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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 05th DECEMBER, 2020
AT 1100 HRS. VIA VIDEO COFERENCING**

The following attended the meeting: -

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS(Retd.) | Chairman, JKEIAA |
| 2. Er.Nazir Ahmad (Retd., Chief Engineer) | Member, JKEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC held on 25th& 26th November, 2020 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/3358-71 dated 03-12-2020, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 05th December, 2020 at 1100 Hrs.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting: -

Agenda Item No.1.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Rahil Choudhary S/O Shri Rakesh Kumar R/o H.No.51 B/D, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, J & K.U.T. for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 5/12, (Area- 6.29 ha.), Khatharwalli Khad Downstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village- Khathar, Tehsil- Akhnoor, District- Jammu under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/56812/2019.**

Deliberations: -

During the appraisal of the above case, JKEAC has observed that the case was processed in pursuance to the Government Order No.76-JK(FST) of 2020 Dated 29-07-2020 and various aspects of the project like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan, extraction route and concerns expressed by the locals during public hearing have been discussed. It was informed by the project proponent that the public hearing of the case has been conducted on 11-02-2020 at Panchayat Ghar Khathar. In response to query of committee that S.No. 5/12 of mining block does not exist in PH report, consultant has informed that Block 5/12 is factually block 37, to which committee has desired JKEIAA to get clarification from PCB/ G&M dept. The committee has also observed that mistakes related to mining depth, land use, project cost & EMP etc. pointed out by JKEIAA has not been rectified. During the Public Hearing Report, the locals have also demanded livelihood assurance from the mining activity. After threadbare discussion on the subject, the Committee has recommended mining block 5/12 for grant of E.C. in favour of the project subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the submission of NOCs sought by concerned stake holders, video graphic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map, which shall be submitted by the project proponent prior to issuance of formal EC.

Decision:

The JKEAC had conditionally recommended the case pending NOCs and other documents. However, the requisite documents submitted by the project proponent show that the identified block is "Forest Land" as stated by the competent Authority (DFO, Jammu). The case is, therefore, rejected.

Agenda Item No: 02.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Karanveer Singh S/O Shri Surinder Singh R/o Lane No.3, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot. For Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 3/5, (Area-9.98 ha.) Basantar River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village- Doboh, Tehsil & District Samba under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/56864/2018.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the above case, committee has observed that the case was processed in pursuance to the Government Order No.76-JK(FST) of 2020 Dated 29-07-2020. The consultant of the project gave detailed presentation on Google Earth platform and the Committee have examined the project from local environmental setting like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan, extraction route and concerns expressed by the local during the public hearing. The public hearing of the project was conducted on 09-01-2020 at Daboh, Samba. During the examination of the case documents, though the JKEIAA had asked to consultant to rectify the mistakes relating to mining depth, land use, project cost, EMP etc., yet it was observed that there are still mistakes in the documentation w.r.t mining depth at some places. The Committee has also observed that the consultant had not properly mapped the haulage route and asked the consultant of the project to submit the revised version of the documents. After threadbare discussion on the subject, the Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. in favour of the project subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the submission of NOCs, video graphic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map by the project proponent prior to issuance of formal EC.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee and agreed to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the submission of revised documents recommended by JKEAC, viz, NOCs from stakeholder departments, video graphic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map by the project proponent. Mining plan and other related documents be rectified in consultation with Director, Geology and Mining Department and the necessary corrigendum be submitted within a period of 3 months.

Agenda Item No: 03.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Aditiya Mahajan S/O Shri S.K. Gupta R/o H.No. 20 Sector 6/A, Ward No. 54 Trikuta Nagar Jammu, J & K. for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 36(5/11), (Area- 8.59 ha.), Khattar - walli Khad Downstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village - Khathar, Tehsil- Akhnopor, District- Jammu, J&K. proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/56804/2019.**

Deliberations: -

During the appraisal of the above case, JKEAC has observed that the case was processed in pursuance to the Government Order No.76-JK(FST) of 2020 Dated 29-07-2020. The consultant of the project gave detailed presentation on Google Earth platform and informed committee that public hearing of the project was conducted on 11-02-2020 at Khattar, Samba. During the public hearing the concern expressed by locals include ban on illegal mining, proper demarcation of blocks and demanded livelihood assurance from the mining activity. The consultant of the project assured the Forum that he will submit the revised version of the route map & has requested for grant of EC. On the basis of his assurance, committee has recommended the case for grant of E.C. in favour of the project subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the submission of NOCs, video graphic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map by the project proponent.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee and agreed to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the submission of revised documents recommended by JKEAC, viz, NOCs from stakeholder departments, video graphic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map by the project proponent. Mining plan and other related documents be rectified in consultation with Director, Geology and Mining Department and the necessary corrigendum be submitted within a period of 3 months.

