## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.No. 208/2018/D1, Dated: 02.02.2023.

From:

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To:
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhadradri Circle,
Warangal.

Sir.

Sub: - TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - 1<sup>st</sup> Renewal for diversion of 124.00 (Surveyed 124.065 Ha) of Forest land for GKOC Phase-II, Kothagudem in Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem Division, Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., Kothagudem Area - Additional Information Sought by GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi - Report submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1. AIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No. 8-17/1998-FC(Vol), Dt. 29.09.2022.

- 2. Prl. CCF, T.S., Hyderabad, Rc.No. FC4/FC29/15/2022, Dt: 11.10.2022.
- 3. CCF, Bhadradri Circle, Warangal Rc. No. 1699/2022/D1, Dt. 21.10.2022.
- 4. FDO, Kothagudem Rc. No. 347/1996/A5, Dt. 04.12.2022.
- 5. FDO, Paloncha Rc. No. 3284/1997/P5, Dt. 30.11.2022.
- 6. GM, SCCL, Kothagudem area Ref. No. KGM/EST/F/07/561, Dt. 03/05.12.2022

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It is submitted that, in compliance to the instructions issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), TS, Hyderabad vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited above, the Forest Divisional Officers, Kothagudem and Paloncha vide references 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cited have submitted the following additional information Sought by GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited.

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	The copy of the Notification declaring the Non-Forest Land (Identified for CA i.e., 124.00 Ha) under section 4 or section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of State Forest Acts as the case may be	It is submitted that the SCCL authorities have handed over the Non-Forest Land to an extent of 495.08 Ha to Forest Department in Sy.No.116 of Rasannagudem village of Mulakalapally Mandal of erstwhile Khammam District towards CA land for (10) projects including (124.00 Ha for GKOCP Phase-II) to the forest Department on 06-03-1990 and the same was mutated in favour of Forest Department for Compensatory Afforestation vide Mandal Revenue Officer, Mulakalapally Rc.No.B/912 /97, Dt:07-07-1997. Out of 495.08 Ha an extent of 261.31 Ha was notified as Rasannagudem I&II RF under Section 24 vide G.O.Rt.No.935/EFES&T(For.VI-2), Dt:05.12.1992 and the draft notification proposals were submitted for the balance 233.77 Ha (includes 124.00 Ha) vide FDO, Paloncha Rc.No.3846/1990/P5, Dt:18.04.2018 through District Forest Officer, Bhadradri Kothagudem. In turn the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests: (HoFF), Telangana had submitted the notification proposals to the Special Chief Secretary, EFS&T, Hyderabad vide reference No.4750/2005/TG/WLR, Dt:30-07-2018. In the meanwhile, in lieu of 1st Renewal for diversion of 124.00 Ha of Forest land for GKOC Phase-II, a DGPS survey has been conducted for the entire CA land along with Forest officials and UA and found shortfall of 23.77 Ha out of total 233.77 Ha (233.77 Ha – 210 Ha). In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad vide Rc.No.4750/2005/WLR-1, Dt:06.06.2022 has informed that, the earlier proposals were returned by the Government Memo No.4337/For.I (1)/2009, Dt: 02-06-2022 with instructions to submit revised proposals for the said CA land U/s.4 of TS Forest Act duly test checked and verifying the DGNSS Survey data now for the said CA Block. Accordingly, the notification proposals are being prepared for the extent of area available and the same is under progress.

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2	The KML file of exact 124.00 of Non-Forest Land identified for CA in the instant proposal.	•	It is submitted that, the CA area was handed over by the SCCL authorities on 06.03.1990. During present survey it was found that, out of total 124.00 Ha, an area of 81.04 Ha is under encroachment by the local tribes and only 42.96 Ha area remaining is intact. The KML file of 124.00 Ha NFL area along with map are enclosed. Further, SCCL has allotted 23.77 Ha in Singareni mandal of Khammam District (Kml file enclosed). Adding this the total area available for this project excluding encroachment is (42.96 + 23.77) 66.73 Ha.
3	The Status of Safety Zone as per chapter 7, Para 7, 9 of this Ministry's Handbook of guidelines issued and also forward the KML files of Safety Zone.	:	It is submitted that safety zone area is identified in Compartment No. 3 of Ramavaram RF in Ramavaram Ranage, Kothagudem Division of Bhadradri Kothagudem District. KML file is enclosed.  The User agency vide reference 6 <sup>th</sup> cited (copy enclosed) has reported that, The area of 124 Ha was diverted for the purpose of quarry which is surrounded by the areas of other forest diversions and non-forest land. Hence, safety zone cannot be maintained on the ground as total area was for quarrying for this diversion. However, safety zone of 9.60 Ha. is maintained around the project in the forest and non-forest lands. KML file of Safety Zone is enclosed and the safety zone area of 124 ha is 6.2072 Ha and one and half times of this safety zone area is 9.31 Ha. The SCCL has deposited an amount of Rs. 3.66 Lakhs on 23.11.1998 towards enrichment plantation in degraded forest.
4	There is overlap in the Non-Forest CA Lands handed over by M/s. SCCL and that handed over by I & CADD officials for SRLIP Project, the status of the alternative Non-Forest CA Land and CA plantations for the same is to be stated.	<b>:</b>	As per the report submitted by the Forest Divisional Officer, Paloncha vide Rc. No. 3284/1997/P5, Dt. 18.10.2021, the matter was address to the Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadradri Kothagudem for allotment of alternate NFL area to an extent of 61.66 Ha in other location vide DFO, Bhadradri Kothagudem Rc.No.208/2018/D1, Dt:18.10.2021. But the same is awaited.

In this regard, it is submitted that, as per the above reports of the Forest Divisional Officers, Kothagudem and Paloncha, it is requested to forward the above information, Map & Kml file details to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), TS, Hyderabad.

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

Yours faithfully,

Encl: (As above)

Sd/-Siddharth Vikram Singh, District Forest Officer (FAC), Bhadradri Kothagudem District.

Copy submitted to the Collector and District Magistrate, Bhadradri Kothagudem District favour of kind information.

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

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

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Superintendent





