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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT
ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER OCTOBER, 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 5th/6th & 7th October, 2020, conveyed vide endorsement No: EAC/JK/20/2558-71 Dated: 20/10/2020, the Meeting of JK Environment Impact Assessment Authority was held on 22nd October, 2020 at 11.30 A.M. via video conference.

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

Agenda Item No: 01

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Firdous Ahmad Kumar S/O Shri Mohammad Ramzan Kumar R/o: Kralpora Tehsil – Magam & District Budgam, U.T.: Jammu & Kashmir Pin Code – 191111. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/51520/2020 for Minor Mineral Block No. 19, Goigam Bridge to Magam Bridge, D/stream of Ferozpora Nalla, Tehsil Tangmarg District Baramulla Area 7.94 Ha.

Deliberations:

During the examination/appraisal of the case by JKEAC it was observed that a small portion of the mining block falls in an agricultural land due to coarsely recorded geographical coordinates. In view of this, Project Proponent has been asked to get the approved mining plan and letter of Intent revised w.r.t geographical coordinates in such a way that the mining block does not traverse through any cultivated crop land and resubmit the case for grant of TORs.

JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for resubmission of case after doing needful as observed by JKEAC.

Agenda Item No.02

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Bashir Ahmad Wani S/O Shri Jalal Ud Din Wani R/O Ladhoo, Khrew, District Pulwama, J&K UT.-192301. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55378/2020 for River Bed Mining Project, situated at Minor Mineral Block – 26, Sheikhpura D/Stream Nallah Rambiar, Village- Sheikhpura, Tehsil- Chitragam, District- Shopian, and U.T.- J & K (Area - 9.50 ha.)

Deliberations:

The JKEIAA Upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC to grant Terms of Reference in favor of the Project proponent as stipulated by the JKEAC in Minutes of the meeting enabling PP to prepare EIA/EMP & complete other formalities.

Agenda Item No: 03

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Kesari Nandan Mines R/O Logate, Kathua. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55790/2020 for River Bed Material in Block No-25, Patta Khad & Chenab River (Tali), Lease Area 8.78 Hectare District-Reasi, Jammu & Kashmir.

Deliberations:

While examining the said mining block on the satellite image, JKEAC has noted that a bridge is located at a distance of 300 mts. Besides, block located in Patta Khad stream has been extended over and across the main water channel of river Chenab. Accordingly, JKEAC has recommended case for rejection.

After deliberation on issues raised by the committee, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of JKEAC for rejection of the case.

Agenda Item No: 04

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Sh. Surinder Singh R/O Lane No-03, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot, Punjab-145001. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55853/2020 for River Bed Material in Block no-26 River Chenab Downstream Baradari Bridge (Kans Khosan Area) Tehsil-Reasi, District Reasi, J&K, Lease Area-9.57 Hectare

Deliberations:

While examining the mining block on the satellite image, JKEAC has noted that nearly 30% of the area of the block is falling in an active water channel and asked Project Proponent to revise the mining plan as per site conditions excluding the water channel area and get the same approved afresh. Accordingly, the JKEAC has recommended case for issuance TOR's to the project subject to fulfillment of the said condition.

The JKEIAA deliberated the issue and upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for issuance of Terms of Reference subject to condition that the limits of the mining block are redrawn excluding the active water channel and get revised mining plan approved before applying for EC.

Agenda Item No: 05

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Karanvir Singh S/O Sh. Surinder Singh R/O Lane No-03, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Pathankot, Punjab145001. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/55859/ for River Bed Material in Block No-18 Ans River Downstream Sungri Bridge Village Dhamni Plan 3rd, Tehsil Mahore, District Reasi, J&K Lease Area-7.26 Hectare.

Deliberations:

While examining/appraisal of the said block, JKEAC has observed that the loaded tippers shall have to move on a very rough road prone to landslides from Dalmadi to Arnas to Jotipuram on way to Reasi. Therefore, committee has recommended for grant of conditional TORs in favour of the project subject to detailed impact study of loaded tippers and other traffic on the terrain and once the Project Proponent applies for EC, JKEAC may constitute

a Sub-Committee to conduct a field visit to have an overall assessment of the impacts of all the mining projects.

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for grant of conditional Terms of Reference as stipulated in Minutes of the Meeting of JKEAC enabling the project proponent to prepare EIA/EMP and other formalities.

