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File No: 118/2024  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),  
KERALA)

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Dated 15/11/2024



To,

Sri. Shaji K. J.  
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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 Ministry vide proposal number SIA/KL/MIN/451445/2023 dated 15/11/2024 for Prior Environmental Clearance 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.	EC23C0108KL5910462N
(ii) File No.	118/2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vi) Name of Project	Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Shaji K J
(vii) Name of Company/Organization	
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	Kannur, Kerala
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA, Kerala
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	no

In view of the particulars given in the Para above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1(C)/ EIA & EMP Reports 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.

The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in its 169<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, August, 2024 and the State Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in its 148<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted [(viz. Form-1 Part A, Part B, Part C EIA, EMP)] are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

The SEAC in its 169<sup>th</sup> meeting, appraised the project proposal and noticed that the site elevation, as given in the mine plan and other documents is 45-85m above MSL. As per the google imagery, the elevation vary from 450m to 500m above MSL. The site falls on a very high hill ridge of the Western Ghats region with a maximum height of around 700m above MSL with very steep slope. The land use of the area is given as barren land in the application which seems to be incorrect. The land is found having good canopy cover as per the google imagery. The proposed area falls in the moderate hazard zone and the high hazard zone is located around 200m. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 10/03/2023, there is another quarry having an area of 3.9164 Ha within the radius of 500m and altogether having an area of almost 5 ha (4.9091 Ha). Considering the mining area within the cluster and the environmental sensitivity and ecological vulnerability of the area, the Committee recalled the observation of the 167<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC that it is desirable to have a detailed EIA study. The documents submitted along with the application and during the presentation, the Proponent and the RQP submitted false and misleading information with respect to the land use of the proposed site and the elevation of the site. Further, the environmental sensitivity and ecological vulnerability of the area is very high as understood from the details submitted along with the application that necessitate invoking of Precautionary Principle. The Committee discussed these aspects in detail and recommended rejection of the proposal for environmental clearance.

The SEIAA, in its 148<sup>th</sup> meeting, has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto. On accepting the recommendations of the State Expert Appraisal Committee, the Authority decided to Reject the Environment Clearance for instant proposal of Sri. Shaji K. J. under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

In the above circumstances, the application for Environmental Clearance submitted by Sri. Shaji K.J., Konnothuchira R. S. Wadakkanchery P.O. Thrissur District for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project for a mine lease area of 0.9927 ha at Block No. 84, Re-Survey Nos: 1/3089, 1/5699, 1/3095, 1/5700, 1/5710, 1/3093, 1/3096, 1/5701 in Payyavur Village, Thaliparambu Taluk, Kannur District of Kerala is hereby **REJECTED**, for the reasons mentioned above.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram

The District Collector, Kannur

The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram

The District Geologist, Kannur

The Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, Kannur

The Tahsildhar, Thaliparamba Taluk, Kannur

The Secretary, Payavoor Grama Panchayat, Kozhikode

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#### **Additional EC Conditions**

N/A

**Annexure 1**

#### **Send Approval Copy To (In case of multiple use comma as separator)**

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