up CA plantations due to frequent interference of the village people in the identified DFL area, the plantation were not taken as per schedule. However, 521.70 ha have been completed up to 2021-22 and balance area of 166 ha have been proposed to complete during the year 2022-23 planting season (166 ha advance operations are completed during the year 2021-22).

The year wise list of plantations is as follows:

S.No	Year of planting	Area in Ha.
1	2014-15	40.00
2	2015-16	95.00
3	2016-17	196.00
4	2017-18	40.00
5	2019-20	55.00
6	2020-21	56.00
7	2021-22	39.70

Total planting area: 521.70 Ha with 479469 No's planting points. As per the CA scheme the

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planting points for 660.66 Ha is 663135 Nos and balance of 183666 Nos planting points are proposed in 166.00 ha to be raised during the year 2022-23.

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: 11-06-2022 12:25:21 Reason: Approved

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & (Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

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 District Forest officer's, Mulugu, Jayashaker Bhupalapally and Peddapally for information.

The General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Peddapally District.

The Conservator of Forests, Karimagar and Warangal for information.

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

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for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

Date: 25.04.2022.

PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS TELANGANA

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sts who wh To The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &Head of Forest Force, Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Hyderabad.

Sir,

F (C) - Regularization of 330.33Ha (330.1826 Ha as per DGPS Survey) of Sub:forest land in Upperlakesoram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapalli Division for Open Cast Mining Operations - Submission of reply to the EDS dated 23.08.2022 raised MoEF&CC, GoI -. Reg.

1- The PCCF (HoFF), T.S Ref. No- 17918/2019/FCA-4 Dt.12.03.2021 Ref:-

2- EFST Lr. No. 1190/For.I (I) /2021 Dt.03.05.2021

3- MOEF &CC, GOI File No. 8-16/2021-FC Dated 23.07.2021

4- SCCL Lr No. CRP/EST/F-113, dated 19.08.2021.

5- The PCCF(HoFF), Ref.No-17918/2019/FCA-4 Dt.07.12.2021.

6- MoEF&CC, GoI File No. 8-16/2021-FCdated 23.08.2022.

7- The PCCF &HOFF Lr.No-17918/2019/FCA-4 Dt.06.04.2022 ****

It is brought to your kind notice that vide reference 1st and 2nd cited proposal for regularization of 330.1826 Ha of Forest land (under possession of SCCL) for RG Coal Mine in Upperlakesoram at Ramagundam was submitted to the MOEF &CC, GOI, under F (C) Act, 1980.

- 2-The MOEF &CC, GOI, vide reference 3rd cited has sought additional information. Accordingly, vide reference 4th cited, the point wise information was submitted and vide letter 5th cited, the same was transmitted to the MoEF & CC, GOI, through State Government.
- 3-The MoEF & CC, GOI, vide reference 6th cited sought addl information/ clarification from the State Government. This letter was communicated vide reference 7th cited for submission of suitable information.
- 4- All the outset it is submitted that this area (now proposed for regularization) was originally handed over as non-RF land from 1973 to 1987 by the Revenue department. The SCCL started mining since 1973 onwards. At no time any objection came from the Forest department, even the forest department accepted part of the area as CA treating it as Non Forest. It is submitted that this mistake of fact cannot be attributed to the SCCL and SCCL should not be put to punishment through addition CA etc..

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5- It is further brought to the kind notice that following mining leases were issued to this mining project. Year wise validity is as follows.

S.No	Name of the Mining	G.O.Ms No. &	Period of validity		Extent
5.110	lease	date	From	to	(Ha.)
		H.E.H Nizam			
	South Godavari	Govt. Lease dated	_		
1	ML(SGML)	17.10.1927	17.10.1927	16.10.1957	6848
	1st Renewal of	GO No. 1485			
2	SGML	dated 29.11.1958	17.10.1957	31.12.1984	6848
	2nd Renewal of	GO No. 291 dated			
3	SGML	11.06. 1986	01.01.1985	31.12.2014	6848
	3rd Renewal of	GO No. 02 dated			0010
4	SGML	12.01.2015	01.01.2015	31.12.2035	6848

The point wise information to the EDS is furnished hereunder.

