

**MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015,  
9.15 A.M. IN THE CHAMBER OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO  
GOVERNMENT (ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS) GOVERNMENT  
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) K.P.Joy, Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr. J. Subhashini, Member, SEIAA
3. Sri. P. Mara Pandiyan. I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government & Member Secretary, SEIAA

The 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA and the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Authority as constituted by Notification No. S.O.804(F) dated 19-3-2015 was held from 9.15 a.m. onwards on 4-12-2015 in the chamber of the Additional Chief Secretary to Government (Member Secretary, SEIAA).

Chairman welcomed the Members. As introduction Chairman referred to the G.O (Ms) 15/2015/Envr dated 15-12-2015 on essential delegation of powers to SEIAA and formation of its Secretariat setup and thanked the Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department for promptly issuing the above Govt. order and for facilitating the basic requirements for curtailing the delay in grant of E.Cs. The meeting authorized the Administrator to initiate actions for implementing the orders. Chairman brought to the notice of the meeting the matter of the calling attention motion moved in the Kerala Legislative Assembly pertaining to the delay in SEIAA in getting environmental clearance for projects. It was resolved that all necessary steps shall be taken urgently to avoid the existing delay in appraisal of applications and consequent delay in disposal of applications. SEAC shall be in a position to finalize the appraisal process including site inspection within the statutory time span of 60 days and to finalize the minutes within 5 days. Individual passwords for online processing of the applications may be obtained urgently. It was also decided to address KILA to include the EIA clearance aspects in the orientation programmes to the newly elected members of the Local Self Government institutes.

Item No. 45.01

**Confirmation of minutes of 44<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting**

Confirmed

Item No. 45.02

**Action taken Report on minutes of 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

Noted

Item No. 45.03

**SEIAA – Petitions on Environmental Clearance and general complaints on illegal quarries and other environmentally degrading activities (individual cases consolidated)**

Sl. No.	Petitioner and Address	Subject	Nature of complaint	Decision
1	Sri. U. M. Shamsudheen, UthanMavungal House, kilinakode, Cheroor P.O., Thirurangadi, Malappuram -676304	To stop illegal mining/quarry without environmental clearance at ecologically important Oorakam Hills by Brothers Crusher, Chererur P.O., Kannamangalam Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram, Pin-676304 & Sri. Kunji Mohammed @ Bawa, S/o. Mohammedkutty Haji, Chererur P.O., Kannamangalam Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, malappuram District	There is a case in NGT (40/2015) against the illegal quarrying	To convey the general decision in such cases.
2	JanasambarkaSamithi Reg. no. ER/431/2011 Pulimoottil building, Peringala P.O., Pin. 683565	Violation of EC- removal of OE- EC granted to Sri. Sri. Ahammad Abdullah, Irippakkottil Veedu, Peringala P.O. Ernakulam -683565 File no. 721/SEIAA/EC3/6071/2014) 1. For Q= 9000 m <sup>3</sup>	To conduct field visit to verify the complaint and take necessary proceedings.	To get a report from the District Collector, Ernakulam.

Item No. 45.04

**Removal of Ordinary earth/Brick earth Environmental Clearance issued-Applications for extension of period of validity of Environmental Clearance.**

It was decided to extend the period of validity of the E.Cs in each case by six months. No further extension will be allowed.

**Item No. 45.05**                      **Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. Nos. 502/7-2 and 502/7-1 at Manjalloor Village and Panchayath, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri. V.P. Ravi, Sri. K.J. George and Sri. K.V. Thomas (File No. 336/SEIAA/KL/2168/2014)**

As per SEIAA letter no. 336/EC3/2168/2014 dated 05.08.2015, the applicant was informed of the additional details required, and that if the explanation is not received within one month the matter will be proceeded with as if he has no explanation. SEAC in its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13/14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2015 recommended to delist the project.

It may be delisted and applicant informed.

**Item No. 45.06**                      **Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Re. Sy. No. 307/6 at Mulakkuzha Village and Panchayath, Chengannur Taluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala by Sri. T. O. George and Smt. Aniamma George (File No. 481/SEIAA/KL/3337/2014)**

Decided to refer the matter to SEAC for clarification whether the quantity recommended to be extracted is 1000 m<sup>3</sup> or 10000 m<sup>3</sup>.

**Item No. 45.07**                      **Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 433/6-2, 433/6-4 at Vazhakulam Village and Panchayath, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Fr. Anuraj Tony (File No. 529/SEIAA/KL/3833/2014)**

47<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 13-14 Oct. 2015 considered matter and decided not to change the earlier recommendation to reject the application on the ground that; *'the proponent has sought clearance for removal of huge quantity of earth for agriculture purpose. "Agricultural purpose" does not justify removal of such huge quantity. Moreover there are no consents from adjoining property owners. Committee could have recommended a reduced quantity had the purpose justified it. But here it is not the case.'*

Authority held that consent of neighbours is not essential for grant of environmental clearance for mining of minor minerals. It was decided to refer the case to the district collector Ernakulam to inspect the site on the need for removing 40440 m<sup>3</sup> of ordinary earth for agricultural purpose.

**Item No. 45.08**

**Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 406/2 pt at Vazhakulam Village and Panchayath, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Dr.Valsa Thomas (File No. 530/SEIAA/KL/3834/2014)**

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**Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 406/2 at Vazhakkulam Village, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Smt. Dr.Valsa Thomas (File No. 677/SEIAA/KL/5357/2014)**

Also SEAC had noticed that deep cuttings of more than 10m are visible in the area and already mined hill is seen standby precipitating, most unstable and dangerously located. SEAC in the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13/14-10-2015 recommended to reject this case and to take action for violation. Authority assessed that the dangerous position of the cuttings developed at site has to be removed to avoid collapse of the hillock and that the O.E is for Railway work. Authority decided to get a report from the railway authorities as to the use of the material removed and to place the case for decision.

*Authority also decided to seek the services of the concerned line department whenever site specific additional clarifications are required by SEIAA on the recommendations of SEAC.*

**Item No. 45.09**

**Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 164/3-2 at Rayamangalam Village, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Smt. Bibitha Mathew W/O Saji (File No. 714/SEIAA/EC3/6038/2014)**

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**Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 164/3, 164/3-2 at Rayamangalam Village, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Smt. Sabitha Mathew W/O PrathapEeppen. (File No. 716/SEIAA/EC3/6040/2014)**

The matter was considered in the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 20-30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and recommended rejecting the application on the ground that the Additional Tahslidar, Kunnathunadu, has not certified the identity of the applicant. But Authority in its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 04.06.2015 decided to write to the applicant, get the identity certified and then to give the E.C. for admissible quantity.

The proponents have submitted the required clarification along with a request letter to combine both the applications and to consider them as one and also applied for levying of processing fee for one application. Already Sri. M. P. Mathai, father of the applicants had been given E.C for removal of OE from the nearby plot in the same meeting of SEIAA on receipt processing fee, and E.C. has been issued levying fee. The applications are for leveling of land for house construction. Total extent is only 6.09 ares. Total quantity is 5800 m<sup>3</sup>. Now that the defect has been rectified and the land is contiguous belonging to the sisters. Authority decided to grant E.C. as a single application for total quantity of 5800 m<sup>3</sup>.

**Item No. 45.10                      Environmental clearance for Granite quarry situated in ESA villages as per direction under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 issued by MoEF review petition submitted by Wimrock Granite Pvt Ltd. – Judgment in W.P. No. 31713/2015 (File No. 104/SEIAA/EC4/1689/2013)**

The Authority in the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 1-10-2015 decided that the proposal cannot be considered as one pending as on 17/04/2013 in terms of the Direction dated 13/11/2013 of MoEF on quarrying in ESAs as per Kasturirangan report. Authority decided to wait for the final decision of MoEF. While so the Authority came across the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the reconstituted Expert appraisal committee for Environmental appraisal of Mining Projects (Non- Coal) of the MoEF held during July 29-30, 2015. The application of the proponent for E.C. for quarrying in the same areas where E.C was applied for from the SEIAA was seen appraised by the EAC of the MoEF. The EAC also took similar decision as the SEIAA on all the 3 cases that the RE Division of the Ministry may be consulted whether such project may be considered for grant of EC or not as per directions issued dated 13-11-2013 by the Ministry under Section 5 of the E (P) Act, 1986 and deferred the recommendations of the project.

