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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA),
ODISHA)



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To,

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

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to Ministry vide proposal number
SIA/OR/MIN/491238/2024 dated null for Rejection of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to the
project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-and as amended thereof.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) EC Identification No.	EC24C0107OR5110030A
(ii) File No.	491238/324-MIN/08-2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Amendment in EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals Jambhira River Sand Bed, Stretch No-05 over an area of 12.35 acres or 5.00 hectares in village Gandaguhali & Pariakuli under Morada, Chitrada Tahasil in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha.
(vii) Name of Project	
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	BIKRAM KESHARI BEHERA
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	MAYURBHANJ, , ODISHA,
(x) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions as per EIA Notification, 2006	No

1. In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Application for
Amendment in EC- Form-4 were submitted to the SEAC, Odisha for an appraisal by the State Expert Appraisal
Committee (SEAC) under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered in 176th Meeting of State Environment Impact Assessment

Authority meeting held from 25/10/2024 to 26/10/2024. Based on the recommendations of the State Expert Appraisal Committee, Odisha (SEAC, Odisha), information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations the Authority decided "The Authority agreed with the recommendation of SEAC and rejected the amendment of EC with the following observation: (i) The approved mining plan dated 18th December 2020 (Valid for 05 years) stated mineable reserve of 12521 cum sand for first year and 35060 cum additional sand during subsequent 04 years (8765 cum / year assumed replenished volume of sand per year @ 70% of 1st year's mineable reserve). Approved mined sand production for first year is 12500 cum over mining area of 20834 m² and in subsequent years it is 8500 cum / year over mining area of 14167 m². 0.6 m depth of mining is stated for all the five years. The quarry floor level at the yearend or period of the concession is stated to be 39.4 m RL above MSL. Topographically the ML area is stated to be a plain area. RLs of the riverbed sand surface, river water surface and the riverbanks within the ML area are not mentioned in the approved mining plan. (ii) The survey has been carried out by the photogrammetry method using drones / UAV and the geolocation (3D) / camera location measurement errors (RMS) of latitude / easting (X), longitude / northing (Y) and the elevation / azimuth (Z) are reported to be 4.37568 m, 6.7688 m and 129.135 m respectively for the pre monsoon survey. The corresponding RMS values for the post monsoon survey are stated to be 3.33522 m, 7.22436 m and 9.62587 m. The reported replenished height of the sand bed (0.37 m) which is not significant as it is very much less than the measurement error (RMS) of 129.135 m during the premonsoon survey and 9.62587 m during the post monsoon survey. (iii)The SEAC decided to reject the Replenishment Study Report due to following reasons. a. The RLs of the river water surface and the riverbanks need to be reported as corroboration of the reported height of the replenished sand in the replenishment study report. Government of Odisha, Revenue and disaster management Department issued Resolution No 26372/R & DM Bhubaneswar dated 02.09.2021 on Odisha Sand Policy, Para 8. Quarrying operation (iv) mentions that a benchmark (BM) with respect to mean sea level (MSL) should be made essential to in mining channel reaches (MCR), below which no mining shall be allowed. IV) The mining plan needs to be revised and approved by the competent authority after vetting the findings reported in the replenishment study report such as reported abnormal riverbed sand surface elevation changes and their abnormal differences during post monsoon keeping in view the differences regarding quarry floor level and surface elevations mentioned in the approved mining plan. "

Therefore, the proposal for Amendment in EC is Rejected as per provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

3. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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1. Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept., Government of Odisha for information.
2. Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar for information.
3. Member Secretary, SEAC, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit- VIII, Bhubaneswar for information.
4. Deputy D.G.Forest., Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information.
5. Director of Mines, Steel & Mines Dept., Govt. of Odisha
6. Collector & DM, Mayurbhanj /Sub Collector, Mayurbhanj /, DFO, Mayurbhanj , Mining Officer, Mayurbhanj for Information and necessary action.
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