The KML files mentioned in PCCF letter dt 07.12.2021 (point no. v,vi,vii & viii) has i. neither received in the Ministry nor it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. In this regard the State Govt. is again requested to submit the same to this Ministry or upload the KML files in PARIVESH portal.

> As desired the KML files pertaining to Point No. v,vi,vii &viii of letter dated 07.12.2021 are enclosed herewith and requested to kindly get it up loaded on the web.

- ii. The justification given by the State Govt. in response to this Ministry's letter dt 23.07.2021 point (ix) regarding the details of Non-Forest land for CA with respect to the current diversion proposal i.e. 330.33 ha is not clear. In this regard the State Govt. is once again requested to submit the details of NFL identified wrt the instant proposal.
 - a) The SCCL was granted South Godavari Mining Lease by Nizam Government for a period of 30 years from 17.10.1927 for an area of 6848 Ha. (26.44 Sq. Miles) and renewed from time to time. The entire lease has been granted to SCCL as non-forest land which also consist of Upparlakesaram Block.
 - b) Further, as per the terms of the Mining Lease, SCCL is entitled to use Government land (non-forest) wherever it is vacant. Accordingly, as per the applications submitted by SCCL from time to time the Revenue Department has handed over the Upparlakesaram Reserve Forest Block treating it as a government non forest land for an extent of 448.90 Ha for different Mining allied activities from 1973 to 1987.
 - SCCL has acquired private land adjacent to the c) Further, Upparlakesaram block to an extent of 288.87 Ha. for different Mining activities.
 - d) Accordingly, SCCL has been utilizing land to the extent of 742 Ha. handed over by Revenue department including Upparlakesaram (448.90 Ha) for different Mining activities since 1973 without any objection raised from Forest Department.

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- e) During the year 1986, SCCL, submitted proposal vide FP/TG/MIN/112/1986 for diversion of Forest Land to an extent of 412.40 Ha.(104 +308.40) for the purpose of Manuguru OCP-IV at Manuguru area. The CA land for above proposals, equaling extent of 412.40 Ha. was provided by the SCCL as Government and Patta lands out of the 742 ha land handed over by the revenue department to SCCL in Ramagundam (South Godavari mining lease area- 288.87 ha. of Patta land and 123.80 Ha. Govt land.
- f) Forest department has taken the above revenue land as CA in the year 1987-88 and notified as Protected Forest in the year 1989. No objection was raised to say that this is RF land.
- g) As coal was available in the area given as CA, the SCCL vide letter dated 07.02.2005 submitted proposal for diversion of 412.40 Ha. (247 Ha surface use + 165.40 Ha. UG rights) of protected forest land, which was earlier given as CA land, for the purpose of GDK 9, 10 & 10A and OC I and OC-II expansion.
- h) The MOEF, GoI vide reference No. 81-09/2005-FC, dated 2nd May 2008, issued order for diversion of 412.40 ha of protected forest land (247 Ha Surface use+165.4 UG Use).
- i) Further, out of the 165.40 ha of UG rights, SCCL submitted another proposal vide Lr No RG3/EST/FL/105/138, dated 25.06.2009 for conversion of UG to surface rights to the extent of 147.42 Ha..
- j) In this regard it is to submit that though the Upparlakesaram Reserve Forest Block of 448.90 Ha was notified on 12.12.1944, the same has not been indicated either on TOPO Plan (survey of India sheet) or on any plan maintained in the Forest Division nor in Revenue record and no boundary was demarcated on the ground.
- k) As on that date, it was concluded that out of 448.90 ha. of Upparlakesaram RF Block, an extent of 118.57 Ha was already covered under diversion of 412.40 Ha. and the balance 330.33 Ha was under possession of SCCL without any diversion.
- 1) The MoEF, GoI, has granted Stage-I for 147.42 Ha of Surface rights from UG vide F.No 8-109/2005-FC(vol), dated 19.07.2012, and amended on 23.07.2013. Subsequently granted stage-II vide F.No-8-109/2005-FC(vol), dtd 01.08.2013.
- m) While granting Stage-I, the MoEF, imposed certain conditions regarding 448.90 Ha (118.57+330.33) as follows:
 - a. Condition for 118.57 ha.
 - "the user agency shall transfer and mutate additional Non Forest land double to the extent of 118.57 ha. forest land located in the Upparlakesaram RF for creation of CA treating it as non forest land

Accordingly, the SCCL has handed over 237.45 Ha of Non-Forest land at different places and mutated in favor of the Forest Department and non-encumbrance certificate submitted. SCCL has also paid C.A charges of Rs. 5,96,04,091/- for raising C.A in 237.45 Ha, into CAMPA A/C through RGTS.