Agenda Item No: 04.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Mangal Singh S/O Shri Om Prakash R/O Saidgarh Bishnah, J&K U.T. for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 5/31, (Area-8.82 ha.) Khourwali – Khad Downstream, Village- Narayana, Tehsil- Khour, District- Jammu, J&K under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/56924/2019.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the above case, JKEIC has observed that the case was processed in pursuance to the Government Order No.76-JK(FST) of 2020 Dated 29-07-2020. The consultant of the project gave detailed presentation on Google Earth platform and during the examination of the project, it has been observed that the Bridge is located at about 300 Mts. from the mining block in upstream, which needs to be relocated/resized to maintain Minimum distance of 500 Mts. from the bridge. The public hearing of the project was conducted on 13-02-2020 at Bijuwala Talab, Narayana, Khour, Jammu. During public hearing the concern expressed by locals include ban on illegal mining, proper demarcation of blocks and demanded livelihood assurance from the mining activity. The consultant was asked to submit revised route map showing measurements and condition of the route. The committee has asked PP to submit corrected version in soft copy by email within 3 days and hard copy in duplicate to JKEIAA within a weeks' time. Committee finally recommended the case for grant of E.C. subject to fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to relocation/reduction of the mining block to leave distance of 500 Mts. from the bridge with necessary corrigendum to approved mining and also subject to the submission of NOCs, video graphic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map by the project proponent.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee and agreed to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the prior submission of videographic evidence of public hearing and revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberation of the Committee. Further, the mining area and production reserve have been recalculated as 6.62 Ha and 6000MTs / annum respectively resizing the block by ensuring 500m distance from the bridge. The PP may accordingly submit revised mining plan and other related documents and necessary corrigendum within a period of 3 months.

Agenda Item No: 05.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Sanchit Gautam S/o Shri Ravi Kumar Gautam R/O Nagrota near Toll post, Jammu for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) project in Tawi River Downstream Railway Bridge, Kishanpur Manwal Village- Kishanpur, Tehsil & District- Jammu, J&K at Block No. 4 (1/4), Mining Lease Area - 9.82 ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/57046/2019.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the above case, committee has observed that the case was processed in pursuance to the Government Order No.76-JK(FST)of2020Dated 29-07-2020. The consultant of the project gave detailed presentation on Google Earth platform and it was observed that about 20% of them falls in an active water channel land the Forum desired that the mining block be resized to exclude the active channel area. The consultant if the project informed the Forum that the public hearing has been conducted on 11-03-2020 at Kishanpur, Manwal, Jammu. The consultant of the project was asked to submit the revised version of the route map and revised EIA/Pre-feasibility report/revised approved mining plan excluding the active water channel area in the north. The Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. in favour of the project subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the submission of NOCs, videographic evidence of public hearing and revised haulage/route map by the project proponent.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee and agreed to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the prior submission of videographic evidence of public hearing and revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberation of the Committee. Further, the mistakes in the mining plan and other documents be rectified in consultation with Director, Geology and Mining Department and the project proponents may submit the necessary corrigendum within a period of three months with recalculations/resizing the block by way of excluding the active water channel.

Agenda Item No: 06.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Mrs.Anju Bala Sharma W/O Shri Kuldeep Kumar Sharma R/O H. No. 54 W. No. 02, Opposite Amar Cinema Kun Duroorian Katra District Reasi J&K U.T. for Minor Mineral Block at Pei Khad Block No. 32at Village Dhabbar Tehsil & District Reasi Area 4.43 Ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/176797/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the project by the JKEAC, it was observed that the project is 4.43 ha. and falls under B2 category and no mining block exists within 500 Mts. from the block on either side for which Cluster certificate from Geology & Mining Department was produced. The Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued in favour of the Project proponent vide letter No.774/MCC/DGM/B-32/Reasi/20/2741-48 dated 24-07-2020 and it was also observed on Multidate images on Google earth that 20% of the block is covered by active water channel. Further, the consultant of the project informed the Forum that the targeted mineral extraction had been proposed at Mining depth of 2m which the Committee did not agree to in absence of any replenishment data in the District Survey Report. The consultant was asked to revise the District Survey report and mining plan for extraction upto mining depth of 1 Meter. Besides, the mapping of haulage road depicting measurements on Google image background and also need to be revised. The Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. subject to prior submission of revised pre-feasibility report depicting mineable reserved within 1m depth and area excluding the active water channel with necessary corrigendum to approved mining plan, revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberation of the Committee/fulfillment of standard and specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holder department in their NOC's/joint inspection report.

