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MINUTES OF THE 31st MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 10TH APRIL, 2021 at 10:30 Hrs. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & REMOTE SENSING DEPARTMENT, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, TRANSPORT NAGAR, NARWAL, GLADNI, JAMMU.

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 (video /online) |
| 3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 31st Meeting of JKEAC held on 27th March, 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/6220-232 dated 06-04-2021, the 31st Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held 10th April, 2021 at 1030 Hrs. in Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing Department, Paryavaran Bhawan, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Gladni, Jammu.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting: -

AGENDA ITEM NO.01.

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh Mr. Anurag Singh, Superintending Engineer, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Virbhadra Road, Shivaji Nagar, Near Barrage, Sturida Colony, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand-for Townships and Area Development projects, Proposed All India Institute of Medical Sciences "AIIMS Awantipora, Kashmir" at Awantipora, District-Pulwama JK UT under proposal No.SIA/JK/NCP/56678/2020.

Deliberations:

The case was discussed/appraised in the JKEAC meeting. The consultant gave a detailed Power Point presentation to JKEAC and informed that the project falls under Sr. No. 8(b) [Schedule 8:Building/Construction projects/Area Development Projects and Townships, of EIA Notification 2006]. During Power Point presentation, the Consultant informed JKEAC that:

- Proposed hospital covers an area of 75.99 Ha (187.77Acres).
- Terms of Reference for the project were granted during the 16th JKEAC meeting held on 3rd of October, 2020.
- The project site has been divided into three zones viz. Hospital area, Residential area and hostel area besides, state of art auditorium.

Various issues relating to water requirement for construction and operational phases came under discussion. The Consultant informed JKEAC that Project Proponent proposes to meet water requirement of the campus by installing 5 bore wells at different locations in the campus

and that water available from bore wells would cater to the entire water requirement during construction and operational phases. Reacting to the scheme proposed for meeting the water requirement, JKEAC suggested that instead of 5 bore wells at different locations, it would indeed be appropriate and economical if the Project Proponent, with due consultation with CGWB, installs only one deep drilled 12" straight tube well at a relatively elevated location, adjacent to 'no construction zone' in order to minimize environmental impact. This would also obviate the requirement of laying of multiple electric lines, construction of 5 different substations, construction of multiple storage structures / pump houses and use of multiple sets of machinery. The use of a tube well instead of fine bore wells will provide dependable / durable source of water with an expected life span of 30 years and adoption of 12" dia straight design would ensure that water availability is not adversely affected due to fluctuations of static water levels. Immense savings would result from reduction in number of bore well operating crews, each consisting of 4 operators, round the clock.

One of the JKEAC members informed that ground water in Kashmir Valley has high iron content and may not be suitable for human consumption. Therefore, the members felt that in case, ground water is not found fit for drinking purpose due to high concentration of certain minerals, the Project Proponent shall have to go for use of surface water after giving it the required treatment to meet the drinking water requirement. The water from tube well can be used for meeting water requirements other than drinking. JKEAC asked the Project Proponent to survey, investigate and conduct a comparative analysis of the options available, and come up with a comprehensive plan with cost estimates for meeting water requirement for drinking and other consumptive uses in AIIMS. The Committee, as such, opined that the project proponent shall obtain an assurance from the concerned stake holder department, viz. PHE Dept. to integrate the surface water requirement of AIIMS, Awantipura in their plan, in that case.

Further, the JKEAC, also observed that proposal put forth by the Project Proponent for minimizing the environmental impact of change of drainage pattern in the area earmarked for construction of AIIMS, Awantipura, is neither comprehensive nor complete. Consultant could not provide or explain the rationale, calculations for storm water runoff, return period used for calculation, concentration time, peak flow rate etc. and details of system proposed for evacuating run off from the campus without causing loss to life and property of inhabitants living in area downhill and adjacent to the campus. The provision of a boundary wall around the campus with hilly terrain would only accentuate the problem and is bound to block numerous existing natural water courses which, as of now, safely transport/evacuate the storm water runoff from the area to be brought under the proposed campus. However, the Construction of a moat just by the side of boundary, as proposed by the Consultant can indeed help in collecting and storing the surface runoff but Consultant could not explain as to how this captured water could be utilized /disposed off without causing loss to inhabitants living downstream.

