



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 11.00 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 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, conveyed vide endorsement No: JKEAC/JK/2020/2217-29 Dated:10-10-2020, the Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 11.00 A.M. via video conference.

The following Agenda Items were discussed: -

**Agenda Item No.01**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri VINOD KUMAR SHUKLA S/O Shri CHANDER NARAYAN R/O BEHINAR UNNAO, UTTAR PRADESH (209801) for "MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material)" AT BLOCK NO. 07, (AREA- 4.39 Ha), G (PANZRAN BLOCK) LASSIPORA, SIDCO BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM NALLA RAMBIARA VILLAGE- LASSIPORA, DISTRICT- PULWAMA, J&K (UT). **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/54911/2020**

**Deliberations:**

The area of said block is less than 5 ha and has been submitted under B1 category because of cluster situation. The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations made by the JKEAC conveyed vide minutes of meeting dated:10-10-2020 to grant Terms of Reference (TOR) enabling the consultant/Project proponent prepare EIA/EMP, conduct public hearing and other formalities.

**Agenda Item No.02**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri JUGESH AGGARWAL S/O Shri RAM CHAND R/O MOHALLA ANANDPUR, PATHANKOT, PUNJAB (145001) FOR "MINOR MINERAL (RIVER BED MATERIAL)" AT BLOCK NO. 35/A, (AREA- 9.80 HA), RAHMOO BRIDGE UPSTREAM NALLAH RAMSHOO, VILLAGE- RAHMOO, DISTRICT- PULWAMA, J&K(UT). **under proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55281/2020**

**Deliberations:**

Examination of satellite imagery of project mining area by JKEAC conveyed vide minutes of meeting dated:10-10-2020 has revealed that said mining block is at a distance of 298 Mtrs from bridge. In order to safeguard bridge against any adverse impact due to mining in vicinity, the committee has recommended that minimum distance of mining block from bridge be increased to 500 Mtrs by relocating/reducing its linear limits of mining. The committee also recommended realignment of extraction route to minimize chances of damage to orchards and habitations in immediate vicinity. With these conditions committee has recommended to grant Terms of Reference enabling the consultant/ Project proponent to prepare EIA/EMP and conduct public hearing and other formalities After due deliberations, JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC subject to condition that minimum distance of the mining block from bridge is increased to 500 Mtrs. and the extraction route be replanned as per recommendations of JKEAC. The Member Secretary is advised to write to Director Geology and Mining for relocation/reducing linear limits and issue revision accordingly.

**Agenda Item No.03**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri KAPIL AGGARWAL S/O Shri JUGESH AGGARWAL R/o Anandpur, Pathankot, State: Punjab, Pincode: 145001 for proposed “River Bed Mining” (Minor Mineral) Block No.-33/C, Dharmgund Bridge Upstream Nalla Lam, Area: 2.38 Ha, Village- Dharmgund, Tehsil: Tral, District: Pulwama, J&K (UT) **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/54986/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

Examination of satellite imagery of project mining area by JKEAC conveyed vide minutes of meeting dated:10-10-2020 has revealed that mining block is at a distance of 545 Mtrs from the Khrew-Khonmoh wildlife conservation reserve. Accordingly, committee has recommended grant of Terms of Reference (TOR) enabling the consultant/Project proponent to prepare EIA/EMP and conduct public hearing and other formalities subject to clarification from Chief Wildlife Warden w.r.t applicability of Wildlife related statutory clearances to this mining block.

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant TOR for the project subject to clarification from Chief Wildlife Warden to be sought by PP and submit to JKEIAA.