On 18-11-2015 the proponent produced a copy of the Judgment dated 19-10-2015 of the Hon. High Court of Kerala in W.P. No. 31713/2015 filed by him with the single prayer that the application for E.C shall be considered under Clause (viii) of Ext P10 Office Memorandum of the MoEF. The Hon. High Court disposed of the case directing that *'This Court is of the view that the above Office memorandum if not superseded so far necessarily the application of the petitioner shall be considered in the light of the above guidelines'* The Direction dated 13-11-2013 of MoEF is not superseded and applies in this

case. The Authority decided to wait for the final decision of MoEF. The decision is upheld to be conveyed to the proponent also in due compliance with the judgment in W. /P No; 31713/2015.

The Authority also took note of the action of the proponent in having approached the MoEF making it an 'A' category project for applying for E.C stating that the project falls near ESA (as per HLWG report) even if his application for appraising it as a B category project, is pending before the SEIAA. As has been decided in the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA as item 44.24 (File No. 545/SEIAA/KL/3958/2014). Authority resolved to report the matter to MoEF that even as the SEIAA was seized of the application the same proposals are being dealt with by MoEF as well.

**Item No. 45.11                      Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. 511/6, 511/7, 510/1-2, 510/2-4, 510/2-2, 510/1-2, 510/2-4, 510/2-2, 510/1-2, 510/2-3, 510/1-2 at Vengoor west Village, Mudakuzha Panchayath, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by K. K. Issac (File No. 434/SEIAA/KL/2994/2014)**

SEAC in its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13/14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and recommended for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

1. Over burden must be stored in the designated places and provided with protective support.
2. Check dams shall be provided at two levels in the drainage channel to arrest the suspended particles. The deposited silt must also be cleaned periodically.
3. RWH pond must be provided at the lowest elevation in the NW corner and can be in conjunction with the de-siltation mechanism.
4. The approach road to the quarry from the main road must be maintained in good motorable condition by the proponent. Buffer distance from the road near the quarry may not be required as it ends at the quarry.
5. Dust suppression mechanism must be in place.
6. Reclamation and eco-restoration should be done by planting native species.

7. To the extent possible local Biodiversity Management Committee should be involved in the environmental management/restoration activities.

The adjacent land is Govt. Poramboke. Authority decided to grant E.C subject to the above specific conditions and general conditions on mining projects and production of no cluster certificate. Proper survey markings may be insisted to block encroachment of Poramboke land.

**Item No. 45.12**                      **Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. Nos. 323/4, part & 323/6part, Block no. 33at Kalanjoor Village & Panchayath, Konni Taluk (formerly part of Adoor Taluk), Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by M/s Mavanal Granites Pvt. Ltd.(File No. 518/SEIAA/EC4/3822/2014)**

47<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to recommend for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

1. The abandoned pits may be restored with vegetation.
2. Reclamation and eco-restoration should be done by planting native species.
3. To the extent possible local biodiversity management Committee should be involved in the environmental management/restoration activities.

Aswathy Granites, working nearby has been granted E.C. (No. 54 dated 10-8-2015). Authority decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and to issue E.C subject to the decision of the N.G.T (S.Z) in Application No. 303 /2014 filed by Manushyavakasa Samrakshana Sangho, Athirukkal post, Koodal, Pathanamthitta district & Others.