Evolving a comprehensive drainage plan, which includes scientific estimation of storm runoff and construction of well-designed drainage network from source to sink is indeed prerequisite for minimizing the adverse environmental impacts of proposed development of AIIMS, Awantipura, the JKEAC recommends/suggests as under:

- i. Ab-initio re-estimation of total surface runoff using rational method with return period stipulated under National Building Code and division/distribution of total surface in sub-catchments.

- ii. Use of naturally occurring depressions in the undulating terrain for retaining the surface runoff to help it infiltrate and recharge ground water.
- iii. Use of natural topography/existing natural watercourses reinforced with open jointed stone pitching on beds and sides and interjected with natural existing depressions converted into ponds/specially constructed energy dissipating cisterns for evacuating the run off from higher areas to lower areas till it reaches the moat.
- iv. Survey, investigation and design of water conductor for transporting the water collected in moat into River Jhelum or any other natural water course.

Mr. M. A. Tak, the Member, JKEAC wanted to know as to why documents submitted, show only 1309 kanals against approx 1500 kanal procured for the project and whether the entire land is state land or some private land is also involved in developing the campus. The consultant assured that he would submit the revenue papers for the entire area of the campus and further informed that most of the land was state land and only a little area belonged to the private parties. He was asked to furnish documents of entire land of the campus.

The Chairman pointed out that the consultant had proposed wrong species in his landscape plan for greening the area as species which do not grow in Kashmir have been suggested. Therefore, the consultant was asked to consult the local DFO and the Chief Horticulture Officer, Pulwama district for enrichment of the landscape plan and to rectify the mistakes in proposing the species. Mr M.A.TAK suggested that provision for watershed afforestation, in addition to the 9000 plants proposed in the campus may also be explored and species like; Deodar, Wild apricot, flowering almond along with other suitable local species be preferred for the plantations. The consultant further informed that all buildings shall be earthquake resistant and energy efficient. He was asked to provide a comparative analysis of using external cladding and hollow bricks/fly ash bricks with tiles. Mr. B.B Sharma, Member suggested for installation of more solar panels in the slopy vacant area for generation of more energy.

Threadbare discussions were held on the management of solid and biomedical wastes. The consultant was asked to provide a comprehensive plan for disposal of the biomedical waste/solid waste generated at the site, with end-to-end disposal solution as per guidelines. It has been given to understand that the Institution could generate as much as 3800 kg/day of solid waste which may include about 1200kg of biomedical wastes. This, together with wastes from satellite township which is likely to come up in the vicinity requires proper scientific disposal to safeguard environmental concerns. It is understood that there is no land fill area available for solid waste disposal in the vicinity and any dependence on existing private frame work shall create more environmental issues. Therefore, a comprehensive plan on end-to-end basis in line with the existing legal frame work with an assurance from J&K Government in this behalf, is an important requirement of the EMP.

The members were also of the opinion that development of the AIIMS campus would eventually lead to unplanned urbanization around the campus if proper planning of area in immediate vicinity is not under taken and therefore, suggested that the PP shall obtain an assurance from the local authorities including Town Planning Organization to formulate a comprehensive plan for planned development of the area around the proposed campus.

In view of the above deliberations, the committee recommended that the consultant be asked to update the EIA/EMP in the light of above deliberations and to submit the revised EIA/EMP at the earliest so that the case is listed on priority in view of its public importance.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to ask the project proponent to update EIA/EMP in light of the deliberations and suggestions of JKEAC and to submit revised EIA/EMP along with other relevant/revised documents at the earliest so that the case is listed on priority in view of its public importance.