**Agenda Item No.04**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Arvind Kumar Gupta S/o Shri Ram Chander Gupta R/o: Rajgura Nagar, Ludhiana State: Punjab, Pincode: 141012 for proposed “River Bed Mining” (Minor Mineral) Block No.-37/C, Chewa Bridge U/Stream, Nallah Ramshoo Area: 5.90 Ha, Village- Chewa, District: Pulwama, J&K(UT) **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/55177/2020**

**Deliberations:**

Examination satellite imagery of project mining area by JKEAC conveyed vide minutes of meeting dated:10-10-2020 has revealed that said mining block is at a distance of 162 Mtrs from bridge. In order to safeguard bridge again any adverse impact due to mining in vicinity, the committee has recommended that minimum distance of mining block from bridge be increased to 500 Mtrs by relocating/reducing its linear limits of mining. The committee also recommended realignment of extraction route to minimize chances of damage to orchards and habitations in immediate vicinity. With these conditions committee has recommended grant Terms of Reference enabling the consultant/ Project proponent to prepare EIA/EMP and conduct public hearing and other formalities.

After due deliberations, JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC subject to condition that minimum distance of the mining block from bridge is increased to 500 Mtrs. and the extraction route be replanned as per recommendations of JKEAC.

The Member Secretary is advised to write to Director Geology and Mining for relocation/reducing linear limits and issue revision accordingly.

**Agenda Item No.05**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Kapil Aggarwal S/o Shri Jugesh Aggarwal R/o H. No. 179 near Panjpir Mandir Mohalla Anandpur, Pathankot, Sate: Punjab Pin Code: 145001 for River Bed Mining Project of Minor Mineral Block-05, Area 2.32 Ha Kunzar/ Chanapora bridge to Abandoned bridge Upstream Feroze Pora Nallah Village- Kunzar/Chanapora bridge, Tehsil-Tangmarg, District- Baramulla, J&K (UT) **under proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55400/2020.**

**Deliberations:**

Appraisal of the mining block by the JKEAC conveyed vide minutes of meeting dated:10-10-2020 has revealed that the block limits have been coarsely identified on ground as part of the block boundaries cover presumably dry uplands outside the river bed. In order to assess the ground situation, the committee has desired site visit by a sub-committee already constituted in the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of JKEAC to ascertain the status of the presumably dry upland outside the riverbed before issue of TOR.

JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the committee for site visit prior to consideration of the case for grant of Terms of Reference.

### **Agenda Item No.06**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Umesh Kumar Sharma S/O Shri Shivnarayan Sharma R/O B- 33/568, NEAR GURUDWARA SAROOP NAGAR SALEM TABI, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB (141008) for “MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material)” AT BLOCK NO. 15, (AREA- 6.87 Ha), ABOORA BRIDGE TO GHS KARHAMA UPSTREAM NALLAH FEROPORA, VILLAGE- ABOORA, TEHSIL-TANGMARG, DISTRICT- BARAMULLA, J&K (UT) **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/55335/2020.**

### **Deliberations:**

During appraisal by the JKEAC, it revealed that the block limits include a large chunk of productive agricultural land. The visual analysis of temporal images showed the area under agricultural activity right from year 2003. The Committee is of the opinion that even if the agricultural activity with a large number of farm trees is going on illegally for decades on a government land, mining activity cannot be allowed to replace a productive and eco-friendly land-use. Accordingly, committee has recommended for rejection of the case and also seek an explanation from Geology & mining Dept. for identifying productive land for mining.

After due deliberations, the JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of the case.

The department of Geology and Mining shall look into the matter, as to how such blocks have been identified, where agriculture activities are going on. Member Secretary JKEIAA may, accordingly write to department of Geology and Mining for reassessment/cancellation of the block.

### **Agenda Item No. 07**

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 for River Bed Mining Project of Block No.08, H (Panzran Achan), Lassipora Sidco Bridge Downstream, Nalla Rambaria, Area: 3.17 Ha, Village: Lassipora, District: Pulwama, J&K(UT) **under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/55174/2020.**

### **Deliberations:**

During the appraisal by the JKEAC, it was found that the mining block is at a distance of 156 Mts from bridge and linear length of the block is only 499 Mts. Therefore, recommending reduction in its length would leave only a small segment of the block and its mining would be uneconomical for the project proponent. It was also observed that relocating the block leaving desired distance from the bridge is also not possible as another block is in close vicinity at a

distance of hardly 80 Mts. In view of these limitations, committee has recommended rejection of the case.

JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee for rejection of the case. Member Secretary shall convey to Project proponent accordingly.

### **Agenda Item No.08**

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Umesh Kumar Sharma Shri Shiv Narayan Sharma R/o- Saroop Nagar Ludhiana State; Punjab141008 for Proposed “River Bed Mining” (Minor Mineral) Block No.-36/B, Rahmoo Bridge Downstream Nallah Ramshoo, Area: 8.52 Ha, Village- Rahmoo, District: Pulwama, J&K(UT) **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/55058/20.**

### **Deliberations:**

Examination of satellite imagery of project mining area by JKEAC conveyed vide minutes of meeting dated:10-10-2020 has revealed that said mining block is at a distance of 480 Mtrs from bridge. In order to safeguard bridge again any adverse impact due to mining in vicinity, the committee has recommended that minimum distance of mining block from bridge be increased to 500 Mtrs by relocating/reducing its linear limits of mining. The committee also recommended deliberations on extraction route in public hearing by taking nearby inhabitants in confidence. With these conditions committee has recommended grant Terms of Reference enabling the consultant/ Project proponent to prepare EIA/EMP and conduct public hearing and other formalities.

After due deliberations, JKEIAA upheld recommendations of the JKEAC subject to condition that minimum distance of the mining block from bridge is increased to 500 Mtrs. and the extraction route be replanned as per recommendations of JKEAC.

The Member Secretary is advised to write to Director, Geology and Mining for relocation/reducing linear limits and issue revision accordingly.

### **Agenda Item No.09**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Ranbir Singh S/o Shri Gulwant Singh R/o Near Govt., School Sheikhpur Bagh SBS Nagar, Punjab for River Bed Material in Block No.21, Tawi Khad Downstream Matnani Bridge, Village- Nar Block Pouni, Tehsil & District-Reasi, J&K(UT). Area 3.53 Ha. **under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/169344/2020**

### **Deliberations:**

The JKEAC during examination/appraisal of the case observed that distance of block from the bridge stands only 420 Mts. and recommended relocation of block to a location which is 500 Mtrs. away from bridge. Accordingly, the JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee that project proponent be asked to get the mining block relocated to

an appropriate location 500 Mts. away from bridge, where material is available and there are no civil structures in the close vicinity. The PP can resubmit the case after needful is done.

**Agenda Item No.10**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Brinder Singh S/o Shri Kimat Lal R/o Raipur Satwari, Jammu for Devak River Downstream NH1A Bridge (River Bed Material) Mining Project, Block No. 1/11, Village- Thalori Brahmna, Tehsil- Vijaypur & District- Samba, J&K(UT) (Area-9.66 ha.) **under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/56556/2019**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

**Agenda Item No.11**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Balvinder Singh S/O Shri Kimat Lal R/O Raipur Satwari, District- Jammu for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 4/3, (Area9.90 ha.), Bein River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village- Tapyal, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District- Samba under **proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/56389/2019**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

**Agenda Item No.12**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Balvinder Singh S/o Shri Kimat Lal R/O Raipur Satwari, District- Jammu for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 2/5, (Area9.17 ha.), Basantar River Downstream NH 1A Bridge, Samba, J&K Village- Pangdour, Tehsil-Samba, District- Samba **under proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/56380/2019.**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

**Agenda Item No.13**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Barinder Singh S/o Shri Keemat Lal R/O Raipur Satwari, District- Jammu for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 3/4, (Area9.68 ha.), Basantar River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village- Mananu, Tehsil-Samba, District- Samba under **proposal No. SIA/JK/MIN/56522/2019.**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form , including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

**Agenda Item No.14**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Sahil Choudhary S/o Shri Desh Raj Choudhary R/O Raipur Satwari, District- Jammu J&K for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 4/4, (Area9.64 ha.), Bein River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Samba Village- Chak Raghu, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District Samba **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/56553/2019.**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