**Item No. 45.13**                      **Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. Nos. 147/15/3pt, 147/1070/1pt, 1070/3pt, 1070/1 pt, 147/4/1/1p, 147/1089/2 pt, 147/1087/2pt, 1088/2/1, 1069/1/4pt, 1069/1/2pt, 1068/3pt, 147/1089/3pt of Ollukkara Village, Thrissur Taluk,**

**Thrissur District, Kerala by M/s Thomson Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 601/SEIAA/EC1/4604/2014)**

SEAC in its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to recommend for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

1. The drainage from the quarry must be channelized by providing catch water drains at the lower levels on the eastern part with proper desiltation and clarification mechanism. A check dam shall be provided at the eastern boundary point as an additional structure for desiltation and clarification. RWH structure must be created for the collection of part of the rainwater.
2. The approach road to the quarry must be and maintained in good motorable condition by the proponent.
3. Steps to be taken to limit the flyrock within the quarry area.
4. Other types of tree cover seen all around the quarry must be maintained till the entire life of quarry.
5. To the extent possible local biodiversity management Committee shall be involved in the environmental management/restoration activities.
6. Reclamation and eco-restoration should be done by planting native species.

Decided that Environmental Clearance be given to the quarry project subject to the specific recommendations of SEAC and the above site specific conditions in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects. For all such clearances validity will be five years subject to inspection by SEIAA on annual basis and compliance of the conditions, subject to earlier review of E.C in case of violation or non-compliance of conditions or genuine complaints from residents within the security area of the quarry.

**Item No.45.14**

**Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy.No. 428(P) at Edayoor Village, Tirur Taluk, Malappuram District by Sri.U. Abdul Kareem, for M/s U.K. Granites. (File No. 727/SEIAA/KL/6106/2014)**



47<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to recommend for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

1. The mining should be continued only after the formation of benches.
2. The overburden should be deposited at a safer designated place for future restoration of the land and provided with protective support walls
3. The trees and vegetation around the quarry site should be conserved
4. Proper sign boards and fencing should be provided all around the quarry site
5. The drainage water from the quarry should be collected properly, desilted and clarified before discharge.
6. To the extent possible local biodiversity management Committee shall be involved in the environmental management/restoration activities.
7. Reclamation and eco-restoration should be done by planting native species.

Authority decided to accept the recommendations subject to the specific recommendations of SEAC and the general conditions stipulated for mining projects. Mining shall be only with benches. Validity may be five years subject to inspection by SEIAA on annual basis and compliance of the conditions, subject to earlier review of E.C in case of violation or non-compliance of conditions or genuine complaints from residents within the security area of the quarry.

**Item No.45.15**

**Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 153 at Edayoor Village, Tirur Taluk, Malappuram District by Sri. Ardnan Mandrees, for M/s Vadakkumbram Granite Crusher (File No. 728/SEIAA/EC1/6107/2014)**

47<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application and decided to recommend for issuance of Environmental Clearance with the following specific conditions, in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects.

1. The mining should be continued only after maintaining the access road properly. The deep cutting on the two sides of the hills should be suitably maintained so as to avoid any land slide.
2. The overburden should be deposited at a safer designated places for future restoration of the land and provided with protective support walls
3. The trees and vegetation around the quarry site should be conserved
4. Proper sign boards and fencing should be provided all around the quarry site
5. The drainage water from the quarry should be collected properly, desilted and clarified before discharge.
6. A proper rainwater collection pond should be maintained inside the site.
7. To the extent possible local biodiversity management Committee shall be involved in the environmental management/restoration activities.
8. Reclamation and eco-restoration should be done by planting nativespecies.
9. The proponent is directed to submit a more realistic social responsibility projects to SEIAA.

SEIAA decided to grant Environmental Clearance to the project subject to the specific conditions in addition to the general conditions stipulated for mining projects. Validity will be five years subject to earlier review in case of violation or non-compliance of conditions or genuine complaints from residents within the security area of the quarry.

