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**J&K ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY****(at) DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND REMOTE SENSING**S.D.A. Colony, Bemina, Srinagar-190018 (May-Oct) / Paryavaran Bhawan, Transport Nagar, Gladni, Jammu-180006 (Nov-Apr)  
Email: jkseiaa@gmail.com, website:www.parivesh.nic.in**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACTASSESSMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020 AT 11.30 AM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING.**

The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. Mr. Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)                | Chairman, JKEIAA         |
| 2. Er. Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. 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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020, conveyed vide endorsement No: EAC/JK/20/2877-90 Dated: 31/10/2020, a Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 at 11.30 A.M.

The deliberations of the meeting and decisions taken are as under: -

**Agenda Item No. 1**

**Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY DIVISION REASI, proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/173892/2020 for STP River Bed Material in Nambal Nalah, Village- Nambal, Tehsil & District-Reasi Area 0.95 Ha Jammu & Kashmir.**

**Deliberations:**

During the appraisal of the project by the JKEAC, it was revealed that the short-term Permit is under consideration in favour of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division as conveyed in Letter no. DMO/Reasi/ STP/2020-2021 /178-182 Dated: 08-08-2020. The Mining Plan has been approved by the office of Dy. Director (C), Geology & Mining Dept, J&K Jammu vide letter no. DGM/DYDir(MS)/RMP/ 286-92 dated 12.09.2020. According to the consultant, a total of 4950 MT is intended to be extracted from an area of 0.95 Ha. over a period of one month with pit depth of 0.25 m using Opencast Semi mechanized method of Mining. The JKEAC suggested adoption of mining depth up to 0.50m instead of 0.25 m proposed for extraction of same quantity. This would not only reduce the mine area but also allow Geology & Mining Department to demarcate the remaining area as a separate block/s which can then be used by the Department to meet any additional requirement of mineral in the surrounding areas. The transportation plan was also deliberated at length on the Google Earth Image. The consultant of the project informed that the EMP has been formulated at a cost of Rs 2.65 lacs. The JKEAC desired that out of Rs 2.65 lacs earmarked under EMP, an amount of Rs 2.00 lacs may be advanced for utilization in community eco-restoration especially road building while balance

amount could be utilized by the Project Proponent for dust suppression and other eco-friendly works. With these observations, JKEAC has recommended the case for grant of Environmental clearance.

After due deliberation, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of environmental clearance to the STP case subject to fulfillment of observations made by the JKEAC and standard and specific conditions as stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting.

### **Agenda Item No.2**

**Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Executive Engineer PMGSY Tehsil-Mahore & District-Reasi proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/173963/2020 for STP River Bed Mining in Ans Nalah, at Village-Chinkah, Tehsil-Mahore & District-Reasi (Jammu & Kashmir) MINING LEASE AREA-0.90 Ha.**

#### **Deliberations:**

During the appraisal of the project by the JKEAC, it was revealed that the short term Permit is under consideration in favour of Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division as conveyed vide Letter No. MSJ/M.P/Reasi/2016-17/1471-1446 Dated: 06-07-2020. The Mining Plan has been approved by the office of Dy. Director (C), Geology & Mining Dept, J&K Jammu vide letter no. DGM/DYDir(MS)/RMP/286-92 dated 12.09.2020. According to the consultant 12,000 Metric Tons is intended to be extracted from an area of 0.90 Ha. over a period of three months with pit depth of 0.60 m using Open cast Semi mechanized method of Mining. The JKEAC desired that out of 4.40 lacs earmarked under EMP, an amount of Rs 3.50 lacs may be advanced for utilization in community based eco-restoration works as per aspirations of the local community while as the rest of the funds could be utilized by the Project Proponent for dust suppression and other eco-friendly works. The JKEAC finally recommended the case for grant of Environmental clearance.

After due deliberation, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of environmental clearance to the STP case subject to fulfillment of observations made by the JKEAC and standard and specific conditions as stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting.

