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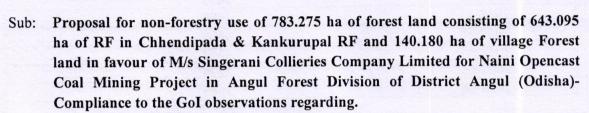
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From

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act) O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC) Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003



Ref-: F.No. 8-01/2020-FC dated 30.08.2020 of the Scientist "D", GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Sir.

In reference to the GoI letter cited above on the captioned subject, the DFO, Angul Forest division and RCCF, Angul Circle have furnished the compliance report/undertakings as detailed below-:

(i) Non-forest area of equivalent in size to the diverted forest area shall be made available and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department out of the area available immediately after the closure and rehabilitation of mines of M/s SCCL from 2027-28 (or earlier) onwards, as per the schedule intimated by M/s SCCL vide their letter no. CMD/PS/H/129 dated 29.09.2020.

Compliance:- During course of FAC meetings for diversion of RF land for Naini project in Odisha, it has been advised to identify degraded forest land which is not notified as Rr and not under control of Forest Department. The SCCL has requested the MOEF & CC, Gol, to accept payment towards raising the CA in degraded forest lands in double extent as the grounding of this project required immediately to sustain the targeted production and SCCL will provide equal extent of non-forest land of rehabilitated over burden of SCCL's mines after they get closed.

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Further the SCCL has informed the MOEF & CC, Gol, that after closing of ongoing mines, the non-forest land after rehabilitation can be handed over to the Forest Department towards CA purpose in equal extent of RF land being diverted which can be notified as RF. This will compensate the loss of forest areas. The SCCL mines will start getting closed from 2023 onwards totalling to 19870 Ha of non-forest land Details of land that can be handed over year wise is as follows.

SI No.	Year	Extent of Non-forest land available after post closure of Mines (ha)
1	2027-28	3033
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Accordingly, the MOEF & CC, Gol, considered payment of CA charges for raising CA in double the extent in degraded Forest Land for Naini Coal Mine and to hand over equal extent of non-RF land from 2027 onwards. Accordingly, while granting Stage-I, the GoI imposed a condition No. B-3 as follows:-

In addition to the proposed CA, non-forest area equivalent in size to the diverted forest area shall be made available and mutated in favour of Telangana State Forest Department out of the area available immediately after the closure and rehabilitation of mines of M/s SCCL from 2027-28 (or earlier) onwards, as already intimated by M/s SCCL vide their letter no. CMD/PS/H/129 dt. 29.09.2020.

As per the conditions imposed in the Stage-1, the SCCL has submitted its Board approval vide Minute No. 558:5:18 to make available non forest land equivalent in size to the diverted forest area and mutate in favour of Telangana state forest department out of the area immediately available after completing the mine closure activities and rehabilitation of the land after taking requisite approvals from the state government.

The MOEF & CC, GOI has requested an undertaking from the SCCL on stamp paper regarding non forest land proposed to be handed over in equivalent size of 783.275 Ha after closure and rehabilitation of Mines of SCCL from 2027-28 and also requested to provide details of the NFL proposed to be given for the said diversion.

Accordingly, SCCL has identified non forest rehabilitated areas (that will be rehabilitated after mine closure) at following places and which will be handover to the state Forest department in lieu of diversion of 783.275 Ha. of Naini Coal Mine.

SI No.	Name of project-NFL identified	District in Telengana State	Area in ha	Proposed year of mutation
1	Javahar khani OC-5 (External/Internal dump) of SCCL	Bhadradri- Kothagudem	212.19	
2	Kakatiya khani OC Sector-I (External Dump) of SCCL	Jayashankar- Bhupalpali	186.68	2027-28
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4	Jalagam Vengala Rao OC (I&II Expansion) (External dump) of SCCL	Khammam	129.78	2027-28
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In compliance to the above condition, the user agency i.e M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd has furnished an undertaking on stamp paper duly countersigned by DFO, Angul division (Annexure-I) to make available, non-forest area in the project after closure of Mines and rehabilitation completed from 2027-28 onwards and mutate the same in favour of Telengana State Forest Department. The proposed area is equivalent in size to the diverted area. The KML files of the area proposed for transfer is enclosed in CD form. All these lands belong to M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

(ii) The non-forest land will be duly transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before its handing over to the State Forest Department;

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the User Agency i.e. M/S Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. has submitted an undertaking to mutate the non-forest land in favour of State Forest Department before handing over the land to the Telangana State Forest Department on stamp paper which is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(iii) In the event of non-compliance of above conditions, the Stage-II approval shall be revoked.

