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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Ref.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022
Dated: 01/06/2023

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Telangana, "Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500 004

Sri. R.M.Dobriyal, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
(Head of Forest Force)

Sub: TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 -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 Bhadradi Kothagudem District in favour of M/s.SCCL - **Additional Information Sought by Gol, MoEF& CC, New Delhi -** Regarding.

Ref:

1. CCF/CF, Kothagudem Rc.No.117/2020/M3,Dt:01.12.2020.
2. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4,Dt:16.01.2021.
3. Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-05/2021-FC Dt. 08.03.2021.
4. PCCF Rc.No. 10066/2019/FCA-4,Dt:15.03.2021.
5. General Manager, Kothagudem Area, SCCL, Bhadradi Kothagudem district Ref.No.KGM/EST/F/33/265,Dt:10.06.2020.
6. FDO, Kothagudem Rc.No.631/2019/A5 Dt: 08.06.2021 addressed to DFO, BhadradiKothagudem
7. FDO, WLM kinnerasani Rc.No.213/2020/K3 Dt. 17.04.2021 addressed to DFO, Bhadradi Kothagudem.
8. PCCF Rc.No.10066/2019/FCA-4,Dt:29.06.2021.
9. General Manager, Environment, SCCL, Bhadradi Kothagudem district Ref.No.CRP/ENV/A/408A/617 dt:11.10.2021.
- 10.PCCF Rc.No.10066/2019/FCA-4 Dt:17.11.2021.
- 11.Director(Planning&Projects), SCCL, Kothagudem District Ref No.CRP/EST/C/005/1201 dt:21.12.2021.
- 12.PCCF Rc.No.10088/2021/FCA-4 Dt:10.01.2022.
- 13.State govt Lr.No.232/For.I(1)/2021 Dt. 28.01.2022.
- 14.Director(Operations), SCCL, Kothagudem District Ref No.CRP/EST/C/005/257 dt:04.02.2022.
- 15.PCCF Rc.No.10088/2021/FCA-4 Dt:21.02.2022.
- 16.Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-05/2021-FC Dt. 25.02.2022.
- 17.CF, Karimnagar Rc.No.167/2022/M2, Dated:-06-05-2022.
- 18.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022 , Dated: 16-05-2022.
- 19.State govt Lr.No.232/For.I(1)/2021 Dt. 24.05.2022.
- 20.CF, Kothagudem Rc.No.40/2020/M3 dated 18.06.2022.
- 21.Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-05/2021-FC Dt. 20.06.2022.
- 22.Director(Planning&Projects), SCCL, Kothagudem District Ref No.CRP/EST/F/117/724 dt:21.06.2022.
- 23.CF, Karimnagar Rc.No.167/2022/M2 dated 28.06.2022.
- 24.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022 , Dated:05.07.2022
- 25.Gol, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F.No.8-05/2021-FC Dt.26.10.2022.
- 26.PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022 , Dated:12.11.2022.
- 27.DFO, Bhadradi Rc.No.241/2020/D1 Dt. 28.02.2023 addressed to CF, Bhadradi

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28. Director (Planning & Projects), SCCL, Kothagudem District
Ref No. CRP/DPP/VK/OC/20/51 dt:04.03.2023.
29. PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022, Dated:07.03.2023.
30. MoEF & CC, GoI Lr.No. 8-05-2021-FC, dated 11.05.2023.
31. General Manager, Kothagudem area, SCCL, Kothagudem District
Ref No. KGM/EST/F/33/221 dt:16.05.2023.
32. PCCF Rc.No.FC4/FC29/6/2022, Dated:17.05.2023.
33. GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi F.No.8-05/2021-FC Dt.29.05.2023.

Vide reference 33rd cited, the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi has requested to furnish the following additional information at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal.

1. The IRO shall analyze the C:B ratio study report and the Biodiversity report submitted and offer its comments in this regard.
2. The State Govt. shall provide information with regard to wildlife conservation and mitigation plan namely (i) who has prepared the plan and (ii) who has verified the details of the plan.
3. The State Govt. shall clarify whether in view of the submitted Biodiversity Report, the wildlife conservation and mitigation plan requires any further reconsideration along with the comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden.
4. In the Biodiversity Report submitted by the State Govt., in the conclusion it states that there are 313 species of plants and 191 animals. However, it concludes by stating that there is no effect on wildlife mitigation due to mining. This seems contradictory, the State Govt. shall offer its comments in this regard.
5. The State Government shall clarify why the instant proposal was applied for underground mining rights earlier (initially) and provide justification for proposed open cast mining
6. The State Govt. shall provide details of utilized coal resources and available resources of coal in underground mines in the lease area and also will be made available through open cast mining as proposed
7. The IRO shall examine the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the earlier approval which are linked to the instant proposal and submit its report to the Ministry. The State Govt. shall provide the compliance report to IRO in this regard
8. Further, the State Govt. shall provide updated regarding the handover of the land identified CA purpose to the State Forest Department w.r.t the proposal for 1st 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,

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Telangana and the same shall be mutated and transferred in the name of State Forest Department.

In view of the above, the District Forest Officer, Kothagudem is directed to submit the information on the points no.(2,5,7) as desired by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi and also address the UA to submit the information on the points no.(5,6,7,8) for further consideration of the proposal by the ministry.

This may be Treated as Most Urgent

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
& Nodal Officer

To

The District Forest Officer, Kothagudem.

Copy to

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Bhadradi Circle.

Copy to the General Manager, M/s Singareni Collieries Corporation Limited, Kothagudem Area, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, PO: Venkatesh Khani - 507103 for information. He is requested to submit the information on the points no.(5,6,7,8) as desired and further requested to submit the CB ratio report and bio diversity report , compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the earlier approval which are linked to the instant proposal to the IRO, Hyderabad.

Copy to the PCCF(HoFF) & CWLW(FAC) for information. It is requested to furnish the information and comments on point no.3, 4.