

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

Letter.No.232/For.I(1)/2021

Dated:18.12.2021.

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

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

Sir,

Sub:- F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of **649.3014 Ha** forest land in Ramavaram RF of Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem forest division for grant of mining lease for proposed venkateshkhani OCP from underground rights to surface rights in Kothagudem Area in Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. SCCL - Request for consideration for the double degraded area for CA-Regarding.

Ref:-1.From the PCCF(HoFF),T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4,  
Dated:16.01.2021.

2. Govt. Lr.No.232/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:18.02.2021.

3.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4,  
Dated:29.06.2021.

4.Govt.Lr.No.232/For.I(1)/2021, Dated:16.07.2021.

5.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4,  
Dated:07.12.2021.

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I am to forward the additional information in respect of the proposal for diversion of **649.3014 Ha** forest land in Ramavaram RF of Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem forest division for grant of mining lease for proposed venkateshkhani OCP from underground rights to surface rights in Kothagudem Area in Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. SCCL, as reported by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 5<sup>th</sup> cited, for consideration for the double degraded area for CA.

Yours faithfully

  
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

**Copy to:**

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Panagal Building, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015 (w.e.)  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad.  
The Chairman & Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Singareni Bhavan Red Hills, Hyderabad.

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
**Smt R.Sobha, IFS,**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Head of Forest Force,  
Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan",  
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

To  
**The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,**  
Forests Department,  
Telangana State,  
4<sup>th</sup> floor, Aranya Bhwan,  
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

**Ref.No.10066/2019/FCA-4, Dated: 07.12.2021.**

Madam,



TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 -Diversion of 649.3014 ha forest land in Ramavaram RF of Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem forest division for grant of mining lease for proposed VenkateshKhani OCP from Underground rights to Surface rights in Kothagudem Area in Bhadradri-Kothagudem District in favour of M/s.SCCL -**Request for consideration for the double degraded area for CA-** Regarding.

- Ref:
1. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradriKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/A/14/232, Dt.05.06.2019.
  2. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt: 29.06.2019.
  3. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradriKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/A/14/450, Dt: 01.10.2019.
  4. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-1/PS dt:11.10.2019.
  5. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradriKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/33/79, Dt:22.02.2020.
  6. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-1/PS, Dt:11.03.2020.
  7. FDO, Kothagudem Rc.No.631/2019/A5, Dt:20.08.2020.
  8. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, Dt:16.10.2020.
  9. CCF/CF, Kothagudem Rc.No.117/2020/M3, Dt:01.12.2020.
  10. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, Dt:15.01.2021.
  11. GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-05/2021-FC Dt. 08.03.2021.
  12. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4, Dt:15.03.2021.
  13. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, BhadradriKothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/33/265, Dt:10.06.2020.
  14. FDO, Kothagudem Rc.No.631/2019/A5 Dt: 08.06.2021 addressed to DFO, BhadradriKothagudem
  15. FDO, WLM kinnerasani Rc.No.213/2020/K3 Dt. 17.04.2021 addressed to DFO, BhadradriKothagudem
  16. PCCF Rc.No.10066/2019/FCA-4 Dt. 29.06.2021.
  17. Govt memo no. 232/For.I(1)/2021 dt 16.07.2021
  18. GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-05/2021-FC Dt. 23.11.2021.
  19. Advisory (Forestry) SCCL ref.no. ADF/SCCL/HYD-Nov-4 Dt. 24.11.2021.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

1. Vide ref 18<sup>th</sup> cited, the GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi has informed that
  - a. as per the certificate issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana, dt 03.06.2021, it has been informed that 'bigger chunks' of revenue land suitable for plantation are not available contiguous to forest. It is pertinent to mention here that as per extant guidelines made under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, there is no restriction on size of non-forest land identified for CA purpose, if identified land is contiguous to forest area.
  - b. earlier the State govt. vide letter no. Rc.no.10129-A(i)/2020/WLR-1 dt 04.06.2021 in response to this Ministry's letter no F.No. FC-11/81/2021-FC dt 20.03.2021 has informed that an extent of 29560.642 ha of forest area is there outside notified forests in the state.
  - c. Ministry, while according Stage-I approval, dt 12.03.2021 in respect Proposal for diversion of 162.45 ha of forest land in Indaram RF for grant of Mining Lease for Srirampur Open Cast-II Expansion Project of this User

