File No.8-16/2021-FC

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

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Dated: 23rd July, 2021

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

<u>Sub:</u> Regularization of 330.33 ha. (330.1826 ha as per DGPS Survey) of forest land in Upperlakesaram Forest Block in Manthani Range of Peddapalli Division for Open Cast Mining Operations and Other Activities of SCCL in Peddapalli District in favour of M/s SCCL. -Reg. (Online proposal No. FP/TG/MIN/47899/2020). -reg.,

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No. 1190/For.I (1)/2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Ministry and discussion with the officials of the State forest department following clarifications/information is required for appropriate decision.

- i. The State Govt. has not submitted a copy of the valid lease documents and the approved Mining plan. The same may be submitted.
- ii. The State Govt. has not submitted the details of the violation carried out by the user agency and the Action taken report.
- iii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the complete compliance with respect to this Ministry's letter no. F.N. 8-109/2005-FC dated 02.05.2008 and letter no. F.N. 8-109/2005-FC (Vol) 01.08.2013.
- iv. The State Govt. may provide the status of Environment Clearance.
- v. The State Govt. is requested to submit the KML file of total mining lease area of South Godavari. As discussed in the meeting, it may be confirmed that the proposed forest area is part of South Godavari mining lease. Documentary evidence and details in this regard may be submitted.

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- vi. The State Govt. is requested to submit the KML file of forest land involved in the total Mining lease.
- vii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the KML file of already diverted forest area for which FC permission has already been granted by this Ministry.
- viii.The State Govt. is requested to submit the status and KML files of of CA area in 660.66 ha (330x2) as stipulated vide this Ministry's approval letter dt. 19.07.2012.
- ix. The State Govt. is requested to submit the details of Non-Forest land for CA with respect to the current diversion proposal i.e. 330.33 ha.
- x. The State Govt. may clarify whether NPV has been paid for the entire forest area available with in the total mining lease. A detail in this regard may be submitted.
- xi.The State Govt. may comment with respect to the status of complete compliance of FRA 2006.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/clarification/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/(Sandeep Sharma)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
- 2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
- 3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.