### **Agenda Item No.15**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Kesri Nandan R/O Logate, Tehsil & District- Kathua for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 2/6, (Area 9.14 ha.), Basantar River Downstream NH 1A Bridge, Samba Village-Pangdour, Tehsil-Samba, District-Samba **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/56414/2019.**

### **Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

### **Agenda Item No.16**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Kimat Lal S/O Shri Koula Ram R/O Raipur Satwari, Jammu for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 1/5, (Area 9.51 ha.) Devak River Upstream Railway Bridge, Samba Village- Guraslathia, Tehsil- Vijaypur, District Samba **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/56601/2020.**

### **Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

### **Agenda Item No.17**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Mangal Singh S/O Shri Om Parkash R/O Village- Saidgarh, Tehsil- Bishnah, Distt. Jammu Phone No. 9596879695 for proposed Bein River Upstream NH-1A Bridge (River Bed Material) Project Village- Rei, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District- Samba, U.T. of J&K Block No. 4/2, (Area-9.57 ha.) **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/56585/2020.**



**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form , including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

**Agenda Item No.18**

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S JK Minerals Ltd 5th FLOOR, JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU UDYOG BHAWAN, RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 1/12, (Area9.11 ha.), Devak River Downstream NH 1A Bridge, Samba Village- Phulpur, Tehsil-Vijaypur, District- Samba **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/54576/2018.**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to standard & specific conditions and also subject to prior submission of corrected/desired version of the documents in hard and soft form, including map of cremation ground with geocoordinates and map showing extraction/transportation route as reflected by the Committee in Minutes of the Meeting dated:10-10-2020.

The project proponent shall maintain approach road and restore it to the original position after mining period is over.

**Agenda Item No.19**

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(UT) **under proposal No.SIA/JK/MIN/54629/2019.**

**Deliberations:**

The JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the Consultant be asked to revise the EIA/EMP and other documents as per sanctioned Terms of Reference and corrected version of documents be submitted immediately for listing the case on priority as it pertains to a Govt. undertaking. Besides, prior NOC from the Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control Dept. be submitted in favour of the proposed mining block and also necessary clarification be sought w.r.t Public Hearing of the mining block as neither the advertisement notice issued by JKPCB nor the PHR

mentions of Block No. 5/1. Besides, Land use pattern can't be same for all project locations and therefore needs to be verified and correctly mapped out for the project.

**Agenda item No. 20**

To discuss the return of 16 cases to Project proponents relating to river Jehlum in view of non-receipt of necessary clarification on Jehlum cases from Director, Geology & Mining Department.

During the discussion about return of 16 cases pertaining to River Jehlum in view of non-receipt of necessary clarification, the Forum was informed that the Director, Geology & Mining Department has issued forwarding letter with clarification from Joint Director(K) w.r.t a case relating to river Jhelum listed in 11th JKEAC Meeting held on 13/08/2020 which had bearing on other case relating to river Jhelum received from JKEIAA subsequently, but the clarification from JD(K) was not enclosed with the letter for which an emailed request has been made to DG&M. The Committee recommended/desired that processing of the cases for appraisal be put on hold till the clarification letter from JD(K), G&M Dept. is received, thereafter, the cases be listed for meetings.

In view of above, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to put on hold these cases till full & final clarification is received from Geology & Mining Department.

**Additional Agenda:**

The JKEIAA in its meeting held on 10-03-2020 had desired *“that in future PPs shall submit an executive summary of the DPR/EIA/EMP along with the application. The same may be included in the checklists.”*

It has however been observed that in some cases project proponents have not submitted executive summary. The Member Secretary may inform all prospective project proponents to submit the Executive Summary of the project, else the documents shall be deemed as incomplete.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair,

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

Sd/-  
Nazir Ahmad (Rtd. Chief Engineer)  
Member, JKEIAA

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Lal Chand, IFS (Rtd.)  
Chairman, JKEIAA

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