

# 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. K. J. Thomaskutty, Managing Partner, M/s Mary Matha Granites, Dhoni P O, Palakkad-Rejected - Orders issued.

# STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA

### SIA/KL/MIN/444012/2023, 2447/EC3/2023/SEIAA

Dated. 18.05.2024

Ref: 1) Application from Sri. K. J. Thomaskutty received on 06.11.2023.

- 2) Order of the Hon'ble NGT dated 20.12.2023 in O.A No.124/2021 and I.A No. 18/2022.
- 3) Minutes of the 158<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 05<sup>th</sup> to 07<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- 4) Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### **ORDER**

Sri. K. J. Thomaskutty, Managing Partner, M/s Mary Matha Granites, Dhoni P O, Palakkad - 678009 submitted an application for Environmental Clearance via PARIVESH for the Granite Building Stone Quarry, for an area of 2.0778 Ha, at Block No. 25, Resurvey Nos. 110/1, 110/2, 112/2 & 112/3 in Akathethara Village, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad, Kerala.

2. In the 158<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting, the Committee found that the Project Proponent had suppressed the facts in connection with the Court Case while submitting the application for EC. Earlier the Project Proponent submitted an application for EC and based on the evaluation and field inspection, the SEIAA directed the Project Proponent to submit TOR application. In order to avoid EIA study and public consultation, the Project Proponent now submitted a fresh application by reducing the area. This seems to be against the Hon'ble

Supreme Court's direction in the Deepak Kumar Vs State of Haryana case. Considering these aspects, the SEAC recommended rejection of the application.

- 3. The Authority in its 140<sup>th</sup> meeting noted the decisions of previous SEAC/SEIAA meetings held on various dates, and the Order of the Hon'ble NGT dated 20.12.2023 in O.A. No. 124/2021 and I.A. No. 18/2022. The Authority in its 137<sup>th</sup> meeting and the SEAC in its 158<sup>th</sup> meeting noticed that the Project Proponent had suppressed the facts in connection with the Court Case while submitting the application for EC. The Authority also noticed the observations of SEAC leading to the recommendation for rejection of the application. Hence, the Authority agreed to the recommendation of the SEAC and the Project Proponent can submit the ToR application after complying the Order of the Hon'ble NGT dated 20.12.2023 in O.A. No. 124/2021 and I.A. No. 18/2022.
- 4. In the above circumstances, the application for EC submitted by Sri. Sri. K. J. Thomaskutty, Managing Partner, M/s Mary Matha Granites at Block No. 25, Re Survey Nos. 110/1, 110/2, 112/2 & 112/3 in Akathethara Village, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad, Kerala, for the Granite Building Stone Quarry, for an area of 2.0778 Ha, 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. K. J. Thomaskutty, Managing Partner M/S Mary Matha Granites Dhoni P O Palakkad - 678009

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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, Palakkad.
- 7. The District Geologist, Palakkad.
- 8. The Environmetal Engineer, KSPCB, Palakkad.
- 9. The Tahasildar, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala
- 10. Secretary, Akathethara Gramapanchayath, Palakkad
- 11. Village Officer, Akathethara Village, Palakkad.
- 12. Chairman, SEIAA.
- 13. Website.
- 14. S/f, O/c

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