### **Agenda Item No.3**

**Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Gammon Engineers & Contractors Pvt., Village Harog Town, Sangaldan, Near Chapron Nallah, District Ramban, J&K. proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/175745/2020 for Masonry Stone Quarry, Near Village Sumber, Ramban, construction of Tunnel T-48R on Katra-Banihal Section of USBRL Project. Area 0.465 Ha.**

**Deliberations:** During the appraisal of the project by JKEAC, it was revealed that the stone quarry site is located at Khasra No. 1646 and the total area of the plot is 0.465 ha falling under forest category. The mining plan has been approved in favour

of the project proponent vide No. DDMI/TS/MP/Ramban/2020-21/1986-91 dated 21/07/2020. Forest clearance reportedly obtained vide G.O No. 269-FST of 2019 has not been produced before the Committee. Also, details of dumping site of the refuge /muck has not been provided. Since, the total cost of the project is Rs 70.0 lacs, the JKEAC desired that project proponent/consultant to resubmit the component wise EMP for Rs 5.0 lacs. The project proponent/consultant shall also provide CSR Plan in accordance with CSR rules. With these observations, the JKEAC has recommended the case for grant of Environmental Clearance subject to general and specific conditions and subject to prior submission of copy of Forest Clearance, revised EMP, CSR, details of dumping site for muck and revised KML file of mining site and the dumping site.

After due deliberation, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of environmental clearance subject to fulfillment of observations made by the JKEAC and standard and specific conditions as stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting and also subject to prior submission of copy of Forest Clearance, revised EMP, CSR, details of dumping site for muck and revised KML file of mining site and the dumping site.

**Agenda Item No. 4**

**Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Indian Institute of Technology, Mr. A. C. Patel Advisor- works Jammu, P.O. Jagti, Nagrota, Jammu J&K-181221 proposal No: SIA/JK/MIS/55741/2019 for PROPOSED PERMANENT CAMPUS OF Indian Institute of Technology JAMMU, AT VILLAGE- JAGTI, BLOCK- DANSAL DISTRICT- JAMMU J&K.**

**Deliberations:**

During the appraisal of the project by JKEAC, the forum was informed that the campus has been designed in such a way that its undulating topography will be used to treat waste waters using natural ecosystem concepts. Various aspects of the case were discussed including green building code, storm water management, NOCs from various stake holder departments, earthquake resilience structures and disaster management, besides, transport plan and car parking facilities. The landscape plan, solid and liquid waste management was also discussed threadbare. The JKEAC informed that the facility covers an area of 16,55,223m<sup>2</sup> (409 Acres). However, Area under phase-1C is only 82.57 Acres). The Approx. cost of the project is Rs. 609 Crores and total built up area of is 1,49,855.98m<sup>2</sup>. With these observations, JKEAC has recommended the case for grant of Environmental clearance subject to general and specific conditions: -

After due deliberations, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of environmental clearance subject to the standard and specific conditions as stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting.

### **Agenda Item No.5.**

**Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Anil Kumar S/o Shri Suraj Singh R/o Thandapani P/o Sunderbani, Kalakote, Rajouri - proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/174050/2020 for River Bed Mining in Block No.27, Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge at Village-Kanthan, Tehsil-Arnas & District-Reasi (Jammu & Kashmir) MINING LEASE AREA-2.44 Ha.**

### **Deliberations:**

During the appraisal of the project by JKEAC, it was observed that the project falls under the jurisdiction of Salal Dam Authority. It was further observed that the bridge is at a distance of 222 mts from the mining block. Although, JKEAC opined that the bridge is on a solid rock and mining won't affect it, however, it was desired that prior NOC from the R&B department/ concerned Authority must be obtained in the instant case. The Committee has not agreed to proposed mining depth of 2.5m. The project proponent/consultant has been asked to calculate the targeted mineral resources upto maximum depth of 1m and submit the revised documents.

In view paucity of river bed material in the UT and consistent efforts of Govt. to fast track the process, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC, subject to submission of NOC from the Salal Dam Authority, PWD(R&B) and the Flood Control Department and subject to prior submission of revised PFR/ documents in hard and soft form in the office of JKEIAA, the JKEAC recommended the case for grant of Environmental Clearance subject to standard and specific conditions.

### **Recommendations:**

After due deliberations, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to accord Environmental clearance to the project, subject to submission of NOC from the Salal Dam Authority, PWD(R&B) and the Flood Control Department and subject to prior submission of revised PFR/ documents in hard and soft form in the office of JKEIAA and also subject to standard and specific conditions as stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting including maps showing cremation ground and transportation route for extracted mineral.