**Item No. 45.16**

**Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1083 / 12, 1084 / 6, 2, 13, 107 7/1A, 1084/6.2 and 1084 /1 at MemuryVillage, MemuryPanchayath, MuvattupuzhaTaluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri. Stephen Joseph for Stone Quarry Mining at Memury (File No. 792/SEIAA/EC3/1711/2015)**

This is a new quarry. Nearest human settlement is recorded as at 50 m. The proposed project is for quarrying of 10,000 TPA of building stone. It is stated that there is no water bodies near to site but cadastral map shows a stream very near to the site. Authority decided to conduct a site inspection before deciding on grant of E.C.

**Item No.45.17**

**Environmental Clearance for construction of new LPG storage and Bulk Dispatch Terminal at. Survey Nos. 480/2 Pt , 546/1 , 546/2 Pt, 546/3 Pt , 560/2 Pt , 560/3 Pt, 561/3 Pt, 561/4 Pt ,561/5 Pt , 561/6 Pt, 562/1 Pt, 562/3 Pt, 562/4 Pt,563/1 , 563/ 2 ,563/3, 563/4, 563/5, 563/6, 564/ 1 Pt, 564/ 2 Pt, 565/ 6 Pt , 566/6 Pt. of Kinfra Integrated Industrial & Textile Park, Kanjikode East, Palakkad District by Sri. Tharian Peter, Territory Manager (LPG) Kochi, M/s. BPCL (File No. 789/SEI AA/EC1/1381/2015)**

47<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 13/14-10-2015 decided to recommend to SEIAA for issuance of E.C. to the project subject to general conditions stipulated for projects other than mining projects and the specific conditions as mentioned in the Appraisal report. The project is in industrial area. Authority accepted the recommendations for issue of E.C. subject to the above conditions. Validity will be seven years subject to inspection by SEIAA on annual basis and compliance of the conditions, subject to earlier review of E.C. in case of violation or non-compliance of conditions.

**Item No. 45.18                      Construction of building by Quilon Medical Trust without E.C – Complaint to MoEF by Sri. S. Devarajan –**

MoEF has forwarded a Complaint dated 10/09/2009 sent by Sri. S. Devarajan, D9, Town Tourist Home, Press Road, Thiruvananthapuram, alleging that a hospital building with area 85,000 m<sup>2</sup> was constructed by a private Trust viz., Quilon Medical Trust reclaiming Paddy Land and without E.C. Authority resolved to call for a report from the District collector, Kollam on the petition for further action thereon.

**Item No. 45. 19                      Application for environmental clearance for the quarry project in Survey No. 172 (P) at Kodyathur Village, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala by M/s Palakkal Granite Products Private Limited-Mining without environmental clearance- Stopmemo –Issued.**

As per the decision of SEIAA in the 41<sup>st</sup> held on 2-9-2015 in proceedings No. 137/SEIAA/EC4/2567/2013 dated 11-11-2015 stop memo was issued to the quarry. Sri. P.M. Aboobacker, the project proponent on 23-9-2015, submitted a representation to SEIAA stating that he was unaware of the requirement of E.C in 2010 when the quarry was started. He has requested to withdraw the Stop Memo to continue quarrying.

SEIAA had not been impleaded in W.P No. 19259/2015. Upon issue of the Stop Memo, the proponent has again approached Hon:High Court to set it aside. It is pending. The N.G.T case filed by Sri. K. Balakrishnan against the quarry is also pending. SEIAA decided to await the decisions in the pending litigations.

**Item No. 45.20                      A) Environmental clearance for sand mining in Valapattanam river (from Parassinikadavu bridge to Valapattanambidge) No. 571/SEIAA/EC4/4230/2014)**

**(B) Extension of period of validity of E.C. issued for River sand Mining in Kannur District, Kerala, submitted by**

**District Collector, Kannur (File No. 4307/EC4/2015/SEIAA)**

A. The proposal was placed in the 44<sup>th</sup> SEAC held on 12/13-8-2015. The Committee found that the sand audit report prepared by CED for Valapattanam River has not been approved by the Government. The stretch of Valapattanam River from which EC is requested for sand mining falls under CRZ area.

