

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

(Present: Dr. Nagesh Prabhu IFS(Rtd), Chairman, Sri.K.Krishna Panicker, Member, Dr. Rathan U Kélkar, IAS, Member Secretary)

Sub: SEIAA - Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry project of Sri. Rajan for an area of 0.6551 Ha at Re Survey No. 111/1A1A in Koothali Village, Koyilandy Taluk, Kozhikode - Rejected - Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA

SIA/KL/MIN/419783/2023, 2278/EC4/2023/SEIAA

Dated.20.05.2024

Ref: 1) Application from Sri. Rajan received on 23.05.2023.

- 2) Minutes of the 159th SEAC meeting held on 19th, 20th & 21st February 2024.
- 3) Minutes of the 140th SEIAA meeting held on 25th and 26th March 2024.

ORDER

Sri. Rajan, S/o Krishnan Nair, Puthiyottil House, Kodiyangad P.O., Kozhikode - 673525, submitted an application read as paper 1st above, via PARIVESH for Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry for an area of 0.6551 Ha at Re Survey No. 111/1A1A in Koothali Village, Koyilandy Taluk, Kozhikode.

2. After due deliberations in various meetings, in the 157th SEAC meeting, the Committee noted that the application is submitted on 1.3.2023 and the baseline data was monitored from 14.3.2018 to 18.3.2018. As per OM dated 8.6.2022 of the MoEF, the baseline data should not be more than 3 years old at the time of submission of application for EC. Further, the OM states that "at the time of application for EC, in case the baseline data is older than 3 years, but less than 4 years (except in the case of river valley and HE projects), the same shall be considered subject to the condition that it is revalidated with one season fresh non-monsoon data collected after 3 years of the initial baseline data". In this case, there

is gap of more than four years between the date of monitoring of baseline data and the date of submission of application. Therefore, the Committee sought specific direction from the SEIAA regarding the continuation of appraisal of the project proposal considering the relevant clauses in the OM dated 8.6.2022.

- 3. The Authority, vide 3rd paper read above, noted the decision of SEAC in its 159th meeting, and noticed that as per OM dated 08.06.2022, the concerned Member Secretary shall not accept the proposal and process shall be initiated *de novo* by the Project Proponent. Hence, the Authority decided to accept the recommendation of SEAC to reject the proposal and direct the project proponent to submit a fresh application. Preference may be given by SEAC to the new application since appraisal of present application was progressed considerably.
- 4. In the above circumstances, the application for Environmental Clearance read as 1st paper above, submitted by Sri. Rajan, S/o Krishnan Nair, Puthiyottil House, Kodiyangad P.O., Kozhikode 673525, for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry for an area of 0.6551 Ha at Re Survey No. 111/1A1A in Koothali Village, Koyilandy Taluk, Kozhikode is hereby REJECTED, for the reasons mentioned in Para (2) & (3) above. The Project Proponent has the liberty to submit a freah application through PARIVESH portal, with valid baseline monitoring data.

Administrator, SEIAA For Member Secretary, SEIAA

To,

Sri. Rajan, S/o Krishnan Nair, Puthiyottil House, Kodiyangad P.O., Kozhikode - 673525

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- 2. The Secretary to Government, Environment Department, Government of Kerala.
- 3. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, 4th Floor KSRTC Bus Terminal, Thampanoor, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695001

- 4. The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram -4.
- 5. The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board
- 6. The District Collector, Kozhikode
- 7. The District Geologist, Kozhikode
- 8. The Environmental Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Kozhikode.
- 9. The Tahasildar, Koyilandy Taluk, Kozhikode
- 10. The Secretary, Koothali Grama Panchayath, Kozhikode
- 11. Chairman, SEIAA.
- 12. Website.
- 13. S/f / O/c

