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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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



Dated 06/01/2025



To,

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Subject: Amendment in Environmental Clearance (EC) letter no. 9792/SEIAA dt. 26.11.2020 granted to the project of Goppur Sand Quarry under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006 -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application submitted to SEIAA, Odisha vide proposal number SIA/OR/MIN/484314/2024 dated 03/07/2024 for grant of an amendment in prior Environmental Clearance (EC) to the project of Goppur Sand Quarry over an area 11.50acres or 4.653ha in Goppur village under Biramitrapur Tahasil of Sundargarh district Odisha 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.	EC24C0107OR5976652A
(ii) File No.	484314/281-MIN/07-2024
(iii) Clearance Type	Amendment in EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	Proposal for Modification of EC on the basis of Replenishment study report of GOPPUR SAND QUARRY over an area 11.50acres or 4.653ha in Goppur village under Biramitrapur tahasil of Sundargarh district Odisha
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	SUNDARGARH, ODISHA
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA, Odisha
(x) EC Date	03/07/2024
(xii) Applicability of General Conditions	NO
(xiii) Status of implementation of the project	Operating condition

1. In view of the particulars given in the Para-1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-4 (Part A, B & C) were submitted to the SEAC for an appraisal by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments thereto.
2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by SEAC in its meeting held on 25.07.2024. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on Parivesh portal which can be accessed from the Parivesh portal by scanning the QR Code above or through the following web link [click here](#).
3. The brief about the reasons for an amendment requested along with the brief on the salient features of the project as submitted by the project proponent in Form- 4 (Part A, B & C) and as presented before SEAC and the details of the amendment of EC are annexed as **Annexure- 2**.
4. The proposal was placed in the SEAC meeting held on 25.07.2024 under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments and after detailed deliberations in the matter and the SEAC decided i)The replenishment study conducted revealed that the post-monsoon mineable sand reserve is 38456.9cum.
ii) The PP has proposed for 4060 cum as per replenishment study.
The SEAC decided to return the proposal due to the above shortcomings in the proposal: Replenishment Study is not acceptable due to the above reasons. Hence, SEIAA may reconsider continuance of EC for the following proposal for sand mining in this area.
5. The SEIAA, Odisha has examined the proposal in 175th meeting held on 23.10.2024 & 24.10.2024 in accordance with the extant provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and based on the recommendations of the SEAC and hereby accords amendment in Environment Clearance issued vide EC letter no. 9792/SEIAA dt. 26.11.2020 for the instant proposal of Goppur Sand Quarry to Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanto is **allowed** for extraction quantity of sand **3000 cum per annum** for the balance lease period under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof subject to compliance of EC conditions, general instructions issued vide EC letter dated 26/11/2020 and following additional specific conditions as mentioned in **Annexure-1**. The other stipulated terms and conditions of the original EC letter initially granted remains same.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