The Committee decided to defer the item for submitting the following.

1. Approved sand audit report by the Government for the stretch.
2. Remarks from KCZMA, since the proposed area falls under CRZ.

As per the clarification sought by SEAC, Secretary, Kolachery Grama Panchayat submitted document regarding the CRZ notification. It states that CRZ clearance is not applicable to Kolachery Panchayat.

SEIAA has issued EC for removal of sand at the 50% of the quantity as mentioned in the sand audit report of CED vide E.C. No.271/SEIAA/KL/4230/2014 dated 20-04-2015. There is no provision in the Kerala Protection of River Banks and Regulation of Removal of Sand Act 2001 or in the Rules (2002) there under stipulating prior approval of Govt. for the sand audit report. However as in the previous instance, the quantity reckoned for is 2 m below the water level which has already been disapproved by the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEAC held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014. On that account it is recommended that 58,042 lorry loads of sand may be mined from 6 local body areas. There is also an NGT (SZ) order prohibiting sand removal from Valapattanam River below water level. As was done earlier, here also the quantity need to be recomputed and admissible quantity above summer water level reported. 50% of the Kadavu wise quantity estimated subject to the conditions stipulated by Supreme Court in Deepak Kumar's case and agreed to by the local bodies before the NGT (SZ) in O/A.440/13 may be sanctioned to be removed, subject to all the specific and general conditions stipulated in E.C. No.271/SEIAA/KL/4230/2014 dated 20-04-2015.

B. Vide letter no. L6/22174/15 dated 5-10-2015 District Collector, Kannur has submitted application for the extension of period of validity of E.C. issued to river sand mining in Kannur District. The validity of the E.C. issued expired on 19-10-2015. In view of the report that the quantity allowed to be lifted as per the E.C dated 20-4-2015 has not been fully extracted, the Authority decided to allow to remove the balance of what was

sanctioned to be removed as per the E.C dated 20-4-2015 subject to the conditions that the District Collector, Kannur shall provide;

1. Details of the quantity of river sand removed from each kadavu.
2. The report called for vide the E.C dated 20-4-2015 on grant of permission by the District Collector to lift sand.
3. District Collector to furnish a report containing permissible quantity to be lifted and quantity lifted from each Kadavu/ river during the period from 20-4-2015 till date as per the sand audit report of CED prepared in 5/2014.

**Item No. 45.21(a) Environmental clearance for removal of Laterite in Sy.no.300/2 at Thamarakulam Village and Panchayath, Mavelikkara Taluk, Alappuzha District, by Sri Mohanan Pillai. J. (File No. 465/SEIAA/EC3/3209/2014)**

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**(b) Environmental clearance for removal of Laterite in Sy.no. 295/1/2, 294/1/2 at Thamarakulam Village and Panchayat, Mavelikkara Taluk, Alappuzha District, by Sri Mohanan Pillai. J. (File No. 466/SEIAA/EC3/3210/2014)**

Authority in its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting considered the application for extension of validity of the E.C dated 18.04.2015 and objection of Smt. Prasanna and decided to call for details of the stay order reportedly issued by the Hon. High court. On 27.11.2015, Sri. Mohanan Pillai produced copy of the interim order dated 19.10.2015 in W.P.(c) 31231/15 filed by Smt. Prasanna modifying the earlier stay order dated. 14.10.2015, to the effect that if the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent has valid E.C. and quarrying permit, then 4<sup>th</sup> respondent shall be permitted to operate the quarry (Sri. Mohanan Pillai is the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent).

In pursuance of the order, Sri. Mohanan Pillai has submitted application dated 27.11.2015 to get the validity of the E.C. extended. Now that the stay order has been modified subject to grant of E.C., and there is a judgment in W.P.28280/15 filed by Sri. Mohanan Pillai (SEIAA is not party) recording the submission of State Attorney that the 4 private respondent were summoned and they were warned that no obstruction shall be created. It was further submitted that if there is any law and order situation, police will intervene in the matter.