Decision:

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee and agreed to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to the following:-

1. Submission of revised pre-feasibility report depicting mineable reserved within 1m depth and area excluding the active water channel.
2. Submission of revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberations of the Committee.
3. The project proponent may submit the necessary corrigendum of the Mining plan and other related documents within period of three months.

Agenda Item No: 07.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Ranbir Singh S/o Shri Gulwant Singh Near Govt. School, Sheikhupur Bagh Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Punjab-144515 for River Bed Mining in Block No.09, Dudhar Nallah upstream Dudhar Bridge at Village-Mahni, Tehsil & District -Udhampur J&K U.T. Mining lease area 4.91 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/181139/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the project by the JKEAC, the Forum was informed that no mining block exists within 500 Mts. from the block on either side for which cluster certificate from Geology & Mining Department was produced Letter of Intent has been issued in favour of the project proponent by the DGM vide office No.674/MCC/DGM/B-9/Udmp/20/2757-64 dated 24-07-2020. During the examination of the mining block on Google Earth platform, it was observed that 10%of the mining block is covered by active water channel. It was also informed that the targeted mineral extraction had been proposed at Mining depth of 2.5M which was not agreed by the Committee in absence of replenishment data in the District Survey Report. The Committee unanimously asked the

consultant to revise the pre-feasibility report and to calculate the minable reserves at Mining depth of 1Mtr. Before grant of formal E.C. Besides, the mapping of haulage road depicting measurements on Google image background also need to be revised. The Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. subject to submission of revised pre-feasibility report depicting minable reserves within 1 Mtr. Depth and area excluding the active water channel with necessary corrigendum to approved mining plan and revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberation of the Committee.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee agreed to accord E.C.in favour of the project proponent subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions and also subject to the following:-

1. Prior submission of revised pre-feasibility report depicting minable reserves within 1 Mtr. Depth and area excluding the active water channel.
2. Prior submission of route map in accordance with the deliberation of the Committee.
3. The necessary corrigendum of Geology & Mining Department with reference to Mining plan and other related documents be submitted by the project proponent within period of three months.

Agenda Item No.08.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Kapil Aggarwal S/O Shri Jugesh Aggarwal R/o H. No. 179, Near Panjpir Mandir, Anandpur, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Punjab - 145001 for River Bed Mining in Block No.07, Thathi Nallah Downstream Thathi Bridge at Village -Thathi, Tehsil & District-Udhampur J&K U.T. Mining Lease Area 3.71 ha. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/181274/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case project, it was informed that the project is only 3.71 ha. and falls under B2 category. It was also informed that no mining block exists within 500 Mtrs. From the block on either side for which cluster certificate from DGM was produced Besides the Letter of Intent has also been issued by the Geology & Mining Department. While examining the mining block on multirate images on Google Earth platform it was observed that 10% of the block is covered by active water channel. The consultant of the project informed the form that the targeted mineral extraction had been proposed at Mining depth of 2 Mtr which was not agreed by the Committee in absence of any replenishment data in the District Survey Report. The consultant was asked to revise the PFR and to calculate the minable reserves at Mining depth of 1 Mtr. Besides the mapping of haulage road depicting measurements on Google Image background also need to be revised. The Committee recommended the case for grant of E.C. subject to the fulfillment of standard & specific conditions including those mentioned by the concerned stake holders in the NOC's/joint inspection report and also subject to the submission of following documents:-

1. Submission of revised pre-feasibility report depicting minable reserves within 1 Mtr. depth and area excluding the water channel with necessary corrigendum to approved mining plan.
2. Revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberations of the Committee.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee and agreed to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to the following: -

1. Submission of revised pre-feasibility report depicting minable reserves within 1 Mtr. Depth and area excluding the water channel with necessary corrigendum to approved mining plan.
2. Revised version of route map in accordance with the deliberations of the Committee.
3. Necessary corrigendum w.r.t mining plan and other related documents be submitted within period of three months.