Details of CA land (118.57 x2=237.45 Ha) handed over to Forest department are as follows:

118.57 CA land details (118.57*2=237.45ha)			
Sl.No.	Extent in Ha.	Location	
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	55.13	Division(Annexure-VIII)	
4	71.53	Esala Thakkapalli (V), Manthani Range,	
		Karimnagar East Division (Annexure-IX)	
	237.45		

n) Condition for 330.33 Ha.

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It is brought to kind notice that the Forest department has identified double the extent of degraded forest area of 660.66 Ha (330.33x2) in Bhagirathi RF of Warangal Division (then) now in Bhupalpalli Division towards CA for the regularization of 330.1826 Ha.

The SCCL has also paid an amount of Rs.14, 47, 81,601 (Rs Fourteen crores fort seven lakes eighty-one thousand and six hundred one only) through RTGS into CAMPA account (No-SBHYHI3067304841) for raising the compensatory afforestation in 660.66 Ha of degraded forest land.

Hence, the CA charges for the current Regularization proposal area of 330.1826 Ha. were paid in the year 2013 to an extent of 660.66 Ha of degraded Forest land along with 237.45 of CA in non forest land &CA charges towards over lap area of 118.57 Ha.

i. It is clarified that even if there are no rights, as reported, on the proposed forest land the State Government has to follow the process as specified under FRA 2006.

In this regard it submitted that this regularization is in initial stage and after getting the Stage-I approval, the SCCL will comply to pay the NPV charges etc. At the same time before Stage-II approval, the Certificate as required under RoFR Act will be submitted. As per guidelines also the RoFR certificate is to be submitted before Stage-II.

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly consider the present regularization proposal of 330.1826 ha.

ii. The State Govt. is requested to furnish its reason/comments/justification for taking up CA plantations in 2021 even though the approval was accorded by this Ministry in the year 2013.

Further, it is brought to the kind notice that the reasons for delay in taking up CA plantation may be due interference from the local people as they have tried to occupy this land. However, due to efforts made by the forest department to retrieve the encroached lands, situation is now conducive to take-up plantations. The KML files of CA of all the area are enclosed herewith.

Hence, it is requested to kindly furnish this information to the MOEF & CC, GOI, through the State Government, and request is also to get all the relevant KML files uploaded on the Parivesh portal. It is also submitted that as per guidelines communicated by the MOEF &CC, GOI, vide F.No.11-42/2017-FC, vide para E, this mistake of utilizing this land may not be attributed to the SCCL and request is not to impose any fine except payment of NPV as per land use.

Yours faithfully,

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THE SINGARENI COLLIERIES CO. LTD.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Sri B.SAIDULU, I.F.S.,
Conservator of Forests,
Karimnagar Circle,
Karimnagar.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad,
Hyderabad,
TELANGANA STATE.

Rc.No. 56/2019/M2, Dated:-21-05-2022.

Sir,

Sub:- TSFD - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Regularization of 330.33 Ha. (330.1826 Ha. as per DGPS survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapally Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapally District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited - Additional information sought by Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi - Report submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1) PCCF., (HoFF) Hyd. Ref.No. 17918/2019/FCA-1/PS, dt.07-01-2020.

2) CCF/C.F., Karimnagar Rc.No. 56/2019/M2, dt 29-02-2020.

3) D.F.O., Peddapally Rc.No. 891/S4/2020, dt. 02-02-2021.

4) PCCF., (HoFF) Hyd. Rc.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, dt. 03-08-2021.

5) C.F., Karimnagar Rc.No. 56/2019/M2, dt. 25-08-2021.

6) PCCF., (HoFF) Hyd. Ref.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, dt.07-12-2021.

7) PCCF., (HoFF) Hyd. Ref.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, dt.06-04-2022.