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Agency, had informed that in all future coal mining projects of this User Agency, CA has to be undertaken in areas outside notified degraded forest land. CA on degraded notified forests in these cases shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances when:

- i. State Government has issued a certificate that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forest boundary is not available for CA purpose, and
  - ii. The Nodal Officer has certified that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme in the degraded forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years.
- d. Further, the GoI, MoEF& CC has requested the State Govt. may identify degraded forest land outside notified forest or Non-forest land equivalent to area proposed for diversion and communicate the same for further action in Ministry and also requested that the details of the revised CA land identified outside the notified degraded forest land may also be provided to the Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad for carrying out the Site inspection.
2. In this regard, it is submitted that vide PCCF(HoFF) Rc.no.10129-A(i)/2020/WLR-1,dt 04.06.2021, in response to the GoI, MoEF& CC,F.No. FC-11/81/2021-FC,dt. 20.03.2021, the extent of forest areas have been furnished in the prescribed proforma as follows:

Sl.No.	Recorded Forest Area (RFA) categories	Area in ha
1	Notified Forests (Notified under IFA, 1927 or any other State / local law)	Reserved Forests
2		25,80,049.60
3		Protected Forests
4		1,59,183.33
5		0
6	Other notified forests	0
7	Total area under notified forests (i.e, 1+2+3+4)	27,39,232.93
8	**Total RFA(excluding notified forests as above)	29,560.642
9	<b>Total area under Forest (i.e. 5+6)</b>	<b>27,68,793.57</b>

- a. It is submitted that in the Sl.No.6 of the above table, the lands mentioned as excluding the notified forests which are the unclassified forest lands and yet to be notified as RF/PF, which are under the control of State Forest Department, but never stated that these lands are under control of the Revenue Department. It is clarified that these lands include the non-forest CA lands taken over in lieu of the forest lands diverted for non-forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and also the other lands which are under various stages of notification under TSFA,1967; and also included in the Working Plans of respective Divisions. Hence, these lands cannot be considered for the purpose of Non-Forest compensatory afforestation lands for the subject project or any other project.
3. Further in this regard, it submitted that
- a. the Chief Secretary to the Government, Telangana State has informed that 'bigger chunks' of revenue land suitable for plantation are not available contiguous to forest in his letter Dt.03.06.2021 and it holds good. It is further submitted that there are no revenue lands of any size available adjacent to the forest land for considering them as CA lands. The smaller isolated CA lands scattered all over the state pose protection problem and difficult to monitor and manage.
  - b. While submitting the proposal for diversion of forest land, as stipulated by MoEF&CC, GoI, it was certified by the Nodal Officer that in the degraded forest double in extent proposed for CA no afforestation/ plantation has been taken up. Most of the land now proposed for CA has been retrieved from encroachments after protracted and hard efforts by the officials of the forest department and these areas need to be immediately brought under green cover to prevent further encroachment.
4. Further it is submitted that vide ref 19<sup>th</sup> cited (copy enclosed), the Advisory (Forestry),M/s SCCL has informed that,

a. \*the SCCL has furnished an undertaking to the Secretary, MOEF & CC, GOI, that it will hand over about 19871 Ha of rehabilitated overburden areas (Non-RF) after closure of mines from 2027-28 onwards, over and above the cost paid for raising CA in double the degraded forests for present proposals for diversion. This will compensate the loss of forest, though the legal position of diverted forest land remains as RF.

b. The Singareni Collieries has submitted proposals for diversion of forest land for its various projects with potential to produce 22.5 million tonnes of coal, status of processing of these proposals is as follows.

