

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi: 1100 03,  
Dated: 11th February, 2022

To

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

**Sub: 01<sup>st</sup> Renewal for diversion of 124 ha. (Surveyed 124.065 ha.) of forest land for coal mining in favour of M/s SCCL for GKOC Phase-II, Kothagudem in Ramavaram RF of Kothagudem Division, Bhadradi, Kothagudem District, Telangana. -regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.1069/For.I(1)/2019 dated 07.01.2022 forwarding the additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 28.11.2019 and to say that after analysis of the same certain shortcomings are observed as mentioned below:-

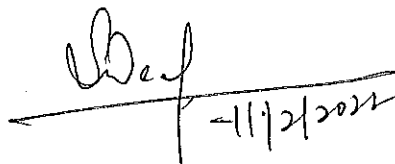
i. The State Govt. has not offered its comments wrt this Ministry's letter dt 28.11.2019 wherein the comments of State Govt was sought for below mentioned :-

*"After examination the Site Inspection Report it was observed that the company is violating the provisions of environment clearance. The violation pertains to increase in production more than the stipulated in environment clearance granted to various projects. As the Hon'ble Supreme Court has viewed the violations very seriously in WP (civil) No.114j2014 in the matter of Common Cause Vs Union of India and others, it is seen that the project authorities in its four existing projects appears to have submitted undertakings saying that they will not repeat any such violations in future. But never the less, Regional Office, Chennai in its earlier two recommendations in the Month July, 2019, opined that, it is advisable to obtain the views of the State Government of Telangana in the matter along with the commitment from their management for not repeating such violation in future before processing this proposal."*

In this regard the State Govt. is once again requested to forward its comment.

ii. The State Govt. may provide the exact status wrt the CA land i.e. 124 ha earlier identified.

iii. The State Govt. is requested to forward the copy of notification declaring the non-forest land (identified for CA i.e. 124 ha) under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian

  
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Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, to this Ministry.

iv. The State Govt. is requested to forward the KML/shape file of the proposed forest area for diversion and CA areas (earlier identified) to this Ministry for further analysis.

v. In the site inspection report submitted by the IRO, Chennai it has been mentioned that demarcation of area of 124 ha and the safety zones maintenance has not done by the State Govt. But in the Compliance report dt 27.12.2018 submitted by the State Government it was mentioned that it is already done. In this regard the State Government is requested to provide its comments and justification.

In view of the above, the Government of Telangana is requested to kindly furnish the information as mentioned above to this Ministry, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, of Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.