Besides, the authority observed that the Executive summary of the project has not been provided, which may also be submitted along with revised EMP.

The authority further observed that the Front view/ facade of proposed building at page 212 of EIA & EMP report does not have any element of local architectural features. Project Proponent is advised to include/ integrate some prominent architectural features of Kashmir in the facade of buildings. Recently renovations of Amar Singh College by INTAC & SMHS Hospital are a case in point. Project Proponent may seek advice of INTAC, J&K Chapter, Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage or any such agency in this regard.

AGENDA ITEM NO.02.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Vinod Kumar Shukla S/o Chander Narain Shukla R/o Behinar Unao, Uttar Pradesh. for Minor Mineral Block-39, E – Newa Diversion Bridge, Upstream Nallah Romshi, District – Pulwama JK UT over an area of 3.18ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61306/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held by the JKEAC on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active water channel, surface plan and exaggerated mine production. He informed that the Lol was issued on 13/07/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 12/01/2021. The project cost being 316.1 lakhs. The consultant informed that though area of the mining block is only 3.18 ha, yet it falls under B1 category due to cluster situation. The mining block examined on the Google Earth platform by the members observed features indicative of large-scale illegal mining and presence of almost 20% active water channel. The members also noticed a bridge at a distance of 214 m and two more-foot bridges near the boundary on the upstream side. Under these site conditions, committee has felt it essential to reduce size of mining block, which would presumably make mining block uneconomical.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project to be rejected in the present form. However, the consultant is free to explore possibility of reducing the size to keep a safe distance of 500m from bridges on either sides and if so feasible technically, resubmit the case for grant of EC under B2 category.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to reject TOR for project in the present form.

AGENDA ITEM NO.03.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Arshdeep Singh S/o Sh. Balraj Singh R/o Faziabad Gurdaspur, Punjab for River Bed Mining in Block No.30, Suran River Downstream Bafaliaz Bridge, Bafaliaz Area, District - Poonch JK UT Lease Area-5.65ha. under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/61309/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 24/07/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 3/02/2021. The committee observed that the project cost is 150 lakhs. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of mining block on satellite image of Sept., 2020, the members examined local environmental settings of the area and found fissure like features as land upheavals due to unauthorized heavy mining in the area. Accordingly, it was desired that the Geology & Mining Department be asked to constitute a joint inspection committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Geology & Mining Department, Soil Conservation Department, Fisheries Dept and SSP Pulwama and file its enquiry report fixing responsibility for the illegal mining in the designated mineral block and its neighborhood, also recording statements from the local panchayat representatives. In case the PP was involved in the illegal mining, the case shall be treated under violation category. Besides, a footbridge was also noticed at a distance of 303m and the Committee desired that the block be reduced in size to keep a safe distance of 500m from the footbridge.

