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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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TAMIL NADU)



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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 SEIAA vide proposal number SIA/TN/MIN/429063/2023 for 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.	
(ii) File No.	3818
(iii) Clearance Type	Fresh EC
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(a) Mining of minerals E.C.Senniappan(Late) Iggalore Black Granite Quarry Extent: 1.10.0Ha S.F.No's 214/1A and 214/2B Iggalore Village, Thalavadi (Formerly Sathyamangalam) Taluk, Erode District
(vii) Name of Project	
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	SENNIAPPAN SUSEELA
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	ERODE, , TAMIL NADU,
(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 Form-2 and other Reports were submitted to the SEIAA for an appraisal by the Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in the SEIAA under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

2. The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by SEIAA in the meeting held on 28/03/2024. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted [(viz. Form-2)] are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

3. The SEAC, based on information submitted viz: Form 2 (and other documents), EIA/EMP report etc., & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations on all technical aspects and compliance thereto furnished by the Project Proponent, recommended the proposal for Rejection of Environment Clearance under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended.

4. The SEAC noted the following:

Existing Black Granite Mine lease over an Extent of 1.01.0Ha in S.F.Nos.214/1A & 214/2B, Iggalore Village of Thalavadi Taluk, Erode District, Tamil Nadu by Tmt. Senniappan Suseela (Legal Heir) – For Environmental Clearance under violation category. (SIA/TN/MIN/429063/2022 Dt. 12.05.2023)

The SEAC noted that the Project site falls within 1km radius of the Satyamangalam Tiger Reserve. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India also read the following in Para No 42:

42. In our opinion, the Guidelines framed on 9th February 2011 appears to be reasonable and we accept the view of the Standing Committee that uniform Guidelines may not be possible in respect of each Sanctuary or National Park for maintaining ESZ. We are of the opinion, however, that a minimum width of 1 kilometre ESZ ought to be maintained in respect of the protected forests, which forms part of the recommendations of the CEC in relation to Category B protected forests. This would be the standard formula, subject to changes in special circumstances. We have considered CEC's recommendation that the ESZ should be relatable to the area covered by a protected forest but the Standing Committee's view that the area of a protected forest may not always be a reasonable criterion also merits consideration. It was argued before us that the 1 km wide "no development zone" may not be feasible in all cases and specific instances were given for Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Guindy National Park in Mumbai and Chennai metropolis respectively which have urban activities in very close proximity. These sanctuaries shall form special cases.

Considering the above judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the SEAC **decided not to recommend Environmental Clearance for the project proposal placed by the PP. However, the PP shall carry out the following activities to comply with the terms & conditions stipulated with the ToR given earlier under 'Violation' category:**

a) The PP shall pay the amount of of Rs. 27,07,500 /-towards the Environmental Compensation as it was determined in accordance with the CPCB Guidelines following the principle of 'Polluter Pays' due to the 'violation' category. The amount prescribed for Ecological remediation is Rs. 12,02,200/-, for natural resource augmentation Rs.8,00,000/- & for community resource augmentation (Rs.7,05,300/-), totaling Rs. 27,07,500/-. Hence the SEAC decided to direct the project proponent to remit the amount of Rs. 27,07,500/- in the form of bank guarantee to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and submit the acknowledgement of the same to SEIAA-TN. The funds shall be utilized for the remediation plan, Natural resource augmentation plan & Community resource augmentation plan as indicated in the EIA/EMP report.

b. The project proponent shall carry out the works assigned under ecological damage, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation within a period of one year. If not, the bank guarantee will be forfeited to TNPCB without further notice.

c. The SEIAA may request the TNPCB to initiate credible action against project proponent under the provisions of Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Ac, 1986 as per the EIA Notification dated: 14.03.2017 and amended 08.03.2018

5. The SEIAA, in its meeting held on 28/03/2024 , based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for Rejection of Environment Clearance 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. The Authority, after detailed discussions, accepted the recommendations of the SEAC and decided to reject the project proposal. Further decided to request the Member Secretary, SEIAA TN to write to the State Government marking a copy to TNPCB, to initiate credible action against project proponent under the provisions of Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Ac, 1986 as per the EIA Notification dated: 14.01.2017 and amended 08.03.2018.

6. The MoEF&CC 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 to Reject Environment Clearance for instant proposal of M/s. SENNIAPPAN SUSEELA

under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

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

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