8) PCCF., (HoFF) Hyd. Ref.No. 17918/2019/FCA-4, dt. 06-05-2022.

9) C.F., Karimnagar Rc.No. 56/2019/M2, dt. 06-05-2022.

10) D.F.O., Peddapally Rc.No. 890/S4/2020, dt. 14-05-2022.

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Adverting to the reference 8th cited, it is submitted that the District Forest Officer, Peddapally vide reference 10th cited, has submitted additional information for the point No. (01) sought by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional of Chennai for the regularization of 330.33 Ha. (330.1826 Ha. as per DGPS survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapally Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of

SCCL in Peddapally District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited as follows:-

Point	The Prinmetl Chief Conservati	Information submitted by the
No.	(Head of Potent Force):	D.F.O., Peddapally
(i)	The KML files mentioned in PCCF.,	It is submitted that the KML
` '	letter dt. 07-12-2021 (Point No.	files requested in point No. v,vi
	v,vi,vii & viii) has neither received	& vii are submitted herewith in
	in the Ministry nor it has been	soft copy.
	uploaded in PARIVESH Portal. In	102 ve 307 301
	this regard the State Government is	
	again requested to submit the same	
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This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- Conservator of Forests, Karimnagar Circle, Karimnagar.

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From:

Sri Ch. Sivaiah, M.Sc., District Forest Officer, Peddapally. To The Conservator of Forests, Karimnagar Circle, Karimnagar.

Rc.No. 890/S4/2020, Dated:- 4.05.2022.

Sir

Sub: - F(C)Act 1980 – Regularization of 330.33 Ha (330.1826 Ha as per DGPS Survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapally District for Open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapally District in favour of M/s Singareni Colleries Company Limited – Additional information sought by MoEF & CC, Gol - Report submitted – Reg.

Ref: -

- 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dated:07/12/2021.
- 2) MoEF & CC, Gol, New Delhi F.No.8-16/2021-FC Dt.28.03.2022.
- 3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dated:06/04/2022.
- 4) Director (P&P), SCCL, Kothagudem Ref.No.CRP/EST/F-401A/483, Dated:-25.04.2022.
- 5) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad Rc.No.FC4/FC29/3/2022, Dated:06/05/2022
- 6) General Manager, SCCL RG-III Area, Ref.No.RG3/EST/104-D/127, Date:12.05.2022.
- 7) General Manager, SCCL RG-III Area, Ref.No.RG3/EST/104-F/128, Date:13.05.2022.

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With references to the subject cited above, it is submitted that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad vide reference 5th cited has informed that the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi vide reference 2nd cited has sought Additional information for the point (i) for consideration of the SCCL proposal and issued instructions to submit the Additional information for the below mentioned point (i).

(i) The Kml files mentioned in Prl. CCF Letter vide reference 1st cited (point no. v, vi, vii & viii) has neither received in the Ministry nor it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. In this regard the State Govt. is again requested to submit the same to this ministry or upload the Kml files in PARIVESH portal.

In this regard, as advised by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad during the Video conference held on 07.05.2022, the General Manager, SCCL, Ramagundam Area–III vide reference 6th cited has submitted the Kml files (soft copy), Topo sheet demarcating the 330.1826 Ha & 412.40 Ha of Forest land area & South Godavari Mining lease area along with a copy of plan as sought Additional information by the MoEF & CC, Gol vide reference 2nd cited above and therefore requested for kind perusal for enabling to process for regularization of 330.1826 Ha of forest land.

In view of the above, it is submitted that, on 11.05.2022 I have inspected the said areas along with the Forest Range Officer, Manthani and staff and verified the proposal for regularization of 330.1826 Ha of Forest land (under possession of SCCL) for the purpose of RG Coal Mine in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapally District.

Hence I am forwarding herewith the General Manager, SCCL, Ramagundam Area-III submitted Kml files in soft copy and Topo sheet (enclosed) of the proposed forest land for diversion in favour of SCCL with a request to the Conservator of Forests, Karimnagar Circle, Karimnagar for further necessary action.

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

Encl...:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

District Forest Officer; 05-7022
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

From: Sri. B. Saidulu, IFS., (FAC) Conservator of Forest, Warangal Circle, Warangal.

To:
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana State,
HYDERABAD.