As the renewal of the E.C. in the condition precedent for mining of laterite, authority decided to extend the term of the E.C. for a further period of six months subject to the conditions in the E.C. already issued.

**Item No. 45.22****Cases on grant of Environmental Clearances-Pending for non-remittance of processing fee- Further action- reg.**

46 cases in which E.Cs were decided to be issued for removal of ordinary earth are pending as the applicants are not coming forward to receive the E.Cs by remitting the processing fee. Authority felt that the processing fee of Rs. 75,000/- for levelling of land for house construction involving quantities less than 1000 m<sup>3</sup> is unjustifiable and illogical. The 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Authority deliberated the issue in detail as Item No. 19 on a reference from Government and resolved that the matter as placed before the Authority may be referred to the State Government to be taken up with MoEF for clarification and also for the facts to be submitted in the N.G.T in the pending case on the subject matter. Pending decision on the general issue, Government may be moved for fixing slab wise reduced fee for removal of O.E for house construction. It was decided to send communications to the applicants in the pending cases to receive the E.Cs remitting the existing fee and to move the Government after the time limit for receiving the E.Cs with proposals for slab wise reduced fee for house construction.

**Item No. 45.23****SEIAA- Website- Reconstruction-Proposals (File No. /EC2/ 2015/SEIAA)**

Approved subject to observance of Stores Purchase Rules.

**Item No. 45.24****SEIAA- Functional freedom- Secretarial arrangements and institutional facilities- Sanctioned - Government orders issued-Reg (File No. 1293/ EC2/ 2015/SEIAA)****1. Appointment**

Walk-in- interview for the Project Fellow positions (3) and Data Entry Operator (2) and Accountant (1) may be held and the project personnel engaged as early as possible to deal with the long pending applications.

**2. Transportation**

Contract vehicle (car) is now with the DoECC may be got transferred to SEIAA, with copies of the relevant records including the contract. On expiry new contract may be entered in to on competitive quotation basis.

### 3. Purchase

For the project personnel to be newly engaged and on-line submission of applications for E.C. Authority decided to purchase the following equipments and computer systems following stores purchase procedure. Where DGS&D rate contracts are available that may be adopted;

Items	Quantity
Computer Systems	6
Computer table	6
Printer	3
Photostat Machine (multi task)	1
Office table (small)	2
Scanner	1
Chair	7
Steel Almirah	4
File rack	3

Computer systems of SEIAA except that of Data Entry Operators may be provided with high speed internet facility for OSMEC works for which cabling works may be entrusted with the competent firm.

### 4. Establishment

On getting the operation of the S.B a/c of SEIAA with S.B.T Pettah, transferred to SEIAA the expenditure in respect of SEIAA/SEAC may be debited to the a/c by SEIAA as authorised by Government.

### 5. Processing Fee

Processing fee on applications for E.C. may be collected at SEIAA office once the Accountant takes charge.

### 6. Project Personnel

Four Project Assistants (on contract), one Office Assistant, one Security one Office Attendant (on daily wages), have been allowed to continue. They may be remunerated from the S.B a/c once the Accountant is engaged.

### 7. Office building & Furniture

As per the decision of SEIAA in the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting a suitable building may be found out for accommodating the SEIAA/SEAC.

#### **8. Bank Account**

S.B a/c No 67175853565 of SBT Pettah may be got transferred to SEIAA to be operated by Member Secretary. The budgetary allocations under the head of account 3435-04-104-99 (Environmental Impact Assessment –Plan) may be transferred to the S.B. a/c of SEIAA by DoECC as is being done now.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Authority at 3.00 p.m on 14-12-2015.

The meeting concluded at 11.30a.m.

Dr. K.P. JOY

**Chairman**

Dr. J. SUBHASHINI

**Member**

Sri. P. MARA PANDIYAN. I.A.S

**Member Secretary**