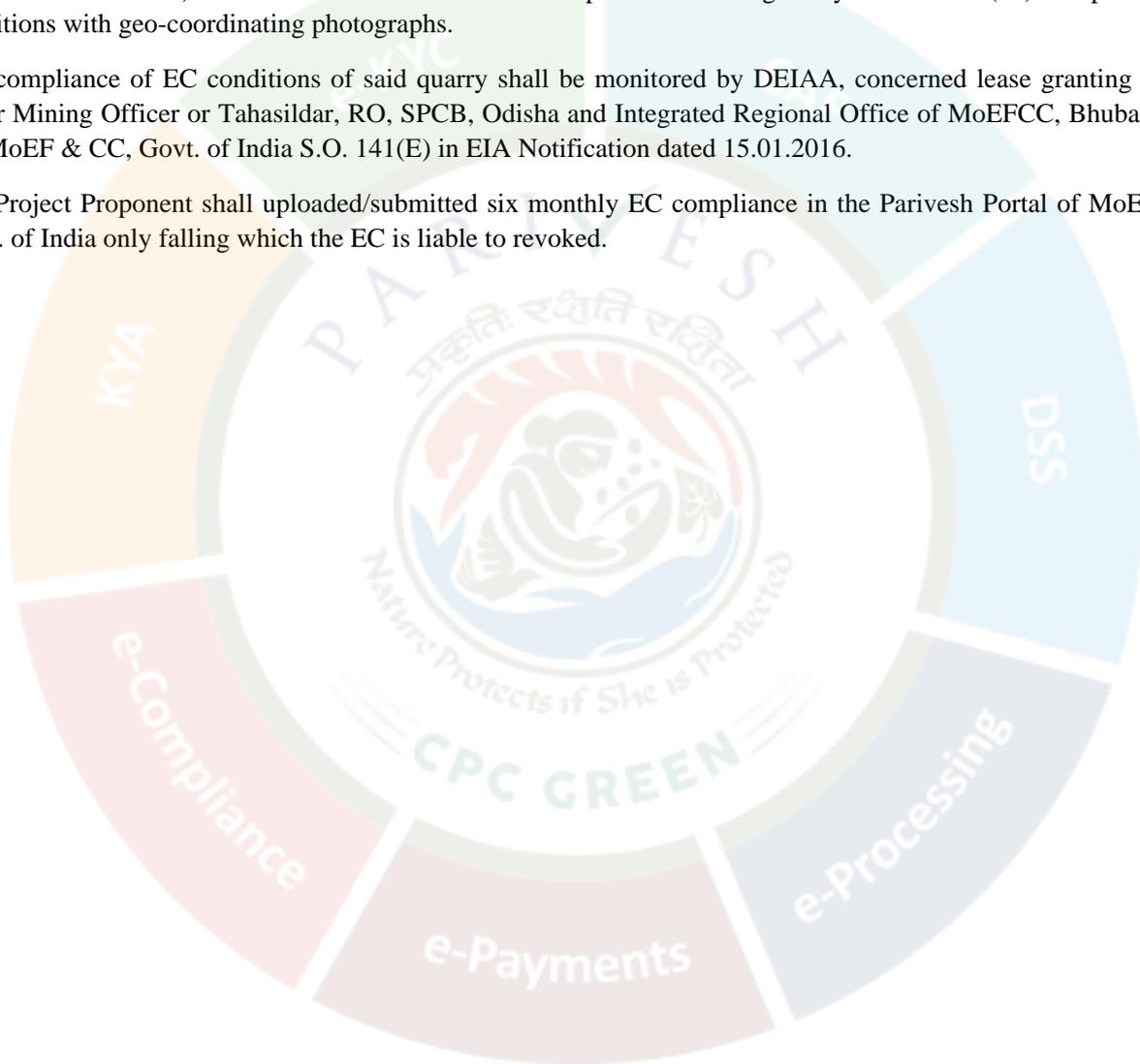
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1. Principal Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept., Government of Odisha for information.
2. Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar for information.
3. The Director of Mines, Steel & Mines Dept, Govt. of Odisha Bhubaneswar for information.
4. Additional Principal Conservator of Forests, Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Ministry of Environment & Forests, A-31, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information.
5. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110032 for information.
6. Chairman/Member/Member Secretary, SEIAA for information.
7. Member Secretary, SEAC, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar for information.
8. Collector & DM, Sundargarh, Sub-Collector, Sundargarh, Deputy Director of Mines, Sundargarh, DFO, Sundargarh, RO, SPCB, Sundargarh, Tahasildar, Biramitrapur/Mining Officer, Sundargarh for Information and necessary action.
9. Guard file for record/Website/Parivesh Portal