In view of the above deliberations, the committee has unanimously recommended constitution of the joint interdepartmental committee with mandate as proposed herein above and, in the meantime, recommended the case for grant of Terms of Reference subject to condition that the mining block size is reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500m from the footbridge. Besides, the Committee proposed herein as above shall report that the project proponent is not involved in any illegal mining activity in the mining block.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld recommendations of JKEAC regarding constitution of joint interdepartmental committee as proposed herein above and submit its report for further necessary as required under rules. Meanwhile, JKEIAA approves the grant of Terms of Reference to the project subject to condition that size of mining block is reduced to maintain a safe distance of 500m from the footbridge and PP is not involved in mining activity in the mining block without valid EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.04.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Umesh Kumar Sharma S/o Naryan Sharma R/o B-33/568 Near Gurudwara Sarup Nagar Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab for River Bed Mining in Block No.8, Nallah Beter Upstream Betar Bridge (Plan II) District-Poonch JK UT Lease Area-6.09 Hectare under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61312/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on the various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The committee observed that the project cost is 180.86 lacs. The Lol was granted on 21/07/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 03/02/2021. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and members found the mining block fit for grant of ToRs subject to title verification as patches of cultivated land were noticed on the old images of Nov., 2005.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling consultant prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and to get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to title verification by the concerned competent authority of the Revenue Department.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld recommendations of JKEAC for grant of ToRs for the project enabling him take further action as required under rules subject to title verification by the concerned competent authority of the Revenue Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO.05.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Jagdish Singh S/O Vijay Singh R/O. Malakpur, Pathankot Gurdaspur, Punjab for Minor Mineral Block-4, D-Lassipora SIDCO Bridge, Downstream Nallah Rambiara, District - Pulwama JK UT over an area of 4.07 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61223/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations were held on various aspects of the project, like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that Lol was granted on 14/08/2020 and mining plan was approved on 07/12/2020. The project cost is 347 lacs. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on satellite image, the members examined local environmental settings of the area and found fissure like features. Such features have earlier been noticed w.r.t some other blocks in the area on earlier images, which were later verified in field and findings reported during the 21st JKEAC meeting as land upheavals due to unauthorized heavy mechanized mining in the area. Therefore, the forum desired that the mining block be treated on the analogy of other mining blocks in the area appraised earlier. Accordingly, it was desired that the Geology & Mining Department be asked to constitute a joint inspection committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Geology & Mining Department, Soil Conservation Department, Fisheries Dept and SSP Pulwama to file its enquiry report fixing responsibility for the illegal mining in the designated mineral block and its neighborhood, also recording statements from the local panchayat representatives. In case PP was involved in illegal mining, the case shall be treated under violation category. In the meantime, TORs were recommended subjectively. Besides, the EMP to provide for raising flood protection structures around the banks near Lassipora Industrial Estate.

In view of the above deliberations, the committee unanimously recommended that all project proponents of projects in close vicinity of Lassipora industrial estate be asked to provide for raising flood protection structures on the banks in close vicinity of Lassipora Industrial Estate and in the instant case constitute a joint interdepartmental committee with mandate as proposed herein above. In the meantime, JKEAC has recommended the case for grant of Terms of Reference subject to condition that the Committee proposed herein as above reports categorically that the project proponent is not involved in a mining activity in the mining block without valid EC.

Decision:

The JKEIAA agrees with the recommendations of JKEAC that all project proponents in close vicinity of Lassipora industrial estate be asked to make provision in EMP for raising flood protection structures on the banks of river in close vicinity of Lassipora Industrial Estate. Further, JKEIAA recommends constitution of a joint interdepartmental committee with mandate as proposed by JKEAC and submit its report for further action as required under rules. Meanwhile, JKEIAA upheld recommendations of JKEAC for grant of Terms of Reference subject to condition that the project proponent is not involved in any illegal mining activity in the mining block.

AGENDA ITEM NO.06.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Kesari Nandan Mines R/o Logate, District-Kathua, for River bed Mining Project of Minor Mineral in Block No.09, Kulhama Bridge to Water Reservoir, Downstream Nalla Ferozepora, Tehsil-Tangmarg, District-Baramulla JK UT over an area of 9.96 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61253/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on the various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that Lol was granted on 16/06/2020 and mining plan was approved on 06/10/2020. The committee observed that the project cost is 155 lacs. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on satellite image, the members examined local environmental settings of the area and found a stone crusher inside the mining block. Therefore, the Committee expressed its displeasure at the enforcement agencies and recommended a report from same and to explain as to how a stone crusher has been allowed to operate within the riverbed.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the mining block for rejection of ToRs in view of presence of a stone crusher inside the mining block. It was further recommended that the proposed mining block be subjected to title verification and appropriate action be initiated by the enforcement agencies as per rules in view of the above deliberations.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project. The Authority also agree with the committee that appropriate action be initiated by the enforcement agencies (Deptt. Of G&M) as per rules.

