

File No. 8-14/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 03rd February, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Proposal for diversion for 694.159 ha of forest land in Chatakonda RF of Kothagudem Forest division for Koyagudem OCP-III mining in Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), Kothagudem Area, Bhadradri Kothagudem District.

Sir,

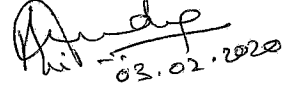
I am directed to refer to the State Government of Telangana letter. No.648/For.I (I)/2019 dated 08th November, 2019 forwarding additional information in respect of this Ministry's letter dated 04.07.2019 on the above mentioned proposal. In this regard the State Government of Telangana is requested to furnish certain information/Clarifications as mentioned below:

1. a. The proposed forest diversion is in close proximity with ESZ of Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary which requires Wildlife Management Plan which is recommended by the concerned CCF. The FAC proposal does not contain any specific Wildlife Management Plan. A detail Wildlife Management Plan duly vetted by concerned Wildlife authorities may be appended with the proposal.
b. An undertaking from User Agency to fund Wildlife Management Plan need submission.
2. The proposal is without site suitability certificate from the concerned DFO for the compensatory afforestation.
3. As per Decision Support System, out of 1603.67 ha of proposed compensatory afforestation patches 1043 ha patches are falling in canopy class MDF. This requires revision of CA sites or a suitable justification for selecting such areas for compensatory afforestation.
4. Proposed CA areas when overlaid on satellite imageries or Google Earth, lot of encroachment are observed. This further highlights the need of revision of proposed compensatory afforestation or suitable justification from the concerned DFO.
5. Plantation with Miyawaki Technique between ESZ and mining boundary of 100 m width has been recommended by concerned CCF. The cost estimate of the same and undertaking from user agency to bear the cost has not been included in the proposal.

[Signature]
03.02.2020

In view of the above it is requested to the State Government of Telangana may submit the above-mentioned information/clarification to this Ministry, for further consideration of this proposal

Yours faithfully,



(Brijendra Swaroop)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.