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File No: 10591
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
TAMIL NADU)



Dated 07/05/2024



To,

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Sub: Rejection of Environmental Clearance(EC) to the proposed Project under the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof -regarding.

Sir,

This is in reference to your application submitted to Ministry vide proposal number SIA/TN/MIN/454013/2023 dated 12/04/2024 for Rejection of prior Environmental Clearance(EC) to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC23C0108TN5545719N
(ii) File No.	10591
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vi) Name of Project	Thiru.A.Rupeshkumar Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry
(vii) Name of Company/Organization	ASHOKKUMAR RUPESH KUMAR
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	VELLORE, TAMIL NADU
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	no

1. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1(Part A and B) were submitted SEIAA for an appraisal by the Expert Appraisal Committee SEIAA under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.
2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by Expert Appraisal Committee of SEIAA in the meeting held on

26/03/2024. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted [(viz. Form-1 Part A, Part B)] are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

3. The brief about configuration of plant/equipment, products and byproducts and salient features of the project along with environment settings, as submitted by the Project proponent in Form-1 (Part A and B) presented during SEIAA are annexed to this TOR as Annexure (1).
4. The SEIAA, in its meeting held on 26/03/2024, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for Rejection of Terms of Reference under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to stipulation of specific and general conditions as detailed in the point below.

On perusal of the KML file furnished by the Project Proponent, the Committee noticed that

- (i) The Edayarsathu habitation is located at a distance of 290m from the boundary of the mine lease area.
- (ii) The railway track line lies at 55 to 60m from the boundary of the mine lease.
- (iii) The quarry is located at the upstream of the water tank.
- (iv) The quarrying area in the granted leasehold area is very smaller for carrying the systematically, scientifically, and economically following the provisions of Act, Rules Regulations and the Notifications made thereunder the provisions of Mines Act 1952 & EP Act 1986 to safeguard the men and to protect the environment.
- (v) Further, the SEAC further noted that,
As per the amendment to Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.88 Industries (MMC.1) Department dated 18.10.2002, sub-rule 1-A has been inserted to rule 36 which reads as follows:
“(a). No lease shall be granted for quarrying stone within 300 meters (three hundred meters) from any inhabited site.” The terminology of ‘stone’ and ‘inhabited site’ are defined in sub-rule of TNMMCR 1959 as follows:
“(ii-a) ‘stone’ shall mean rough stones including khandas, boulders, size-reduced (broken or crushed) materials including metal jelly, ballasts, mill stones, hand chakais and building and road construction stones other than black, red, pink, grey, green, white or other coloured or multi coloured granites or any other rocks suitable for use as ornamental and decorative stones”
(iii) ‘inhabited site’ shall mean a village site or town site or a house site as referred to in the revenue records or a house site or layout approved by a Local Body or Town or Country or Metropolitan Planning Authority, where the said Body or Authority is created under a statute and empowered to approve such an area as a house site or layout area.

In view of the above, the SEAC decided not to recommend Environmental Clearance.

SEIAA observed that there is an intensive agriculture in the area surrounding the proposed project site. Hence opening up the area will cause further disturbances like shift in ground water table and agriculture/horticulture in the area. Hence the Authority decided to accept the recommendations of the SEAC to not to grant Environmental clearance for this mining project and thus rejected the proposal.

7.The SEIAA has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and after accepting the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee hereby decided Rejection Terms of Reference for instant proposal of M/s. ASHOKKUMAR RUPESH KUMAR under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

8.This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority. As Per section 16,sub-section(I) of NGT Act,2010, If any person aggrieved by this order of refusing to grant environmental clearance for carrying out any activity may prefer an appeal to the tribunal, within a period of thirty days from the date on which the order or decision or direction or determination is communicated to him.

Additional Terms of Reference

N/A

Annexure 1

Plant/equipment configuration and capacity

Plant / Equipment / Facility	Configuration	Remarks if any
NA	NA	NA

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