Annexure 1

Additional EC Conditions

1. The replenished quantity of sand **3000 cum/annum** as per ARRS report is approved for the remaining lease period.
2. The EC is valid for the balance lease period subject to the quantity prescribed in the modified DSR or revised Mining Plan whichever is less.
3. The PP is required to carry out the Annual rate of replenishment study (ARRS) through ORSAC empanel agency in subsequent years and submit the report to SEIAA, Odisha.
4. The PP shall implement the EMP as proposed in the EMP report during EC application.
5. The PP shall plant **100 nos.** of tree species like Banyan (*Ficus benghalensis*), Peepal(*Ficus religiosa*), Neem (*Azadirachta indica*), Jamun(*Syzygium cumini*), Mango(*Mangifera indica*), Karanj(*Pongamia pinnata*), Arjun(*Terminalia Arjuna*), Jack fruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*), Siris (*Albizia lebbek*), etc.. as part of tree plantation campaign "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" and the details of the same shall be uploaded in the MeriLiFE Portal (<https://merilife.nic.in>).The PP shall submit the status of plantation during every six-months (06) compliance of EC conditions with geo-coordinating photographs.
6. The compliance of EC conditions of said quarry shall be monitored by DEIAA, concerned lease granting Authority either Mining Officer or Tahasildar, RO, SPCB, Odisha and Integrated Regional Office of MoEFCC, Bhubaneswar as per MoEF & CC, Govt. of India S.O. 141(E) in EIA Notification dated 15.01.2016.
7. The Project Proponent shall uploaded/submitted six monthly EC compliance in the Parivesh Portal of MoEF & CC., Govt. of India only falling which the EC is liable to revoked.



1. Proposal in brief:

The highlights of the proposal as ascertained from the application and as revealed from proceedings/discussion held during the meeting of SEAC/SEIAA, are given as under.

- (ii) This is a proposal for amendment of EC of Goppur Sand Quarry over an area 11.50 acres or 4.653 ha in Goppur village under Biramitrapur Tahasil of Sundargarh district Odisha.
- (iii) The project proponent has obtained EC from SEIAA, Odisha vide EC letter no. /EC Identification No. – 9792/SEIAA dt. 26.11.2020 for Goppur Sand Quarry over an area 11.50 acres or 4.653 ha in Goppur village under Biramitrapur Tahasil of Sundargarh district Odisha.
- (iv) During EC application the PP has submitted required documents along with mining plan where it is mentioned that mineable reserve of the proposed sand bed is 17043.6 cum with depth of sand deposition was 0.7 meter and proposed for annual extraction-4060 cum.
- (v) The SEIAA allowed 4060 cum of sand for 1st year production with depth of mining 0.7 meter.
- (vi) There is an EC conditions point no. 9.1 to 9.2 in page no. 03 that “Pending carrying out of the study & submission of the report, this clearance is being granted in an adhoc manner and is liable to be revoked after one year i.e., after 15th November 2021, if satisfactory replenishment study report is not submitted.”
- (vii) The PP has mentioned that the production of sand is not exceeded 4060 cum but not mentioned the year wise production details.
- (viii) The PP has submitted replenishment study report was done by the RQP Sri Zinu Sh. Sathua along with the consultancy Appvisio Consulting Services Private Limited, Bhubaneswar (**ORSAC empanelled agency**) with mentioned that Pre-Monsoon mineable reserve = 35370 cum and post-monsoon reserve = 38456.9 cum and quantity of sand replenished is **3086.9 cum** and proposed production 4060 cum.
- (ix) Any deficiencies/omission have been noticed in the above documents- Nil

2. Whether SEAC recommended the proposal –Yes, the proposal was placed in the SEAC meeting held on 25.07.2024 and the SEAC decided not to recommend the proposal due to following reasons: Replenishment Study is defective as below-

- i) The replenishment study conducted revealed that the post-monsoon mineable sand reserve is 38456.9 cum.
- ii) The PP has proposed for 4060 cum as per replenishment study.
- iii) The SEAC decided to return the proposal due to the above shortcomings in the proposal: Replenishment Study is not acceptable due to the above reasons. Hence, SEIAA may reconsider continuance of EC for the following proposal for sand mining in this area.