

## 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 Kelkar, IAS, Member Secretary)

Sub: SEIAA- Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Sukumaran, President, Ottapalam Taluk Karinkal Quarry Operators Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd., No. SIND (P) 176, Vadanamkurussi, Palakkad- Rejected - Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA

## SIA/KL/MIN/426226/2023, 2267/EC1/2023/SEIAA

Dated. 21.05.2024

Ref: 1) Application from Sri. Sukumaran received on 13.05.2023

- 2) Minutes of the 159<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.
- 3) Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## **ORDER**

Sri. Sukumaran, President, Ottapalam Taluk Karinkal Quarry Operators Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd, No. SIND (P) 176, Vadanamkurussi, Palakkad Kerala submitted an application for Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry, for an area of 88.56 Ares, at Block No.36, Re survey Nos. 468/3-9, 468/3-6 & 468/3-5 in Kulukkallur Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad, Kerala.

2. In the 159<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting, the Committee noted that the application date is 15.04.2023 and the date of baseline data monitoring are 28.1.2021 (Air quality), 28.1.2019 (Water quality) and 27.1.2019 (Noise level). In the application, it is noted that the baseline monitoring is done from 28.1.2021 to 29.1.2021. Thus, the applicant tried to mislead the Committee. Further, there is gap of more than four years between the date of monitoring of baseline data (Water quality and Noise level) and the date of application. Therefore, the Committee decided to seek 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 and also considering the fact that the applicant tried to mislead the Committee.

- 3. The Authority in its 140<sup>th</sup> meeting noted that at the time of submission of application, the baseline data submitted is more than 4 years old and the application cannot be considered as per the existing norms. The Authority 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. In this circumstance, the Authority decided to accept the recommendation of SEAC to reject the proposal and direct the Project Proponent to submit a fresh application. Preference to the new application may be given by SEAC since appraisal of present application was progressed considerably.
- 4. In the above circumstances, the application for EC submitted by Sri. Sukumaran at Block No.36, Re survey Nos. 468/3-9, 468/3-6 & 468/3-5 in Kulukkallur Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad, Kerala, for the Granite Building Stone Quarry, for an area of 88.56 Ares, is hereby **REJECTED**, for the reasons mentioned in Para (2) above. The concerned department shall take necessary actions, if any.



Administrator, SEIAA For Member Secretary, SEIAA

To,

Sri. Sukumaran

President

Ottapalam Taluk Karinkal Quarry Operators Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd., No. SIND (P) 176, Vadanamkurussi

Palakkad 679121

## Copy to:

- 1. MoEF Regional Office, Southern Zone, Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E&F Wing, II Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. (through e-mail: rosz.bng-mefcc@gov.in)
- 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, Palakkad.
- 7. The District Geologist, Palakkad.
- 8. The Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, Palakkad.
- 9. The Tahasildar, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala
- 10. Chairman, SEIAA.
- 11. Website.
- 12. S/f, O/c