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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
KERALA)



Dated 01/03/2025



To,

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Sub: Rejection of 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 SEIAA, Kerala vide proposal number SIA/KL/MIN/485679/2024 dated 01/03/2025 for Environmental Clearance to the Granite Building Stone Quarry 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.	EC24C0108KL5513142N
(ii) File No.	168/2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh ToR
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vi) Name of Project	Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Justin Varghese
(vii) Name of Company/Organization	
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	Pathanamthitta, Kerala
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA, Kerala
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	no

1. In view of the particulars given in Para above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1, Part A, Part B, Approved Mining Plan, EMP, PFR, etc. were submitted to the Ministry for an appraisal by the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Kerala under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.
2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in its 175th meeting held during 9th, 10th and 11th December 2024, and the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in its 152nd meeting held on 30th and 31st January & 1st February 2025. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted [(viz. Form-1, Part-A, Part-B, Mining Plan, EMP, PFR etc.)] are available on

PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

3. The SEAC in its 175th meeting, noticed that, as per the application and the Google imagery, the Pampa River is located at a distance of 250m and the site is located on a hill-ridge with the slope towards the river. The slope is high and the population density along the roadside and the river bank is very high. The soil thickness of the area is high and critical. The Vadasserikkara village is an ESA village, as per the MoEF&CC draft notification. Considering the environmental fragility of the area, the SEAC recommended rejection of the proposal by invoking Precautionary Principle.
4. Later, the project proponent submitted the reconsideration request dated 08.01.2025 which requested to direct SEAC to conduct field inspection to know the ground reality.
5. In the 152nd meeting, the Authority noticed that the Vadasserikkara village is an ESA village as per the MoEF&CC draft notification and mining is a prohibited activity in the ESA village. Besides, the SEAC had recommended to reject the application, considering the overall environmental fragility of the area and the proximity to the Pampa River. Also, it was observed that, as per the G.O. (MS) No. 6/2025/WRD dated 20.01.2025, issued by the Water Resources Department, the areas falling within a radius of 200m from rivers, streams and lakes are buffer zone in which no quarrying /mining operations shall be allowed. So the request of the Project Proponent does not warrant the reconsideration. Hence the Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to reject the application invoking precautionary principle.
6. In the above circumstances, the application for Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project , submitted by Sri. Justin Varghese, Peedikayil Veedu, Chittar P.O Vadasserikkara, Ranni, Pathanamthitta District, over an extent of 0.6100 Ha, at Re-Sy No. 209/2 at Vadasserikkara Village, Ranni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District is hereby **REJECTED**, for the reasons mentioned above.
7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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The Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Kerala

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram

The District Collector, Pathanamthitta

The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram

The District Geologist, Pathanamthitta

The Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, Pathanamthitta

The Tahsildhar, Ranni Taluk, Pathanamthitta

The Secretary, Vadasserikkara Grama Panchayat, Pathanamthitta

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Additional EC Conditions

N/A

Annexure 1

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