AGENDA ITEM NO.07.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Jagdish Singh S/O Vijay Singh R/O. Malakpur, Pathankot Gurdaspur, Punjab for Minor Mineral Block-38, D-Chewa Bridge, Downstream Nallah Romshi, District-Pulwama JK UT over an area of 4.67ha.SIA/JK/MIN/61254/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on the various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 14/08/2020 and the mining plan was approved on 12/01/2021. The project cost is 234.3 lacs. The consultant informed that though the mining block is less than 5 ha, yet due to cluster situation, it is required to be treated under B1 category. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on the satellite image, the members examined the local environmental settings of the area and found a footbridge inside the mining block. Besides, one more bridge is at a distance of 137 m from the mining block. Further, a large section of the block falls under active water channel. Therefore, the Committee expressed its displeasure at the agencies involved in identification of the mining block in a very unprofessional manner.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the mining block for rejection of ToRs in view of presence of a foot bridge inside the mining block and another bridge at a distance of 137mts.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Umesh Kumar Sharma S/o Naryan Sharma R/o B 33/568 Near Gurudwara Sarup Nagar Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab.for Minor Mineral Block-10, B-Arigam Sonsamil Bridge, Upstream Nallah Sasara, District-Pulwama JK UT over an area of 4.55ha.SIA/JK/MIN/61255/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations were held on the various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was granted on 09/06/2020.The committee observed that the project cost is 122 lacs. The consultant informed that though the mining block is less than 5 ha, yet due to cluster situation, it is required to be treated under B1 category. The consultant was asked to demonstrate the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of the mining block on the satellite image, the members examined the local environmental settings of the area and found one bridge at a distance of 128 m and another at a distance of 294m from the mining block. Further, a large section of the block falls under active water channel. Therefore, the Committee expressed its displeasure at the agencies involved in identification of the mining block in a very unprofessional manner.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has recommended mining block for rejection of ToRs in view of presence of bridges in close vicinity on either side of the mining block.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld recommendation of JKEAC for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project in view of presence of bridges in close vicinity on either side of the mining block and large section of the block falling under active water channel.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Kesari Nandan Mines R/o Logate, District-Kathua, State Jammu & Kashmir. for Minor Mineral Block 30, in Kandli Nallah, Village Choukian, Tehsil and District Rajouri, JK over an area of 5.72ha.SIA/JK/MIN/61267/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations were held on the various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The committee observed that the project cost is 148.78 lacs. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and the committee found the block fit for mining operations. however, a patch of cropland was noticed on the image of May, 2003 and therefore desired title verification of the mining block.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling the consultant prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and to get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to prior title verification and exclusion of the active water channel.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules subject to title verification by concerned revenue authorities and exclusion of the active water channel.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Mohmmad Shafi Mir S/o ShGh Nabi Mir R/o-Karhama, Tangmarg, Baramulla for Proposed River Bed material Project of Minor Mineral Block No.-14, Kharpora Road to GHS Karhama D/stream FerozePora Nallah JK UT over an area of - 7.69 Ha, Village- Karhama, Tehsil- Tangmarg, District- Baramulla, under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/54958/2020.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The Committee examined the mining block on Google Earth platform. During examination of mining block on satellite image, the members examined local environmental settings of the area and found paddy land with plantations inside the mining block on the image of April, 2019. Therefore, the Committee expressed its displeasure at the agencies involved in identification of the mining block in a very unprofessional manner.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the mining block for rejection of ToRs in view of presence of paddy land with plantations inside the mining block.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC for rejection of Terms of Reference to the project in view of presence of paddy land with plantations inside the mining block.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Surjeet Kumar S/O IsherDass R/O Village Bhajwal, Tehsil Sunderbani, Dist Rajouri for Minor Mineral Block NO. 3/2 Nowshera Tawi River Downstream (Nowshera Jabba) Bridge (Dandesar Area) Rajouri (Part-II), District Rajouri JK UT Mining Lease Area- 9.66 ha SIA/JK/MIN/61239/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a detailed presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations were held on the various aspects of the project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The committee observed that the project cost is 128 lacs. The Lol was granted on 25/11/2020 and the mine plan has been approved on 16/02/21. The mining block was examined on the multirate Google Earth images and members found presence of more than 80% area under active water channel. However, the consultant informed that the mine plan had only been approved for mining 3.93 ha. leaving the active water channel without interference. However, the Committee questioned the wisdom of identifying mining block of 9.66 ha with 80% active water channel, where only 3.93 ha is designated as minable area as per the approved mining plan.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling the consultant prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and to get Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB subject to NOC from the Fisheries Department and I&FC Department; besides proper justification from the Geology & Mining Dept. for identifying the mining block of 9.66ha with only 3.93 ha as minable area.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules subject to NOC's from Fisheries dept, & I&FC dept. Besides, Geology & Mining Dept. be asked to justify identification of mining block of 9.66 ha with minable on only 3.93 ha.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Surjeet Kumar S/O IsherDass R/O Village Bhajwal, Tehsil Sunderbani, Distt. Rajouri for Minor mineral Block 3/4, Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Jabba Bridge (Bagnoti), District Rajouri JK UT Mining Lease Area- 9.61 Ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61244/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has demonstrated the mining block on Google Earth platform. The Committee observed signs of illegal mining on the satellite image of December, 2020 and earlier. The Consultant informed that PP had filed an FIR