Agenda Item No: 09.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Noor Mohd. Trumboo (of Northern Gypsum) R/O Noor Bagh Baramulla J&K U.T. for Gypsum Mining Project under Khasra No. 512Min, 516Min, 517Min & 518Min with mining lease area 1.5757 ha. located near village – Chunawali Zamboor Pattan Chulan, Tehsil – Uri District - Baramulla (J&K) under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/164507/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of case project, it was informed that the Gypsum mining project has been sanctioned by the J&K Govt., vide Order No.241-IND of 2003 dated 16-09-2003. The consultant of the project gave detailed power point presentation of the project. During the examination of the project, it was found that the mining site was within 1 Km. radial distance from the Lachipora Wildlife sanctuary, thus attracting the provisions of OM No.F.22-43/2018-IA,III dated 8th August, 2019 w.r.t the order of Hon'ble Supreme court dated 4th August, 2006. In view of the deliberations, the Committee unanimously asked to consultant/project proponent to obtain certificate from the competent authority of the Wild Life Protection Department indicating/verifying therein the radial distance of the mining site to the Lachipora Wildilfe Sanctuary for further necessary action in light of Government of India orders on the subject.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that consultant/project proponent to obtain certificate from the competent authority of the Wild Life Protection Department indicating/verifying therein the radial distance of the mining site to the Lachipora Wild Life Sanctuary for further necessary action in light of Government of India orders on the subject.

Agenda Item No: 10.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of Shri Syed Mohammad Irshad S/O Shri Mohammad Yaqoob R/O Muqam Piran, Tehsil - Uri, District - Baramulla (J&K) for mining lease area 4.36 ha. located near village - Dara-Gutlian, Tehsil – Uri District Baramulla (J&K). Total land of mining lease comes under Non-Forest Barren Land as per Khasra No. 141, 138, 139, 119, 626/117, 140, 117, 659/145, 145, 621, 118 & 540/118Min. under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/164640/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of case project, it was informed that the Gypsum mining project has been sanctioned by the J&K Govt., vide Order No.177-IND of 2006 dated 09-08-

2006. The consultant of the project gave Power point presentation o the project and during examination of the project, it was found that this mining site was also within 1n Km radial distance from the Lachipora Wildlife sanctuary, thus attractions the provisions of the of OM No.F.22-43/2018-IA,III dated 8th August, 2019 w.r.t the order of Hon'ble Supreme court dated 4th August, 2006. In view of the fact, the Consultant/project proponent was asked to obtain certificate from competent authority of the Wild Life Protection Department indicating/verifying therein the radial distance of the mining site to the Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary for further necessary action in light of standing orders on the subject.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that consultant/project proponent to obtain certificate from the competent authority of the Wild Life Protection Department indicating/verifying therein the radial distance of the mining site to the Lachipora Wild Life Sanctuary for further necessary action in light of Government of India orders on the subject.

Agenda Item No: 11.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S JK Minerals Ltd 5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu for River Bed Mining project Block No. 5/1, (Area - 9.57 ha.), Chenab River Downstream Old Bridge Akhnoor Village- Malpur, Tehsil -Bhalwal, District- Jammu, J&K U.T. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/54629/2019.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case project, various aspects of the project came under discussion like mining depth, replenishment concerns, surface plan, extraction route and concerns expressed by local during public hearing. The consultant informed that the project has been sanction in favour of the proponent vide No.01/MCC/DGM/J&KML/MM dated 25-05-2020. Further the mining plan of the project has been approved by the Geology & Mining Department. The Consultant informed that the total minable reserves are 1,71,765 Mts. out of which 34,353 Mts. would be extracted annually.

Decision:

The case would be reexamined by JKEAC in light of documents submitted by the Project Proponent.

Agenda Item No: 12.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Umesh Kumar Sharma S/O Shri Shiv Narayan Sharma R/o B-33/568 Near Gurudwara Saroop Nagar, Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 for River Bed Material in Block No.11, Ramnagar Wali Khad Downstream Gulang Bridge, Village - Dalsar, Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur J&K U.T. Area 5.56 ha. under proposal No.**SIA/JK/MIN/57955/2020.**

Deliberations:

The consultant of the project gave detailed power point presentation during the appraisal of the case by the JKEAC and it was informed that project is only 5.56 ha. and falls under B1 category and it was observed that the forest boundary was traversing through the mining block. The Committee unanimously recommended that the project proponent be asked to obtain certificate from the competent authority in Forest Department verifying therein whether part of the mining block was falling inside the forest boundary or not. In case, it is stated that the entire mining bloc is outside the forest boundary, then NOC may be obtained by project proponent for enabling him to re-apply for the TOR's.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the project proponent be asked to obtain certificate from the competent authority in Forest Department verifying therein whether the mining block was falling inside the forest boundary or not. In case, it is stated that the entire mining block is outside the forest boundary, then NOC may be obtained by project proponent for enabling him to re-apply for the TOR's.