Agenda Item No: 06

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S J&K Minerals Ltd., R/O: 5th Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu., UTJ&K – 184121. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56740/2020 for River Bed Mining Project situated at Minor Mineral Block No-1/10, Suran River Downstream Madana Bridge, Village Madana, Tehsil- Poonch, District- Poonch, J & K (Area - 3.54 ha.)

Deliberations:

While examining the block on the Google Earth platform by JKEAC, it was observed that the identified block is located at a distance of 423 mts from bridge and lot of material is available on the left side of the block. Besides, part of block covering the water channel and agricultural land on the left side needs to be excluded. Accordingly, it was desired that the mining block be relocated to an appropriate site free from any encumbrances/crop land and at least 500 mts. away from the bridge excluding the flowing water channel area.

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the JKEAC for relocation of mining block as per parameters recommended. The project is not approved in the present form the PP may be advised to resubmit with revisions accordingly.

Agenda Item No: 07

Grant of Environment Clearance in favor of M/S J & K Projects Construction Corporation Ltd, Office Complex Rail Head, Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56716/2020 for Proposed River Bed Mineral Mining lease on 9.8-hectare area at Block No 2/3, Basantar River down Stream of NH 1A Bridge, Village- Samba, Tehsil & District- Samba (Jammu & Kashmir).

Deliberations:

The JKEAC has observed that the Govt. of J&K had allotted the project to JKPC under G.O No.95-IND of 2020 dated 27/05/2020. The public hearing was done on 8th of January, 2020 and as per the conclusion of the public hearing report, the locals demanded legal mining with welfare schemes for the local population and discounted riverbed material for locals. The approved mining plan had prescribed mining depth of 1.5 mts. but the JKEAC pointed out that in view of non-availability of replenishment data furnished in the District Survey reports formulated by the Geology & Mining Dept, it is constrained to allow mining only up to a depth of 1 meter. Accordingly, the Consultant of the project was asked to revise the EIA/EMP/PFR and submit soft copy immediately and revised hard copy of the corrected version subsequently.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure

that the route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 08

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S J & K Projects Construction Corporation Ltd, Office Complex Rail Head, Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56732/2020 for Proposed River Bed Material Mining of Area 8.70 Hectare at Block No 5, Village- Udhampur, Tehsil- Udhampur, District- Udhampur (Jammu & Kashmir).

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said block by the JKEAC, it was observed that the Govt. of J&K had allotted the project to JKPC under G.O No.95-IND of 2020 dated 27/05/2020. The public hearing of the project was conducted on 13th of March, 2020 and as per the conclusion of the public hearing report, the locals demanded legal mining with discounted riverbed material for locals and mining operation to be done only during day time. The approved mining plan had prescribed mining depth of 1.5 mts. but the JKEAC pointed out that in view of non-availability of replenishment data furnished in the District Survey reports formulated by the Geology & Mining Dept, it is constrained to allow only mining up to a depth of 1 meter and accordingly, the Consultant was asked to revise the mineable reserves leaving 10% area as buffer and was advised that necessary corrections be made in EIA/EMP/PFR and submit soft copy immediately and revised hard copy of the corrected version subsequently.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that the route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 09

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Sanchit Gautam S/o Sh. Ravi Gautam R/o Nagrota Near Toll Post Jammu, J&K. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56836/2019 for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 5/9, (Area- 9.52 ha.), Khatharwalli Khad Downstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village- Khathar, Tehsil- Akhnour, District- Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.50 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. Besides, the JKEAC observed that during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly

demarcated with complete information. The JKEAC recommended to consider the case for grant of EC, conditionally subject to the condition that the Project Proponent may submit video graphic evidence of public hearing and corrected version of EIA/EMP/PFR in soft copy and hard copy in duplicate before grant of formal EC.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that the route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 10

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Brinder Singh S/O Kimat Lal R/O Raipur Satwari J&K. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56589/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) at Block No.5/25, (Area 9.43 Ha) Jad Khad Upstream Jourian Bridge, Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.50 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The JKEAC observed that during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that the route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 11

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Kesri Nandan Mines R/O- Logate, Kathua, J&K. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56683/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 4/1, (Area-9.72 ha.), Bein River Upstream NH1A Bridge, Village- Badla, Tehsil- Ghagwal, District- Samba.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at

the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 1-meter mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The JKEAC also observed that during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information.