Sl. No	Name of the Proposal	Area proposed for diversion in Ha	PCFF Ref	Status
1	Venkteshkhani OCP	649.30	10066/2019/FCA-4 Dt.16.01.2021	With MOEF&CC
2	Jawaharkhani OCP	151.85	2027/2019/FCA-4 Dt.18.05.21	With the CF-KGM for resubmission
3	Goleti OC	612.89	6952/2020/FCA-4 Dt.06.01.21	With the CCF-Adilabad for resubmission
4	Venkatapur OC	432.75	2968/2019/FCA-1/PS Dt.02.03.2019	With the CCF-Warangal for resubmission
5	Ramagundam OC	17.994	6963/2019/FCA-4 Dt.12.10.21	Proposal is at GOTS
6	Mahaveerkhani OC	392.67	5342/2021/FCA-4 Dt.09.08.21	Under submission of proposal
7	Penagadapa	242.9869	8362/2021/FCA-4 Dt.23.07.21	Under submission of proposal
8	Tadicherla	1175.99	10088/2021/FCA-4 Dt.01.11.21	Under submission of proposal
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3676.4309</b>		

c. These proposals are very crucial and important for Singareni Collieries to ground new projects to meet the demand of coal.

d. Further, requested to kindly furnish suitable reply through the State Government with reference to the reference 18<sup>th</sup> cited to the MOEF & CC, GOI, on the non-availability of degraded forest land so that pending proposals of SCCL for diversion of forest land can be considered duly taking double the degraded forest with the Forest department. This will create win-win situation to the forest department and also requested to kindly inform the MOEF & CC, GOI, that the subject proposal submitted for diversion is meeting the criteria as asked by the MOEF & CC, GOI, as brought out in above paras, and to kindly advise the Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad to carry out site inspection of the areas of degraded forest lands already proposed for CA as in the proposal submitted and to process the proposal for obtaining and communicating the approval for diversion.

5. In view of the above, the State government is requested to forward the following facts and request to the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi that

a. an extent of 29560.642 ha of forest area mentioned in the reference Rc.no.10129-A(i)/2020/WLR-1, dt 04.06.2021 is outside notified forests, which is under the control and management of Forest department not with the Revenue department and these areas are yet to be notified. These lands include the non-forest CA lands taken over in lieu of the forest lands diverted for non-forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and also the other lands which are under various stages of notification under TSFA,1967; and also included in the Working Plans of respective Divisions. Hence, these lands cannot be considered for the purpose of compensatory afforestation for the subject project or any other project.



However, these lands are to be classified as un-classified forests not revenue lands.

- b. the SCCL has given an undertaking that Secretary, MOEF & CC, GOI, that they will hand over about 19871 Ha of rehabilitated overburden areas (Non-RF) after closure of mines from 2027-28 onwards and same may be considered subject to condition that they should be afforested before handing over.
- c. also to consider the certificate issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana Dt.03.06.2021, that 'bigger chunks' of revenue land suitable for plantation are not available contiguous to forest and not to insist to identify non-forest CA land. Smaller isolated CA lands pose protection problem as 649.3014 Ha of forest land to be diverted for subject project and 3676.4309 Ha for other SCCL projects. Such huge areas are not available as large chunks in the state.
- d. Hence, the present proposal and the ongoing SCCL proposals, which are vital to produce 22.5 million tones of coal, may be considered duly taking CA in double the degraded forest with the Forest department in lieu of forest area diversion, which is also certified by Nodal Officer that in the degraded forest double in extent proposed for CA, no afforestation/ plantation has been taken up.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-R.Sobha**

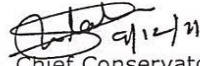
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.  
(Head of Forest Force)

Advance Copy submitted to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to the Govt, MoEF& CC, GoI, Indira ParyawaranaBhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003 for information and necessary action.

Advance Copy submitted to the Inspector General of Forests (FC), MoEF& CC, GoI, Indira ParyawaranaBhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003.for favor of information.

Copy to the Chairman and Managing director, SCCL, Red Hills, PB.No.18, Khairatabad PO, Hyderabad -500004 for information.

