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

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To

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van Sanrakshana Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favor of M/s. SCCL for non-forestry use of 649.3014 ha forest land in Ramavaram RF of Ramavaram Range of Kothagudem forest division for grant of mining lease for proposed Venkateshkani OCP from underground rights to surface rights in Kothagudem area in Bhadradri Kothagudem District (Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/44798/2020).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.232/For.I (1)/2021 dated 23.04.2024 submitting the additional information on the above mentioned subject proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After the examination of the additional information the following information/documents are required for further action in the matter:

- i. The State Govt. has informed that with regards to transfer of BIOSOT amount for other proposals, it is submitted that in many of the projects, the amount of WLMP funds deposited before 21.11.2023, the field officers have been released amount as per plan and the works are at various stages of implementation. The field officers are being instructed to complete the work and submit the final report with physical and financial progress till **31.03.2024** and after the information is compiled, the action will be initiated for transfer of balance funds into the CAMPA account. Since the date fixed by the State for submitting the physical and financial progress report has lapsed, in this regard the State Govt. shall inform the balance amount in BIOSOT account and shall transfer in the CAMPA account of the State concerned.
- ii. Copy of the notification of remaining 42.96 ha of NFL in Sy No. 116 of Rasannagudem village as RF/PF.
- iii. The copy of the notification of the non-forest land as RF/PF for CA area is required in respect of the proposal for 154.96 ha for Gauthami Khani OCP, Phase-III.
- iv. The State Govt. has informed that the KML file of planting area of 252.67 Ha will be submitted after obtaining the information from the PCCF (HoFF), AP state and the 8.64 Ha of planting area in NFL will be submitted shortly after conducting the DGPS survey. The same is required.

- v. Only forwarding letter of MoC for approval of amalgamated Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan of Venkatesh Khani coal Mine has been provided. The complete copy of the approved mining plan has not been submitted. The same is required to be submitted by the State Govt.
- vi. The SG has informed that the proposal of Change of Land use of 154.96 is under consideration. However, the Ministry has not received any proposal for change in land use. The same is required to be submitted by the State Govt.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

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Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Telangana.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's RO Chennai.
3. IGF (Central), sub office Hyderabad.
4. APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF (HoFF), Government of Telangana.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.