

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

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**Dated: 8th March, 2021**

To,

**The Special Chief Secretary to Government,**  
EFS&T Department,  
Government of Telangana,  
Hyderabad.

**Sub: 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.-Regarding (Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/44798/2020).**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Govt. of Telangana's letter no.232/For.I(1)/2021 dated 18.02.2021 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After the preliminary scrutiny of the proposal the following were observed:

- i. The approved Mining plan has not been submitted.
- ii. The LoI issued by Ministry of Coal dated 27.01.2020 in respect of the above proposal does not mention any date wrt the the lease period. Same needs to be clarified.
- iii. Certificate from the State Government that the CA site is free from all encroachments and other encumbrances is not there.
- iv. As per DSS report most of the proposed CA sites show encroachment by way of agriculture and settlement. The State govt. may provide its comments.
- v. Certificate from the State Government that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forests (RF and PF) is not available for CA purpose, for which degraded forest land within notified forest area has been identified for taking up CA, needs to be furnished, and
- vi. Certificate from the PCCF or Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any

plan/programme/scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years needs to be furnished.

In view of the above, the State Govt is requested to submit above information/clarifications to this Ministry for further consider of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:-**

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.