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For Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

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*9/12/2021*

Surendra Pandey, IFS (Retd.)  
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The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.  
(A Government Company)



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“CARE FOR CLEAN WATER & AIR”

Ref: ADF/SCCL/HYD-Nov-4

Date: 24.11.2021

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

Madam,

Sub: Diversion of 649.3014 forest land for Venkatesh Khani in Kothagudem for coal mining, identification of degraded forest land under control of the revenue department/ revenue land, request confirmation. Reg.

Ref: 1- MOEF & CC, GOI, F.No.11-423/2011-FC Dt.31.01.2013 (Annexure-I)  
2- MOEF & CC, GOI, F.No.5-2/2017-FC Dt.28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 (Annexure-II)  
3- MOEF & CC, GOI, F.No.8-06/2019FC Dt.12.03.2021 (Annexure-III)  
4- PCCF Ref.No- 10066/2019/FCA-4 Dt.16.01.2021  
5- The CS-TS Lr Dated 03.06.2021 (Annexure-IV)  
6- MOEF & CC, GOI, F.No.8-05/2021-FC Dt.23.11.2021 (Annexure-V)  
7- PCCF Ref.No-10129-A(i)/2020/WLR-1 Dt.04.06.2021 (Annexure-VI)  
8- The CMD Ref.No-CMD/PS/H/147 Dt.09.11.2020 (Annexure VII)

Kind attention is invited to the reference first cited, where in the MOEF & CC, GOI, has accorded CPS status to the Singareni collieries company for the purpose of CA. Accordingly, various proposals has been accepted by the MOEF & CC, GOI and forest land diverted.

- 1- The MOEF & CC, GOI vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited has revised guidelines. According to clarification under Compensatory Afforestation vide para 2.5 (f) only Central Government agencies have been favoured with CPSU status for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation. **The SCCL is having 49% of the GOI (Central shares).**
- 2- However, MOEF & CC, GOI, vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, while granting Stage-I approval for diversion of 162.45 Ha for Srirampur OC-II Expansion project, has informed that in all future coal mining project of the SCCL, CA has to be undertaken in areas outside notified degraded forest land. CA on degraded notified forests in these cases shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances when:
  - a. State Government has issued a certificate that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forest boundary is not available for CA purpose, and



- b. The Nodal Officer has certified that no afforestation / plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme in the degraded forest area proposed for CA in last ten years.
- 3- Subsequently, the Chief Secretary to the State government wide reference 5th cited has issued a certificate about non availability of revenue land contiguous to the forest and suitable for CA. This certificate was issued after due verification of the records from the District Collectors.
  - 4- Further vide reference 8 cited the SCCL has furnished an undertaking to the Secretary, MOEF & CC, GOI, that it will hand over about 19871 Ha of rehabilitated overburden areas (Non-RF) after closure of mines from 2027-28 onwards, over and above the cost paid for raising CA in double the degraded forests for present proposals for diversion. This will compensate the loss of forest, though the legal position of diverted forest land remains as RF.
  - 5- It is further brought to the kind notice that vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited proposal for diversion of **649.3014Ha of forest land for Venkateshkani OCP** was submitted to the MOEF & CC, GOI, for obtaining and communicating the approval for diversion.
  - 6- However, vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited the MOEF & CC, GOI, have reiterated their stand as brought out in para 2 a & b, basing on the details furnished in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited **about availability of 29560.642 Ha of forest area outside notified forests in the State. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited at serial number 6, an area of 29,560.642 has been mentioned as excluding notified forest area out of total mentioned. However, it does not give any mention whether this land is under control of Revenue department or with the Forest Department as un-notified block. It is learnt that though this land is not notified but the area is under control & management of the forest department.**
  - 7- Under the assumption that this land is outside control of forest department the MOEF & CC, GOI, vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited has requested the State Government to identify degraded forest land outside notified forest or non-forest land equivalent to area proposed for diversion. However, the non-availability certificate issued by the Chief Secretary to the State Government stands good.
  - 8- It is submitted that the Chief Secretary to the State Government as recent as in June 2021 has certified that such land is not available for CA. **In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited while submitting the proposal for diversion of forest land, it was clearly mentioned that in the degraded forest double in extent proposed for C.A no afforestation/ plantation has been taken up.** It was also narrated that most the land now proposed for CA **has been retrieved** after protracted and hard efforts by the officials of the forest department and these areas need to be immediately brought under green cover. Thus, the conditions as mentioned in para 2 a & b has been complied and as such the areas already proposed are suitable for CA for this project.



