

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

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To

The Special Chief Secretary to Government ,

EFS&T Department,

Telangana State Secretariat,

Hyderabad.

Sub: 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 dated 27.06.2022 on the above mentioned subject forwarding additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 28.03.2022. In this regard, since the matter pertains to regularization and is seemingly interlinked with various earlier proposals w.r.t the CA land and further land use changes, the State Government is requested to submit the below mentioned information/documents for further analysis of the proposal:-

- i. KML file of 448.90 ha and 288.87 ha (total= ~742 ha) of the Upperlakesaram Forest Block.
- ii. KML file of 412.40 ha (104 ha + 308.40 ha) of Manuguru OCP-IV and its CA sites (288.87 ha + 123.80 ha) provided in Upperlakesaram Forest Blocks along with its plantation status and status of these mines.
- iii. KML file of 412.40 ha (247 ha surface use + 165.40 ha UG use) and its mining plan details.
- iv. KML file of CA land in respect of 247 ha land diverted for surface use and its plantation status.
- v. KML file of 147.42 ha forest land proposed for surface use and its mining plan and changed land use details.
- vi. KML file of 118.57 ha forest land which was regulated under the diversion of 147.42 ha.
- vii. KML file of 237.45 ha (2*118.57 ha) of NFL against the diversion of 118.57 ha of forest land which was part of 448.90 ha and its plantation status. Also the KML file for the remaining 28.85 Ha NFL-CA area against (147.42-118.57=28.85 Ha) and its plantation status.
- viii. Plantation status of 660.66 ha of DFL against the proposal for diversion of

- 330.33 ha.
- ix. State Govt. may provide the current status of the mines i.e. 247 ha and 165.40 ha.
- x. The approved mining plan of the instant proposal i.e. 330.33 ha may be submitted.
- xi. The State Government is requested to identify the areas outside notified forests for the CA purpose as per the decision taken in FAC meeting held on 27.01.2021 for the instant proposal. Further, the State Government is also requested to submit the KML files, CA suitability certificate and CA scheme.
- xii. Further, regarding the Upperlakesaram Forest Block (notified as RF in 1944), the IRO Hyderabad informed that the working plan document i.e., the Compartment History (working plan for the period 1992 - 93 to 2001 - 02) it is recorded that the land is having mixed forest with site quality VI and density 0.1 with age class of 10 to 30 years and goes on to mention that natural regeneration is poor and has wildlife like bear, wild boar, rabbit and wildcat etc while the fact is that the land was under mining with SCCL from 1970s. In this case, what action the State Government has taken as and when violations were noted by the State Forest Department.
- xiii. The State Government is requested to provide the details and KML files of the Safety Zone as per Para 7.9 (chapter 7) of the Ministry's handbook of FCA, 1980 & FC Rules 2003 (guidelines and clarifications) 2019 for the instant proposal.

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,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, 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.