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**MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT
AUTHORITY HELD ON 12th APRIL, 2021 at 1100 Hrs.**

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 Pr.CCF/Director, EE&RS | Member-Secretary, JKEIAA |

In pursuance to the Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of JKEAC held on 1st April 2021 conveyed vide endorsement No.EAC/JK/20/6135-173 dated 08-04-2021, the 32nd Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 12th April, 2021 at 1100 Hrs. at department of Ecology Environment and Remote Sensing, Jammu.

Following are the deliberations and decisions of the meeting:-

AGENDA ITEM NO.1.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Kiran Kumar Sharma S/O Shri Daleep Kumar Sharma, R/O Ward No- 5, Jawahar Nagar, Rajouri, JK UT for Minor Mineral Block 1/3, in Nowshera Tawi River Downstream Muradpur Bridge, District Rajouri, JK UT Mining Lease Area- 8.95Ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61296/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed / appraised by JKEAC. During presentation, the forum was informed that Lol was issued by the G&M Dept. on 25/11/2020 and Mining Plan was approved on 16/02/2021 at a cost of ₹ 175.15 lakhs. While examining various aspects of the project committee has observed that consultant had proposed mining depth of 1.25m to 2.5m which was objected by the committee in absence of any replenishment data provided in the District Survey Reports. The mining block was examined on the available Google Earth Image of December 2020. The Committee observed features indicative of heavy illegal mining within the mining block. Besides, two structures on a small patch of cropland were also found existing within the mining block. The PP informed the forum that the buildings belong to one Vipul Kumar, Contractor.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended that the project be rejected for ToRs in the present form. The G&M Dept. may be asked to exclude the area comprising of cropland with two structures falling inside the mining block and to constitute a joint inspection committee comprising of representatives of Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Geology & Mining Department, Soil Conservation Department, Fisheries Dept. and SSP Rajouri to file its enquiry report, fixing responsibility for the illegal mining in the designated

mining block and its neighborhood and also record statements from the local panchayat representatives on the subject. Once, this is done, the PP may apply afresh after obtaining title verification certificate in favour of the resultant mining block from the concerned revenue Authority.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC for rejection of ToRs in the present form. Further, the authority agrees with recommendations of JKEAC that Geology and Mining Department shall constitute a committee comprising of officials proposed by JKEAC herein above to fix responsibility for the illegal mining and take further appropriate action as per rules, under intimation to JKEIAA. The Authority also agree that PP may apply for resized block afresh taking into account observations of JKEAC and after obtaining title verification certificate from the concerned revenue authority

AGENDA ITEM NO.2.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Kifayat Ahmad Dar S/O Shri Abdul Rashid Dar R/O Khenibugh Lethpora, Tehsil Pampora Distt. Pulwama JK UT for Minor mineral Block No:06, F, Lassipora SIDCO Bridge Downstream Nallah Rambiar District Pulwama JK UT MINING LEASE AREA- 3.92Ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61215/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a 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 though the area of the block was less than 5ha, yet it is required to be treated under B1 category because of cluster situation. The Forum was informed that the Lol was issued by the G&M Dept. on 02/03/2020, which was extended further vide letter dated 08/01/2021. The Consultant informed that mining plan has been approved on 08/06/2020 and the project cost is ₹ 130 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the latest available Google Earth image of April, 2020 using KML file emailed by the consultant in advance and it was opined that the PP shall have to keep provision for flood protection of the Lassipora Industrial Estate.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling project proponent prepare EIA/EMP and conduct Public Hearing through JKPCB. Project Proponent shall also obtain NOC from Lassipora Industrial Estate Authorities based on PP's proposals (to be executed at PP's cost) to ensure protection of Industrial Estate against flood damages which may be caused due to meandering of river flow on account of mining in close vicinity.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules subject to the condition that the Project Proponent shall obtain NOC from Lassipora Industrial Estate Authorities on proposal of flood protection works, to be executed at PP's cost, to ensure protection of Industrial Estate against flood damages.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Zahoor Ahmed Peerzada S/o- Shri Gh. Mohd. Peerzada R/O Aripora, District - Shopian, JK U.T for Minor Mineral Block No.:- 22, Ziarat Syed Rehmatullah Nazneen pora Downstream Nallah Rambiar, Nazneenpora, Keegam, Shopian JK U.T. Area 9.69Ha.underproposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/61237/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a 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 issued by the G&M Dept. on 8/07/2020 which was extended further vide letter dated 08/01/2021. He further informed that the mining plan has been approved on 03/10/2020 and project cost is ₹ 323 lakhs. The mining block has been examined on the latest available Google Earth image of September 2018 using the KML file emailed by the consultant in advance and it was opined that the PP shall have to take care of the high gradient difference at the upstream and downstream of the mining block while conducting the EIA study.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling the project proponent to prepare the EIA/EMP and to conduct Public Hearing through JKPCB.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules, while taking due care of concern raised by JKEAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat R/O Kandikoot Sagam Booch, District Anantnag, JK UT for Nallah Bed Mining Project situated at Minor Mineral Block-08, ANG/BR/08 SoafShali Bridge, Bringi Nallah Downstream, Village – SoafShali, Tehsil - Kokernag, District Anantnag, JK UT over an area of 7.87Ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59136/2020.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a 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 issued by the G&M Dept. on 21/07/2020 which was extended further vide letter dated 08/01/2021. He further informed that the mining plan has been approved on 19/09/2020 and project cost is ₹ 262 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the available multirate Google Earth image of November 2020 and September 2013 using the KML file emailed by the consultant in advance and it was observed that the image of September 2013 shows presence of cropland within the identified mining block which prompts title verification.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling the project proponent to prepare the EIA/EMP and to conduct Public Hearing through JKPCB subject to prior title verification certificate from the competent Revenue Authority.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC to grant ToRs for the project for further action under rules subject to title verification certificate from the competent Revenue Authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO.05.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Mohd Iqbal Deva R/O Shankerpora Doru, District Anantnag JK UT for nallah Mining Project of Area 4.51ha on Minor Mineral Block-1, ANG/SA/01 Dooru Bridge Sandran Nallah, Downstream Village: Dooru, District-Anantnag JK UT under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59050/2020.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant has given a 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 though the mining block is only 4.51 ha in size, yet it is required to be treated under B-1 category because of cluster situation. The consultant informed that the Lol was issued by the G&M Dept. on 21/07/2020 which was extended further vide letter dated 08/01/2021. He further informed that the mining plan has been approved on 19/09/2020 and project cost is ₹ 150 lakhs. The mining block has been examined on the latest available Google Earth image of November, 2020 and while going through the image of November 2020, presence of a building complex along the river bed was noticed. On further enquiry it was given to understand that the structure is the Dooru-Shahabad Hospital. The premises was seen located within a distance of 250m from the mining block. Besides illegal mining was also noticed within the designated block.

In view of the above-mentioned facts, the Committee recommended that the ToRs shall not be issued until a district level committee comprising of I&FC, PWD, Superintendent of the Hospital/CMO of the District, Soil Conservation, Revenue and G&M department clears & categorically recommends/ declares that operation of mining block in close vicinity would not lead to any adverse environmental implications for the Hospital. Besides this, a report explaining illegal mining being carried out at the site also needs to be obtained from the concerned agencies and included in the documents to be submitted for obtaining EC.

Decision:

The JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC that ToRs shall not be issued in the present form. The Authority agrees for constitution of a committee to examine that operation of mining block in close vicinity of Hospital would not lead to any adverse environmental implications. Besides, a report on illegal mining be obtained from the concerned agencies and include in the documents to be submitted for obtaining EC. Accordingly, the proposal be returned to PP.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6.

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Nazir Ahmad Lone S/O Abdul Rahim Lone R/O Lelher Distt. Pulwama, JK UT for River Bed Mining Project situated at Minor Mineral Block No - 19, Govt. MIS Dumwani Downstream, Rambiarra Nallah, Village Dumwani, Tehsil Keegam, District Shopian, JK UT over an area of 9.68 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/59408/2020.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by JKEAC. The consultant has given a presentation on the project during which detailed deliberations have been held on various aspects of project like Lol, mining depth, replenishment study, active channel and surface plan. The consultant informed that the Lol was issued by the G&M Dept on 18/07/2020 which was extended further vide letter dated 08/01/2021. He further informed that the mining plan has been approved on 03/10/2020. He informed that the project cost is ₹ 320 lakhs. The mining block was examined on the latest available Google Earth image of September 2018 and some earlier images using the KML file emailed by the consultant in advance and it was observed that the image of September 2018 shows signs of illegal mining which demand fixing of responsibility. Besides, the members also observed one Electric Transmission Tower within the mining block. The Google image of April 2014 and September 2014 also shows presence of a bridge inside the mining block which is not noticed in the images of March, 2011 and September 2018 indicating possibility that a bridge existing at the site may have been washed away during the floods of 2014.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended the project for grant of ToRs enabling project proponent prepare EIA/EMP and conduct Public Hearing through JKPCB subject to prior NOC from the competent Authorities of PWD, PDD and I&FC Dept. and subject to submission of a report based on a joint inspection of the area by a team of representatives of G&M Dept., Soil Conservation Dept., Fisheries Dept and the I&F Control Dept. and the local Police to fix responsibility for the illegal mining. The above cited NOC and the Joint Inspection Report be appended to the application for grant of EC.

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 approve grant of ToRs in favour of the project proponent for further action as required under rules subject to prior NOC's from competent authorities of PWD, PDD and I&FC depts.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7.

Grant of Environment clearance in favour of M/S Hindustan Construction Company District Reasi JK UT for STP (River Bed Material Deposit) at Anji Nallah Village-Ghayala, Tehsil & District Reasi, JK UT over an area of 0.976 ha. under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/193884/2021.

Deliberations:

The case has been discussed/appraised by the JKEAC. The consultant informed that the case had been listed during the 25th JKEAC held on 30/01/2021. He further informed that the case had been deliberated threadbare but during presentation of the STP boundary on Google Earth platform, the Committee had observed that the STP area partly falls over a flood protection structure near the bank of the nallah and Committee had recommended that STP needs to be relocated to an appropriate site free of any encumbrances. He further presented copy of letter No.DGM/Dy Dir MS/MP Reasi/135-39 dated 16/03/2021 where under the Geology & Mining Dept. has excluded the flood protection structures from the STP boundary, thereby leading to

reduction in area of the STP (0.64ha) to be operated upon over a period of three months. Various aspects of the STP were deliberated and the Members have decided to treat the STP on the analogy of other STPs cleared in the same locality in 25thJKEAC meeting, during which the Consultant had proposed a mining depth of 2m in view of high replenishment in the area and the view had been upheld by one of the Members of the forum. Accordingly, a mining depth of 2m. has been agreed to in this case also.

In view of the above deliberations, the Committee recommended grant of Environmental Clearance in favour of the STP as per SO 345 dated 13/11/2020 and SO391 of 2020 dated 22/12/2020.

Decision: The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environment clearance in favour of the STP as per SO 345 dated 13/11/2020 and SO391 of 2020 dated 22/12/2020.

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