9- The Singareni Collieries has submitted proposals for diversion of forest land for its various projects with potential to produce **22.5 million tonnes** of coal, status of processing of these proposals is as follows.

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10- It is requested to kindly confirm whether the degraded forest area (**about availability of 29560.642 Ha of forest area outside**) as mentioned in reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited is under control of the Revenue department or under management and control of the Forest department. If these areas are with the Revenue department, after getting the details from your office, we may approach the Revenue department for allotment to the SCCL for CA purpose. **And if areas are within the control of the forest department meet the following criteria:**

- Whether suitable for CA, ( b) Scattered at many places
- Whether marked for other uses & present management.

**It is brought to the kind notice that these proposals are very crucial and important for Singareni Collieries to ground new projects to meet the demand of coal.**

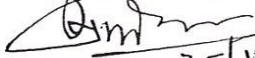
Hence, it is requested to kindly furnished suitable reply through the State Government with reference to the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited to the MOEF &CC, GOI, on the non-availability of degraded forest land (29560.642Ha) under control of Revenue department. So that pending proposals of SCCL for diversion of forest land can be considered duly taking double the degraded forest with the Forest department. This will create win-win situation to the forest department.



It is also requested to kindly inform the MOEF & CC, GOI, that the proposal submitted for diversion of 649.301Ha for Venktesh Khani is meeting the criteria as asked by the MOEF & CC, GOI, as brought out in para 2 a & b, and to kindly advise the Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad to carry out site inspection of the areas already proposed for CA as in the proposal submitted and to process the proposal for obtaining and communicating the approval for diversion.

Enclosed ( Enclosures aa)

Yours faithfully

  
25/11/21  
Adviser Forestry

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Annexure - I

F. No. 11-423/2011-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road  
New Delhi-110 003  
Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013

To  
The Special Chief Secretary,  
Environment Forests, Science and Technology Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Hyderabad.

Sub: Diversion of forest land for coal mining, providing of land for Compensatory afforestation, request of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to grant them CPSU status-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh's L.O. No. CRP/EST/C/005 dated 03.11.2012 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein this Ministry was requested to grant the status of Central Public Sector Unit (CPSU) for the purpose of providing land for Compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest land diverted in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) for coal mining and allied activities.

The matter has been examined in this Ministry. Keeping in view that SCCL is a fully Government owned company with 51% equity held by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the remaining 49% by the Government of India, the Central Government has decided to accord status of CPSU to the SCCL for the purpose of obtaining compensatory afforestation in respect of the proposals seeking prior approval of the Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land in their favour for coal mining and allied activities to be received in this Ministry in future.

This issues with approval of the Hon'ble Minister of State (Environment and Forests).

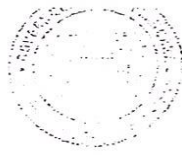
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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Andhra Pradesh,

Asstt. Secretary to Government of India,



Annexure - IV



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Dt: 03-06-2021

CHIEF SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

**Non-Availability of Compensatory Afforestation land Certificate**

This is to certify that Singareni Collieries Company Limited, which is a Government Company, having 49% share of Government of India and 51% share of Government of Telangana, has informed that big chunk of land is not available for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) purpose in the State of Telangana. This issue has been verified from the District Collectors and it was confirmed that bigger chunk of land which is contiguous to the forest and suitable for CA is not available.

Hence, this is to certify that revenue land suitable for CA purpose in big chunk is not available in the State. With this certificate the proposal of Singareni Collieries Company Limited may be considered on par with the Government of India proposals wherein the SCCL will pay the cost towards raising of CA in twice the area of degraded forest land in the State.

Sd/.....  
SOMESH KUMAR

Director General of Forests and Special  
Secretary to Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change G.O.I.,  
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2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyderabad.
3. Secretary to Government, Energy Department.

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