The public hearing of the said block was conducted on 6th of January, 2020 and as per public hearing report, the locals have strongly opposed the project in view of damage caused to their plantations and roads and lack of proper demarcation and unscientific mining and therefore, the JKEAC desired that the EC conditions must address all these concerns of the locals, but simultaneously allow sustainable scientific mining in the area.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 12

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Rahil Choudhary S/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar R/O 51-C,B/D Gandhi Nagar Jammu, J & K. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56573/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 5/33, (Area-9.66 ha.), Khourwali Khad Downstream Khour Bridge, Village- Narayana, Tehsil- Khour, District- Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.50 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The JKEAC observed that during Public Hearing conducted on 13th of Feb 2020, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information. The members further observed that the Public Hearing Report does not mention the block No. 5/33.

The Committee therefore desired that the EC conditions must address all these concerns of the locals but simultaneously allow sustainable scientific mining in the area.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as

possible. Further, the PP must submit clarification that the said Public Hearing pertains to the block under consideration.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No:13

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Sai Mines Logate Tehsil & District-Kathua J&K Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56510/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 3(1/3), (Area- 9.34 ha.), Tawi River Downstream Railway Bridge Kishanpur Manwal Village- Kishanpur (Jammu Block), Tehsil- Jammu, District- Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

It was observed that the mining block falls inside the territorial forest boundary and therefore, the JKEAC desired that the PP must obtain prior clarification from the PCCF, J&K w.r.t the legal status of the mining block.

In view of the fact that the mining block seems to be inside the forest boundary, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations the Committee that the Project Proponent may be asked to obtain clarification from the DFO concerned, as to whether the mining block is inside or outside the forest boundary. In case the block is found to be within the forest boundary, the case may be rejected.

Agenda Item No: 14

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Aditya Mahajan S/o Shri S.K Gupta R/o H.No.20 Sector 6/AW. No.54, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, J&K Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56517/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 6 (1/6), (Area- 9.74 ha.), Tawi River Downstream Railway Bridge, Kishanpur Manwal Village- Kishanpur (Jammu Block), Tehsil- Jammu, District- Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

The JKEAC observed that nearly 30% area of the mining block constitutes flowing water channel, therefore, the JKEAC observed that the mining block needs to be reduced as per ground reality with denovo approval of the mining plan before grant of formal lease. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.75 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The public hearing was conducted on 11th of March., 2020 and the JKEAC observed that during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining, demanded proper mitigation measures during and after mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with

complete information. Therefore, the members desired that the EC conditions must address all these concerns of the locals but simultaneously allow sustainable scientific mining in the area.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 15

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Sushil Kumar S/o Shri Tarsem lal R/o Flat no-B-13, Sector No.1, Dream Line Society, Trikuta nagar, Jammu, J & K Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56340/ for MINOR MINERAL (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 38 (5/13), (Area- 8.69 ha.), Khatharwalli Khad Upstream Manoh Khathar Bridge, Village-Manoa, Tehsil- Akhnoor, District- Jammu, State- J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

While examining the mining block on the Google Earth overlaid with forest boundary, the JKEAC observed that the forest boundary was traversing through the mining block. The concerned DFO has issued NOC stating that the mining block lies adjacent to the forest. However, the JKEAC unanimously desired that the clarification must come from the PCCF, J&K before proceeding further.

In view of the above recommendations by the Committee, the JKEIAA desired that the PP may be asked to obtain necessary clarification from the DFO concerned, on the legal status / ownership of the land which has been designated as mining block 5/13. In case it comes out to be forest, the case may be rejected for grant of EC. However, in the event NOC is obtained by the PP from Forest Department, J&K, the PP may upload the same for further appraisal.

Agenda Item No: 16

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Sahil Arora, S/o Sh. Sunil Arora, R/o H: No. 110/P, Sec-2, Ward No, 53, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, J&K Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56344/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 2 (1/2), (Area- 9.21 ha.), Tawi River Downstream, Railway Bridge, Kishanpur Manwal Village-Kishanpur, Tehsil- Jammu, District- Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020

subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

While examining the mining block on the time series multirate and multi-season Google Earth image overlaid with forest boundary, the JKEAC observed that nearly 60% of the mining block constitutes flowing water channel area, where as nearly 40% area of the mining block is available for extraction of RBM. JKEAC desired that the mining block limits be reduced as per ground reality with revision of the mining plan and its *de-novo* approval before grant of mining lease. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.75 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan.