Rc.No.74/2016/TO, Dated:11.05.2022

Sir,

Sub:- TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - TS - Forest Conservation Act, 1980 - Regularization of 330:33 ha-(330-1826-Ha-as per DGPS survey) of forest land Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapally Division for open Cast Mining Operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapally District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited - Additional information sought by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi - Information Submitted - Regarding.

Ref:-

- GoI MoEF (FC Division) Lr.No.F.No.8-109/2008-FC (Vol) Dt:19.07.2012.
- 2. GOI, MoE&F (FC Division) letter no. F.No.8-109/2005-FC(vol) Dt.23.07.2013
- PCCF, TS, Hyd, Rc.No.17818/2018/CA-APO 2019-20/FCA-3(ii), dt:27.03.2019
- 4. DFO, JS Bhupalpally, Rc.No.4642/2012/A2/TO, Dt: 29.07.2021
- 5. PCCF, TS, Hyd, Rc.No.17918/2019/FCA-4, Dt:03.08.2021
- 6. DFO, Jayashankar Rc.No.4642/2016/A2/TO, Dt.15.09.2021
- 7. CCF/CF, Warangal Rc.No.74/2016/TO, Dt.23.09.2021
- 8. PCCF, TS, Hyd, Rc.No.FCA/FCA29/3/2022, Dt.06.05.2022
- 9. DFO, Jayashankar Rc.No.4642/2016/A2/TO, Dt.06.05.2022

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Adverting to the reference 8th cited above, it is submitted that, the District Forest Officer, Jayashankar Bhupalpally has submitted that, the Prl Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has requested to furnish the additional information sought by GOI. MOEF&CC Regional of Chennai for the Regularization of 330.33 ha (330.1826 Ha as per DGPS survey) of forest land Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapally Division for open cast mining operations and other activities of SCCL in Peddapally District in favour of M/s.Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

In this regard, the District Forest Officer, Jayashankar Bhupalpally has submitted that, accordingly, the Forest Divisional Officer, Bhupalpally Division has submitted the additional information sought by GOI. MOEF&CC Regional of Chennai is as follows.

Point.	Item ///	Thermation submitted by the FDO, Bhupalpally
(i)	The KML files mentioned in PCCF letter Dt:07.12.2021 (Point No.v, vii, vii & viii) has neither received in the Ministry nor it has been uploaded in PARIVESH Portal. In this regard the State Government is once again requested to submitthe same to the Ministry or upload the KML files-in-PARIVESH Portal.	It is submitted that, the KML files already have been submitted to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad vide CCF/CF, Warangal reference 7 th cited above. (KML Files enclosed).

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(iv) The State Government is requested to furnish its reason / comments/ justification for taking up CA plantations in 2021 even though the approval was accorded by this Ministry in the year 2013

Forest Officer, Javashankar District The Bhupalpally has submitted that, the Forest Divisional Officer, Bhupalpally has reported that, the reasons for delay in taking up CA plantation due to frequent interference of the village people in the identified DFL area the plantation were not taken as per schedule. However 521.70 Ha have been completed up to 2021-22 and balance area of 166 Ha have been proposed to complete during the year 2022-23 planting season (166 Ha advance operations are completed during the year 2021-22).

The year wise list of plantations is as follows:

- > 2014-15 Planting -40:00 Ha-
- > 2015-16 Planting 95.00 Ha
- > 2016-17 Planting 196.00 Ha
- > 2017-18 Planting 40.00 Ha
- > 2019-20 Planting 55.00 Ha
- > 2020-21 Planting 56.00 Ha
- > 2021-22 Planting 39.70 Ha

Total Planting Area:521.70 Ha with (planting points 479469 Nos)

As per the CA Scheme the planting points for 660.66 Ha is 663135 Nos. 663135 - 479469 = 183666 Balance Points to be planted 183666 Nos (165.32 Ha or Say 166.00 Ha proposed to raising during the year 2022-23)

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

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-B. Saidulu (FAC) Conservator of Forests, Warangal Circle, Warangal.

Copy submitted to the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA), Telangana, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Jayashankar Bhupalpally for information.

Sd/-B. Saidulu (FAC) Conservator of Forests, Warangal Circle, Warangal...

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Superintendent