Compliance:- In compliance to this condition, the User Agency i.e. M/S Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. understands the consequences of non-compliance and agrees to revocation of Stage-II approval in the event of non-compliance of the above condition which is enclosed as Annexure-I.

In view of the above, the above undertakings alongwith documents are enclosed herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. /Dt.

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for favour of kind information and necessary action.

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Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 109 The 10t. 26-9-2022 Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3988 dated 22.09.2022.

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3989 dated 22.09.2022 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Singerani Collieries Co Ltd, Naini Area, Mishra for information and necessary action.

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It is submitted that the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, vide allotment order No. 103/21/2015/NA dated 13.08.2015 allotted Naini Coal Mine to the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) for Captive use of coal at Singareni Thermal Power Plant (STPP), Jaipur, Mancherial, Telangana (End use Plant).

The MOEF & CC, GOI, vide Letter File No. 8-01/2020-FC Dt 28.07.2021 accorded Stage I approval for diversion of 783.275 ha of forest land within Naini coal mine in Chhendipada Range of Angul Division, in favor of SCCL for taking up coal mining by open cast method.

The SCCL complied with all the stipulations made in the Stage-I approval and deposited the required amount as per demand notice issued by the Forest Department. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (F.C Act), vide Letter No.21911/9f (MG) -380/2019 Dt. 17.12.2021 forwarded the compliance report to the conditions stipulated in Stage-I, to the MOEF &CC, GOI. Subsequently, SCCL has also submitted the compliances through the State Government for the EDS raised by the MOEF & CC, GOI in this matter.

The MoEF & CC vide File No. 8-01/2020-FC dated 30th Aug,2022, has raised EDS asking State Government to obtain undertaking from SCCL on Stamp Paper with respect to the commitment given by SCCL vide letter No. CMD/PS/H/129 Dt 29.09.2020 for handing over the Non-Forest land (rehabilitated overburden dumps after progressive mine cost of SCCL Mines from 2027-28 onwards to the State Forest Department after completing progressive mine closure activities). The point wise submissions to the EDS made is as follows;

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	Total		794.63		

Point No. (ii): The non-forest land will be duly transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before its handing over to the State Forest Department;

Reply:

The SCCL hereby undertakes to mutate the non-forest land in favour of State Forest Department before handing over the land to the State Forest Department.

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Point No. (iii): In the event of non-compliance of above conditions, the Stage II approval shall be

Reply:

The SCCL understands that the consequences of non-compliance and accordingly, comply with the above and agrees to revocation of stage-II approval in the event of non compliance of the above condition.

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Authorized Signatory

The Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.

(A Govt. Company)

Naini Area, Angut, Odisha-759122

Place: Angul

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Ref: - CRP/EST/F/700/948

Date: 12 .09.2022

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & (Head of Forest Force)
Forest Department, Telangana,
Aranya Bhavan
Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004

Sir,

Sub:- F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 783.275 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company for Naini OC Mining Project in Angul Forest Division of District Angul (Odisha) – intimation regarding handing over of equivalent size of Non forest rehabilitated dumps as per the condition imposed in Stage-I by the MoEF&CC, GoI, in Telangana - Reg.

Ref:- 1. CPSU status MOEF lr. F.No.11-423/2011-FC,dtd.31.01.2013

2. SCCL Lr.No. CMD/PS/H/129 dt. 29.09.2020.

3. MoEF&CC, GoI F.No 8-01/2020-FC, dated 28.07.2021

4. MoEF&CC, GOI, F.NO. 8-01/2020-FC, dated 30.08.2022.

Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited. It is to bring to your notice that vide letter 1st cited, the MOEF, GOI, has granted CPSU status to SCCL for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation. Later, the MOEF&CC, GOI has revised guidelines. According to that guidelines, Compensatory Afforestation in degraded Forest land is only favoured to the Central Government agencies/ Central PSUs.

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	Total		794.63	

After completion of mine closure and rehabilitation, these lands will be mutated in favor of the Forest Department, Telangana, from 2027-28 onwards. This is submitted for favor of information.

Yours faithfully,

Director anning & Projects) N. BALRAM, IRS DIRECTL (Finance) & DIRECTOR (Planning & Projects)

The Singareni Collieries Co.Ltd., Kottuccidem Collieries PO 507 101 Bris the experienced Dist. T.S.

Copy submitted:

Encl: as above

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forest, Science, Science & Technology Department, Telangana, for favor of information.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneshwar, for TAPPALS favor of information.

The Nodal Officer (FC), Forest Department of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar, for favor of Information.

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