The public hearing was conducted on 11th of March, 2020 and during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining, demanded proper mitigation measures during and after mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information. Therefore, the JKEAC desired that the EC conditions must address all these concerns of the locals but simultaneously allow sustainable scientific mining in the area.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 17

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of M/S Rahil Choudhary S/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar R/O 51-C, B/D Gandhi Nagar Jammu, J&K Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56388/2019 for Proposed Chauki Chaura Downstream Chagial Bridge (River Bed Material) Mining Project Village- Gangal, Tehsil- Chauki Chaura, District- Jammu, J&K Block No. 61(5/36), (Area 5.28 ha)

Deliberations:

During appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

During appraisal of the case, the JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.75 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The public hearing of the project was conducted on 11th of Feb., 2020 and during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining, demanded proper mitigation measures during and after mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information. Therefore, the JKEAC desired that the EC

conditions must address all these concerns of the locals but simultaneously allow sustainable scientific mining in the area.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 18

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Sushil Kumar S/o Shri Tarsem lal R/o Flat no-B-13, Sector No.1, Dream Line Society, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, J & K Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56452/2019 for Block No. 8(1/8), Tawi River Downstream Railway Bridge, Kishanpur Manwal, (River Bed Material)Village Kishanpur Tehsil Jammu, District Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, Area-8.15 ha.

Deliberations

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

While examining the mining block by JKEAC on the time series multirate and multi-season Google Earth image overlaid with forest boundary, the JKEAC observed that nearly 50% of the mining block constitutes flowing water channel area, where as nearly 50% area of the mining block is only available for extraction of RBM. The JKEAC desired that the mining block limits be reduced as per ground reality excluding the water channel area with revision of the mining plan and its *de-novo* approval before grant of mining lease.

The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.75 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The JKEAC further observed that the bid amount had not been included in the project cost and this has implications on the CSR/EMP. The public hearing was conducted on 12th of March, 2020 and the JKEAC observed that during Public Hearing, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining, demanded proper mitigation measures during and after mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information. Therefore, the JKEAC desired that the EC conditions must address all these concerns of the locals but simultaneously allow sustainable scientific mining in the area.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure

that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 19

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Karanveer Singh S/o Shri Surinder Singh R/o Lane No.3, Shaheed Udhham Singh Nagar, Pathankot. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56264/2019 for Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Project at Block No. 5 (1/5), (Area- 9.86 ha.), Tawi River Downstream Railway Bridge, Kishanpur Manwal Village-Bathuna (Jammu Block), Tehsil- Jammu, District- Jammu, J&K.

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.75 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. Besides, the Consultant had fudged the landuse pattern of the study area with 10kms radius as the same table has been copy pasted in almost all the EIA reports. It was observed that the cost on account of e-auction proceeds paid to the Geology & Mining Department as the highest bid are at variance with that as mentioned in table 2.11(project cost estimates) and this needs to be rectified to arrive at true project cost for EMP budget. The JKEAC also observed that during Public Hearing conducted on 12/03/2020, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information.

After deliberation's, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee that the Project Proponent be asked to obtain NOC from Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department and the local panchayat head w.r.t land bearing the linear plantation in the mining block. Besides, the PP shall also obtain a clarification from Dy. Commissioner, Jammu w.r.t **ownership** of the land bearing the linear plantation in the mining block. Further, the PP be asked to submit the revised documents as desired in the MoM of JKEAC.

Agenda Item No: 20

Grant of Environment Clearance in favour of Shri Kimat Lal S/o Shri Khola Ram R/o Raipur Satwari, Jammu Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/56279/2019 for Proposed Khourwali Khad Upstream Bridge (River Bed Material) Project Village- Thandi Choi, Tehsil- Khour, District- Jammu, J&K Block No. 54 (5/29), (Area- 9.89 ha.)

Deliberations:

During the appraisal of the said project, it was observed that the project case was processed in pursuance to Govt. order No. 76-JK(FST) of 2020 dated 29/07/2020 subsequently endorsed by the JKEIAA in its Minutes of Meeting issued vide No.JKEIAA/2016/02/II/631-633 dated 08/08/2020.

During examination/ appraisal of the mining block on the image and found it to be a dry nallah bed. The JKEAC expressed its dismay at the non-compliance of specific Terms of Reference with respect to mining depth as the Consultant had mentioned 3 m depth in the EIA/EMP/PFR against 0.50 m mining depth mentioned in the approved mining plan. The JKEAC also observed that during Public Hearing conducted on 13/02/2020, the locals have expressed their concerns on illegal mining and have demanded livelihood from the activity. They have also demanded that the mining blocks be properly demarcated with complete information of the authorities.

In view of above deliberation, the JKEAC has recommended grant of EC subject to standard and specific conditions, further subject to prior submission of video graphic evidence of conduct of public hearing, corrected version of the documents in hard and soft form, map showing geocoordinates of cremation ground and map of transportation route to ensure that route bypasses village settlements and agriculture/horticulture lands as far as possible.

After due deliberations the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the committee in toto.

Agenda Item No: 21

Grant of Terms of Reference 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, Uttarahand249203. Proposal No: SIA/JK/NCP/56678/2020 for Townships and Area Development projects, All India Institute of Medical Sciences “AIIMS Awantipora, Kashmir” at Awantipora, District-Pulwama, J&K.

Deliberations:

The project falls under Sr. No. 8 (b) [Schedule 8: Building/Construction projects/Area Development Projects and Townships, of EIA Notification 2006]. The proposed hospital covers an area of 7, 59,878.23 (187.77Arces) (75.99Ha.)

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for grant of Terms of Reference (as stipulated in the Minutes of the meeting of JKEAC) to the Project proponent/consultant enabling them to prepare the EIA/EMP and other formalities for the project.

Agenda Item No: 22

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh R/O Tarrah Tehsil & District Kathua. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/51825/2020 for River Bed Material in downstream of Ravi River at Village-Tarf Tajwal, Tehsil & District Kathua area 9.98 ha.

Deliberations:

During appraisal by the JKEAC, it was observed that the mining block exactly lies in the river Ravi on the border between J&K and the state of Punjab. The JKEAC had further observed on the satellite image that a number of stone crushers and piles of river bed material had been stacked in the vicinity which shows that large scale mining activity is already in progress in violation of EP Act.

The JKEAC also observed that the Project Proponent has mentioned mining depth of 3 m in the PFR. However, in deference to the mining plan prescriptions and for ecological considerations and safeguarding environmental setting of the area in absence of any replenishment data, the JKEAC did not agree with the proposed mining depth.

The JKEAC recommended to grant Terms of Reference to the project the project proponent subject to furnishing of an affidavit duly attested by judicial magistrate first class to the effect that he is not involved in any illegal mining activity or storage of illegally extracted RBM in the proposed mining plot.

In view of above, the JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee to grant Terms of Reference to the project proponent enabling him to prepare EIA/EMP & other documents subject to furnishing of an affidavit as recommended by JKEAC.

Agenda Item No: 23

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Paramjeet Singh, R/O 197-Jarai, P.O I.E Kathua, Dist-Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/51865/2020 for River Bed Material Area 8.0 Ha in Ujh River at Village-Jogain, Tehsil-Nagri Parole & District-Kathua.

Agenda Item No: 24

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of M/S Paramjit Singh, R/O 197-Jarai, P.O I.E Kathua, Dist-Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/52027/2020 for River Bed Material Minor Mineral Block Located In Ujh Rriver at Village Jogain Tehsil Nagri Parole & District Kathua Area of Block- 9.65 Ha.

Agenda Item No: 25

Grant of Terms of Reference in favour of Shri Paramjit Singh, R/O 197-Jarai, P.O I.E Kathua, Dist-Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir. Proposal No: SIA/JK/MIN/52028/2020 for River Bed Material Minor minor mineral block located in Ujh river at village Jogain tehsil Nagri parole & district Kathua area of block- 9.85 hectares.

Deliberations:

The JKEIAA upheld the recommendations of the Committee for grant of Terms of Reference in favour of the Project proponent for above three proposals at Agenda Nos, 23, 24 and 25 enabling the PP to formulate the EIA/EMP and to fulfill the other formalities.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and members.

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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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4. The Secretary, JK Expert Appraisal Committee for information.
5. Mr Sheikh Sajid with the request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting on the Parivesh.nic.in

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