### **Agenda Item No. 6**

**Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Mr Jagdish Nain, (M/S KCCCON PVT. LTD) R/o BU-5 Flats, Near Income Tax Colony Outer Ring Road, Pritampura Delhi110034. proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/165896/2020 for MINING OF RIVER BED MATERIAL (RBM) SURVEY NO. 43P/11, KHASRA NO. 5468/4611/3019, VILLAGE-FURLAIN, TEHSIL & DISTRICT- KATHUA, J&K (UT OF INDIA) AREA=0.95 HECTARE (PART-II) FOR RESURFACING OF RUNWAY AND AIRCRAFT OPERATING SURFAES AT AIR FORCE STATION JAMMU.**

### **Deliberations:**

The project pertains to grant of short-term permit (STP) by the Geology & Mining Department under provisions of Minor Mineral Concession Rules of 2016 read with amendments for extraction of 48,000 MT of Minor Mineral (River bed material) from

River Ujh near Kathua over an area of 0.95 hectares required for resurfacing of the runway and aircraft operating surfaces at Air Force Station, Jammu. During the appraisal of the project, the forum was informed that no mining activity has been started at site and there is no mining lease within 500 mts on either side of the designated STP sites. The Consultant of the project produced a cluster certificate from Geology & Mining Department. The JKEAC Form was also informed that there is no case pending against the project in any court of competent jurisdiction and no standing orders from any Hon'ble Court against the said STP.

The case was discussed threadbare in the light of standing notifications and sand mining guidelines of 2016 and 2020 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). During discussion, the Project proponent was asked to revise the Environment Management Plan (EMP) in consultation with local stake holder departments and to earmark adequate funds under planting of saplings, Occupational Health Care and works under Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) and to transfer the earmarked funds to the concerned stake holder departments for utilization in consultation with the local Panchayat representatives.

The JKEAC finally recommended the case for grant of E.C. to the STP case subject to standard and specific conditions as stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting and also subject to submission of revised EMP/CER plans and necessary clearances.

### **Recommendations:**

After due deliberations, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to accord E.C. in favour of the project proponent subject to standard and specific conditions stipulated by the JKEAC in its Minutes of the Meeting and also subject to submission of revised EMP/CER plans and necessary clearances within 2 weeks.

### **Additional Agenda - Item No. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18**

(With the permission of the Chair)

7. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Dar S/o Shri Abdul Rahim Dar R/o Samboora, Pulwama, J&K U.T. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55198/2020 for River Bed Mining Project situated at Minor Mineral Block No.-26, N-Kakapora Bridge Downstream Jhelum River, Village-Samboora, Tehsil- Kakapora, District-Pulwama, and State/UT- J & K over an area of 9.99 ha.
8. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri IMTIYAZ AHMAD DAR R/o- Kakapora, Pulwama. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/57274/2020. for River Bed Mining, Block no 25 Kakapora Bridge Upstream Jhelum River, Distt. Pulwama. Area 8.70 Ha.
9. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Hira Singh S/o Shri Nirmal Singh R/o: Murliwala Far Dhampur, Afzalgarh, Bijnor, State: Uttar Pradesh, Pincode:

246722 Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/54966/2020 for Proposed “River Bed Mining” (Minor Mineral) Block No.-22/J, Barsoo Iron Bridge Downstream Jhelum River, Area: 3.99 Ha, Village- Barsoo, Tehsil: Awantipora, District: Pulwama, J&K.

10. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri KAPIL AGGARWAL S/O Shri JUGESH AGGARWAL R/o: Anandpur, Pathankot, State: Punjab, Pincode: 145001. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/54973/2020 for Proposed “River Bed Mining” (Minor Mineral) Block No.-23/K, Lethpora Iron Bridge Upstream Jhelum River, Area: 3.27 Ha, Village- Lethpora, Tehsil: Pampore, District: Pulwama, State: J&K.
11. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Kishori Lal S/o Shri Kuldeep Singh R/o- Makwal Kathua Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55077/2020 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block-01 Lasjan Bridge-Under Construction Pandrathan Bridge Downstream Jhelum River, (Area – 7.99 ha) Village - Lasjan-Pandrathan, Tehsil -South Srinagar, District -Srinagar, J&K.
12. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Umesh Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Shiv Narayan Sharma R/o- Saroop Nagar Ludhiana State; Punjab141008. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55192/2020 for “Minor Mineral Block -05 Qamarwari Cement Bridge-Lift Irrigation Guzarbal Noorbagh Downstream Jhelum River, (Area- 9.85 Ha) Village – Noorbagh, Tehsil Srinagar, District Srinagar, J&K.
13. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Umesh Kumar Sharma S/o Shiv Narayan Sharma R/o- Saroop Nagar Ludhiana State; Punjab141008. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55012/2020 for “Minor Mineral Block-09, Tengpora Bridge To Hargopal Chek Mujgund Downstream Jhelum River, (9.55 Ha) Village - Tengpora Mujgund, Tehsil & District- Srinagar, J&K.
14. Grant of Terms of Reference for M/S Amit Mahajan S/O Shri Adarsh Mohan Mahajan R.O Near Kali Mata Mandir Pathankot, Punjab(145001) Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55324/2020 File “MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material)” at Block No.25,(Area 4.81 Ha) Bhagat Lift Irrigation Point to Nanzseer Lift Irrigation Point, D/Stream Jehlum River, Village Manzseer, Tehsil Sopore, District Baramulla,
15. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri KAPIL AGGARWAL S/O Shri JUGESH AGGARWAL R/o: Anandpur, Pathankot, State: Punjab, Pincode: 145001. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55380/2020 for River Bed Mining Project of Minor Mineral Block-32, Area 7.54 Ha Jhelum Brick Kiln To Under Construction Jetty Khawajabagh Bridge Downstream Jhelum River Village- Area

is located around the Janbazpora, Tehsil and District- Baramulla, State- Jammu & Kashmir.

16. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri RATTAN LAL JALA S/O SHRI SAT LAL JALLA R/O- H NO. 19 EXTENSION 3 ROOP NAGAR, JAMMU, JAMMU AND KASHMIR (180013). Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55392/2020 for “MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material)” AT BLOCK-33, UNDER CONSTRUCTION JETTY KHAWAJABAGH BRIDGE TO CENTRAL JAIL, DOWNSTREAM JHELUM RIVER, (AREA-9.99 HA), VILLAGE- JANBAZPORA, TEHSIL- BARAMULLA, DISTRICT- BARAMULLA, J&K.
17. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri RATTAN LAL JALA S/O SHRI SAT LAL JALLA R/O- H NO. 19 EXTENSION 3 ROOP NAGAR, JAMMU, JAMMU AND KASHMIR (180013). Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55474/2020 for “Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block,-02 Under Construction Pandrathan BrdigeU/C Gandabal Foot Bridge Downstream Jhelum River,(Area5.76) Village – Pandrathan, Tehsil- South Srinagar, District Srinagar, J&K.
18. Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Arvind Kumar Gupta S/o Shri Ram Chander Gupta, R/o - H.No.115-E, BRS Nagar, Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab, Pin Code-141012. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55550/2020 for “Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block,- H(20), Barsoo National Highway Bypass Bridge Upstream Jhelum River, (Area-4.55 Ha) Village – Barsoo, Tehsil- Awantipora, District-Pulwama, J&K.

**Deliberations:**

The Agenda items from S.No. 7 to 18 were discussed in light of minutes of meeting conveyed vide No: EAC/JK/20/2864-76 Dated: 31/10/2020 JKEAC recommend that:

- The J&K Govt. may be requested to consider removal of inherent contradictions as exist between the provisions under Jammu & Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals, and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016, J&K Water Resource (Regulation & Management) Act of 2010 and rules framed thereunder and the MoEF&CC, GOI Guidelines, through appropriate amendments in law to protect environment and ensure sustainable utilization / management of riverbed mining resources.
- Till such time, the conflict/ contradictions in law are resolved, all Sponsoring Departments/ Project Proponents intending to undertake minor mineral mining in rivers/streams in dry bed conditions, must obtain prior NOCs from the Departments of Irrigation & Flood Control and Fisheries.

- Flood Control Department should only be authorized to carry out maintenance, mining/dredging in active water channels/flowing river waters as per their mandate and technical requirement from time to time. The Customary rights of manual boat mining by the local Hanji community recognized, if any, should also be regulated by Flood Control Department to the extent of its technical requirements.
- The JK Expert Appraisal Committee unanimously also recommended that all applications filed by the project proponents with JKEIAA for grant of TORs/EC with respect to in-stream mining in river Jhelum be returned to the Project Proponents as 'not found feasible in the light of national guidelines prescribed by MoEF&CC/ the stipulations under Jammu & Kashmir Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010 and technical opinion of hydrological experts.

**Recommendations:**

After due deliberations, the JKEIAA approved/upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC in toto. The Member Secretary shall return the cases to the Project Proponents, on the basis of recommendations made by the JKEAC.

Sd/-  
Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS PCCF/Director,  
Member Secretary, JKEIAA, EE&RS

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Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)  
Member, JKEIAA

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