

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. Sasidharakurup K., Panavila House, Eizhavankonam, Elamba, Thiruvananthapuram, 695103 – Rejected – Orders issued.

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA

SIA/KL/MIN/449111/2023, 2452/EC2/2023/SEIAA

Dated. 25.05.2024

Ref: 1) Application from Sri. Sasidharakurup K. received on 15.11.2023.

- 2) Certified Compliance Report dated 31.01.2024 issued by IRO, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
- 3) Minutes of the 159th meeting of SEAC held on 19th to 21st February 2024.
- 4) Minutes of the 140th meeting of SEIAA held on 25th & 26th March 2024.

ORDER

Sri.Sasidharakurup K., Panavila House, Eizhavankonam. Elamba. Thiruvananthapuram. Kerala. submitted an application for Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry, for an area of 1.9152 Ha., at Block No.44, Re- Survey Nos. 147/8, 147/9, 147/3. 154/5, 154/8, 154/9, 161/5, 161/15, 161/16, 161/6, 160/3, 160/4 (own land). 154/4pt (Government land), Elamba Village, Chirayinkeezhu Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

2. In the 159th SEAC meeting, the Committee observed that the project boundary is found overlapping with the adjacent existing quarry of the same Project Proponent with EC No. 13-18- P/21952/17 (DIA/KL/MIN/9756/2017) dated 21.3.2018. The EC for the quarry with an area of 1.1405 Ha was expired on 21.3.2023, but the mining in the quarry continued as per order of the Hon. High Court. Hence the project is considered as an expansion project and therefore CCR is obtained from the IRO, MoEF, Bangalore. The committee examined the CCR dated 31.1.2024 and noted that the Project Proponent mined excess quantity of material than the permitted quantity of 47000 TPA as per EC, and violated the EC conditions. Accordingly, the Project Proponent paid a penalty of Rs. 5,44,15,456/- on 6.2.2023 for the excess quantity mined. The Project Proponent also violated many other EC conditions as

observed in the CCR. In the circumstances, the Committee decided to intimate the non-compliance of EC conditions to SEIAA to address the Pollution Control Board to assess the environmental damages and take penal actions. The Committee recommended for delisting of the application.

- 3. The Authority in its 140th meeting agreed the recommendations of SEAC and rejected the application and suggested that the Project Proponent can apply afresh, only after completing the process of KSPCB and after paying the penalty for excess mining and environmental damages.
- 4. In the above circumstances, the application for EC submitted by Sri. Sasidharakurup K at Block No.44, Re- Survey Nos. 147/8, 147/9, 147/3, 154/5, 154/8, 154/9, 161/5, 161/15, 161/16, 161/6, 160/3, 160/4 (own land), 154/4pt (Government land) Elamba Village, Chirayinkeezhu Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for the Granite Building Stone Quarry, for an area of 1.9152 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. Sasidharakurup K. Panavila House Eizhavankonam Elamba Thiruvananthapuram. 695103

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- 1. MoEF Regional Office, Southern Zone, Kendriya Sadan, 4th 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. Environmental Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Potal 21.
- 7. The District Collector, Political.
- 8. The District Geologist, Parken!
- 9. The Secretary, Elamba Grama Panchayath, P. 70.21
- 10. The Tahasildar, Chirayinkeezhu Taluk, Jakob d District, Kerala
- 11. Chairman, SEIAA.
- 12. Website.
- 13. S/f, O/c