against illegal mining, but he could not produce copy of the same before the Committee. Besides, the Committee observed approx 50% of area under active water channel inside the mining block. Various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has desired that the G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining after recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the Committee recommended grant of ToRs in favour of the project enabling consultant prepare EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB, subject to condition that PP obtains NOC from Fisheries Department and I&FC Dept.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC that G&M Dept. shall constitute a committee comprising of officials proposed by JKEAC to fix responsibility for the illegal mining, besides recording views of local panchayat representatives and take further appropriate action as per rules, under intimation to JKEIAA. Meanwhile, JKEIAA approved grant of ToRs in favour of the project proponent for further action as required under rules subject to NOC's from Fisheries & I&FC departments and also leaving area under active water channel.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Gurdev Singh S/O Shri Balwant Singh, R/O Village Badhal, Tehsil Khawas for River Bed Minor Mineral Block 28, in Nihari Tawi Khateni Area, District Rajouri JK UT Mining Lease Area- 5.05 ha SIA/JK/MIN/61154/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant demonstrated the mining block on Google Earth platform. The Committee observed signs of illegal mining on satellite image of April, 2019. The Consultant informed that the PP had filed an FIR against the illegal mining but he could not produce copy of the same before the Committee. Besides, the Committee observed approx. 30% of area under active water channel inside the mining block. The various aspects of the mining block like mining depth, lack of replenishment studies, haulage route etc. came under discussions.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee has desired that G&M Dept. be asked to constitute a committee comprising of representatives of Geology & Mining Dept., I&F Control Dept, Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept., and local Police to fix responsibility for illegal mining, besides recording views of local panchayat representatives. Further, in case the project proponent is found to have been involved directly or indirectly in such activity, the case shall be treated as a violation case and dealt under relevant guidelines. In the meantime, the Committee recommended grant of ToRs in favour of the project enabling the consultant to prepare the EIA/EMP/PFR and to get the Public Hearing conducted by the JKPCB, subject to condition that the PP obtains NOC from the Fisheries Department and I&FC Dept and leaving area under active water channel.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC that G&M Dept. shall constitute a committee comprising of officials proposed by JKEAC to fix responsibility for illegal mining, besides recording views of local panchayat representatives and take further appropriate action as per rules, under intimation to JKEIAA. Meanwhile, JKEIAA approved grant of ToRs in favour of the project proponent for further action as required under rules subject to NOC's from Fisheries & I&FC departments and also leaving area under active water channel.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS
Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS
Member-Secretary, JKEIAA

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Er. Nazir Ahmad (Retd.)
Member, JKEIAA

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