Agenda Item No.13.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Brinder Singh S/O Shri Keemat Lal R/O Near Chib Resort Raipur Satwari, Jammu for (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-35 area 9.81 ha., H/o Ab. Gaffar Bhat Sugun, Down - stream Rambiar Nallah District Shopian under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/58148/ 2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the project by JKEAC it informed that the Committee members had recently conducted the site visit of the area and informed the Committee that mining activating using, machinery is already going on in the area. It was observed that the Geology & Mining Department may constitute a joint inspection Committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department/Geology & Mining Department, /Soil Conservation Department and S.S.P. Pulwama to report as to who was involved in such largescale mining activity in the area without valid E.C. and formal mining lease. The Committee recommended the case for grant of Terms of Reference subject to the condition that the Committee proposed herein as above report that the project proponent is not involved in any mining activity in the said area.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to the condition that the project proponent is not involved in any mining activity in the said area.

Agenda Item No.14.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Amit Gupta S/O Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta R/O H.No 21, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu for (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-3 area 8.41 ha. C - Nehama Bridge Upstream Nallah, Vishu Nallah, District Kulgam (J&K) under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/58158/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case project by JKEAC, the members of the Committee examined the mining block w.r.t environmental setting in the area. The consultant proposed mining depth of 2.5m which was not agreed by the members in view of non-availability of replenishment data in the District Survey Report. The Committee desired that the pre-feasibility report be based on mining depth on only 1m. It was also desired that the active water channel be excluded while calculating the minable minerals and recommended issuance of Terms of Reference to the project proponent enabling the consultant to formulate the EIA/EMP and pre – feasibility report and to accomplish other statutory formalities.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for issuance of Terms of Reference to the project proponent subject to the condition that the pre-feasibility report be based on mining depth of only 1m and active water channel be excluded while calculating the minable minerals.

Agenda Item No.15.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Amit Gupta S/O Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta R/O H.No 21, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu for (River Bed Mineral) Minor Mineral Block Mining Project, Block-ANG/SA/7 area 7.06 ha. Veesu Bridge Upstream Sandran Nallah District Anantnag under proposal No. **SIA/JK/MIN/58157/2020.**

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the case project, it was observed that one bridge has been included in the mining block area while as one railway bridge was at Distance of 320 Mts. from the mining block. The members expressed their surprise the way such mining blocks have been identified, auctioned and their plans approved without proper scrutiny at any stage and recommended that the said mining block be rejected for issuance of TOR's and the Geology & Mining Department be advised to identify mining block by taking stake holder department like Irrigation & Flood Control Department, PWD, Fisheries Department etc., into confidence while identifying mining blocks in future.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the said mining block be rejected for issuance of TOR's and the Geology & Mining Department be advised to identify mining block by taking stake holder department like Irrigation & Flood Control Department, PWD, Fisheries Department etc., into confidence while identifying mining blocks in future.

Agenda Item No.16.**Deliberations:**

In order to ease the process of Environmental clearance of various developmental projects including River Bed mining projects, following Head of Departments/Quarter have been requested to designate the Nodal Officer/Competent Authority who will

issue NOC(s) to various projects so that official business of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority may run smoothly:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF)
2. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department(R&B) Jammu
3. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department(R&B) Kashmir
4. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Jammu
5. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Kashmir
6. Director Fisheries Department, J&K Government, Jammu.

All the aforesaid H.O.D.'s/Quarters except Chief Engineer, PWD Kashmir have designated their officers as Competent Authority for issuing NOC(s) to various projects as indicated above. The response from PWD Kashmir is awaited and is expected within couple of days.

Decision:

The authority agreed to send the letters to Secretary, JKEAC/Director Geology & Mining Department for their information and further necessary action, besides uploading the same on the web portals.

Sd/-
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Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

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Dated:05/12/2020

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3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director, EE&RS, Member Secretary, JKEIAA, for information.
4. The Secretary, JK Expert Appraisal Committee for information.
5. Website


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