

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

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: June, 2022

To
The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 17.994 ha of forest land in Upperlakesaram RF of Manthani Range of Peddapalli Forest division for grant of Mining lease for surface use (From underground rights to Surface rights) of Ramagundam Open Cast mine by in Peddapalli District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited. -regarding (Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/47657/2020). -reg., Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No.3817/For. I (1)/2021 dated 21.02.2022 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that after examination of the above proposal the following information is required for further consideration of proposal:

- (i) The complete compliance report with respect to this Ministry's approval letters no. 8-109/2005-FC dated 02.05.2008 and letters no. 8-109/2005-FC(vol) dated 01.08.2013.
- (ii). The status of the CA plantation and KML file of the previous CA lands identified with respect to this Ministry's approval letters no. 8-109/2005-FC dated 02.05.2008 and letters no. 8-109/2005-FC(vol) dated 01.08.2013.
- (iii) The copies of the original notification declaring the non-forest land identified for CA under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act.
- (iv) The State government is requested to submit the valid Mining lease and LoI of the entire area of 412.40 ha (of which 17.994 Ha is part of).
- (v) The State Government is requested to submit KML/Shapefiles along with maps of already diverted 412.40 ha of forest land in Adriyala RF along with the KML file of 247.00 ha (for surface rights) and 165.42ha (U/G rights). It is also requested to submit the KML/Shapefile of Ramagundam Coal Mine.

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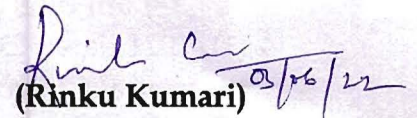
(vi) The State govt. has submitted the Degraded Forest land for CA purpose. But as per the decision taken in FAC held 17.02.2021 it was decided that in the future forest diversion proposals in the coal mining projects of the User Agency (those which have not been forwarded to the Central Government by the State Governments as yet) shall have CA undertaken on areas outside notified forests. CA on degraded notified forests in these cases shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances when:

- a. State Government has issued a certificate that degraded forest land (double in extent) outside notified forest boundary is not available for CA purpose, and
- b. The Nodal Officer has certified that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme in the degraded forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years.

In this regard the State govt. is requested to revise the identified CA land.

In view of above it is requested to kindly furnish the above mentioned information/documents to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,


(Rinku Kumari) 03/06/22

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, Hyderabad, MoEF&CC.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi