



JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Government of India

Department of Ecology, Environment, & Remote Sensing

Paryavaran Bhawan, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JK ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 19-12-2019 IN THE OFFICE OF MEMBER-SECRETARY, JKEIAA/DIRECTOR, ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & REMOTE SENSING DEPARTMENT, J&K, TRANSPORT NAGAR, NARWAL, GLADNI, JAMMU.

The following were present in the meeting: -

1. Mr. Lal Chand,
IFS (Retired) Hon'ble Chairman, JKEIAA
2. Mr. Nazir Ahmad
Chief Engineer (Retired) Hon'ble Member, JKEIAA
3. Dr. Neelu Gera, IFS,
Pr.CCF/Director,
Ecology, Environment & Remote
Sensing Department Member-Secretary, JKEIAA

The following cases were discussed in the meeting: -

Agenda Item No.1

The Agenda item pertains to applications filed by the project proponents for grant of environmental clearance (EC) with reference to mining of minor minerals with mining lease size of less than 5.00 Ha. In light of S.O. 141(E) dated 15-01-2016 and Office Memorandum No.L-11011/175/2018-IA-II(M) dated 12th December, 2018 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI, the following cases of B2-Category were recommended by JKEAC for grant of EC without requirement of Environment Impact Assessment/Public consultation subject to the compliance of specific & general conditions for safeguards of environment as reflected by JKEAC in the minutes of the meeting held on 16th/17th & 18th December, 2019.

S.No	Project Proponent	Proposal Number and LoI No.	Title of the case
1.	Mr. Nagar Singh Choudhary, S/O Shri Koula Ram/R/O H.No.33 A/D Gandhi Nagar, Jammu	SIA/JK/MIN/127718/2019 LoI No: 772/MCC/DGM/Block-60/ JMU /18/8392-9 Date: 26-02-2018	Block No.60(5/35) Chauiki Chaura Downstream Chagial Bridge 3.98 Ha. Village Gangal, Tehsil Chauki Chaura, District, Jammu
2.	---do---	SIA/JK/MIN/127381/2019 LoI No: 771/MCC/DGM/Block-59/ JMU /18/8332-36 Date: 26-02-2018	Block No.59(5/34) Chauki Chaura Downstream Chagial Bridge 3.91 Ha. Village Gangal, Tehsil Chauki Chaura, District, Jammu

3.	---do---	SIA/JK/MIN/127345/2019 LoI No: 775/MCC/DGM/Block-23/ JMU /18/8347-51 Date: 26-02-2018	Block 23(2/15) Sardan Nallah Upstream Railway Bridge 2.54 Ha. Village Sardan Tehsil Nagrota, District Jammu.
4.	---do---	SIA/JK/MIN/1127242/2019 LoI No: 774/MCC/DGM/Block-22/ JMU /18/8352-56 Date: 26-02-2018	Block No.22(22/14) Sardan Nallah Downstream Railway Bridge 3.87 Ha. Village Sardan Tehsil Nagrota, District, Jammu.
5.	Mr. Balbir Singh, S/O Shri Jagar Singh, R/O 25-C, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.	SIA/JK/MIN/127073/2019 LoI No: 627/MCC/DGM/Block-52/ JMU /17/5560-64 Date: 16-12-2017	Block No.52 Jad Khad Upstream Jourian Bridge 3.89 Ha. Village Dhol Khalsa, Tehsil Akhnoor, Distrcit, Jammu
6.	---do---	SIA/JK/MIN/127031/2019 LoI No: 628/MCC/DGM/Block-53/ JMU /17/5855-59 Date: 16-12-2017	Block No.53 Jad Khad Upstream Jourian Upstream 4.58 Ha. Village Panchgrain, Tehsil Akhnoor, District, Jammu
7.	---do---	SIA/JK/MIN/126943/2019 LoI No: 465/MCC/DGM/Block-01/ JMU /17/3817-21 Date: 12-09-2017	Block No.1. Tawi River Upstream Salamaya Bridge 4.24 Ha. Village Jakian Tehsil & District Udhampur
8.	---do---	SIA/JK/MIN/27737/2019 LoI No: 482/MCC/DGM/Block-10/ JMU /17/4031-35 Date: 21-09-2017	Block No.10 River Suran Downstream Madana Bridge, 3.54 Ha. Village Madana, Tehsil & District Poonch.

The Authority discussed the cases threadbare and agreed with the recommendations of the JKEAC with specific & general conditions, of JKEAC issued vide No.SEAC/JK/19/223/237 dated 18-12-2019.

However, the Authority noted that the proposals for grant of EC have been submitted on various dates in the year 2019. However, in all these cases Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued on various dates in the years 2017 and 2018, the latest being of 26-02-2018 with directions as under:

“Now, therefore in view of the above and as per Rule, 55(9) of these rules the letter of Intent (LoI) is issued with the direction to submit approved mining plan and environmental clearance besides, deposition of remaining 50% bid amount within a period of six (06) months enabling this office to grant mining lease in your favour for extraction of minor minerals from the above said block.”

Evidently, the period of six months has lapsed in all the eight (8) cases listed above. In view of the above, the project proponents be asked to submit revalidated LoI before the Environmental Clearance is formally issued.

Agenda Item No.2

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of M/S Sudershan Cements, Bari-Brahamana, Jammu.

The project proponent had applied for grant of Environmental clearance before the former SIAAA/SEAC as an offline case pursuant to which the concerned SEAC vide letter No.Secy/SEAC/09/2009 dated 16-07-2009 had recommended the case for grant of Environmental clearance under Category B2. However, the then SEIAA referred the case to the State Pollution Control Board for necessary action vide letter No.107/MS/SEIAA/2009 dated 26-10-2009. During February, 2018, the State Pollution Control Board vide letter No.SPC B/T/Cement/Sba/05/1006 dated 17-02-2018 asked the SEIAA that despite recommendations of SEAC issued vide No. Secy/SEAC/09/2009 dated 16-07-2009, SEIAA has not issued the formal Environmental clearance.

The instant case was forwarded to the SEAC and was discussed in series of meetings which recommended that Project proponent be asked to apply afresh using online portal. The Project proponent accordingly applied online afresh under proposal No.SIA/JK/IND/86834/2018. The J&K Pollution Control Board had already given consent to establish & operate and renewed its consent from time to time. The case was again discussed in the JKEAC meeting held on 16th/17th/ & 18th December, 2019 and Committee upheld the recommendations of former SEAC for grant of Environmental clearance in favour of the project proponent as per the conditions stipulated by former SEAC with one more specific condition that raw material & finished products from the cement plant shall primarily be transported through railways for which the project proponent may be asked to furnish a certificate of compliance from the J&K Pollution Control Board with reference to the stipulated general and specific conditions put forth by the former SEAC while recommending the case for grant of E.C. during 2009.

The Authority agreed to grant Environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to the general and specific conditions as recommended by the former SEAC issued vide No. Secy/SEAC/09/2009 dated 16/07/2009, further subject to the condition that the Project Proponent shall obtain a certificate of compliance from the J&K Pollution Control Board/Committee w.r.t the stipulated general and specific conditions put forth by the former SEAC.

Agenda Item No.3

Grant of Environmental clearance in favour of M/S Mehboob Cement Industries at Village Wuyan Bala, District Pulwama.

The Authority discussed the issue threadbare in light of Minutes of Meeting of JKEAC issued vide No.SEAC/JK/19/223/237 dated 18-12-2019 and in particular on the issue of clearance from Wildlife Department, in the light of OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 2nd December, 2009 read with MoEF&CC Letter No:J-11011/247/2015-IA II (I) dated: 19 May 2016.

The Authority agreed to grant environmental clearance to the project proponent subject to general & specific conditions as stipulated in the minutes of the meeting of JKEAC issued vide No.SEAC/JK/19/223/237 dated 18-12-2019 and above referred OM's.

Agenda Item No.4

Issuance of T.O.R.s in 77 river bed mining project pertains to above 5.00 Ha.

The Authority approved the recommendations of the JKEAC for issue of T.O.R.'s for 77 river bed mining projects above 5.00 Ha. for preparation of Environment Impact Assessment Report & Public Consultation.

Agenda Item No.5

M/S Baba Farid-ud-din Baghdadi Minerals, Doda

The JKEAC recommended that since the case of M/S Baba Farid-ud-din Baghdadi Minerals, Doda is above 5.00 Ha, the project proponent be asked to formulate the EIA/EMP through NABET accredited Consultant and to get the Public consultation conducted for the project through State Pollution Control Board. The project proponent shall prepare the EIA as per the standard Terms of Reference as reflected by the Committee in their Minutes of Meeting held on 16th /17th & 18th December, 2019.

The Authority approved the recommendations of the JKEAC as stipulated in the minutes of the meeting of JKEAC issued vide No.SEAC/JK/19/223/237 dated 18-12-2019

Agenda Item No. 6

M/S Patel Engineering Ltd, JV on Katra-Banihal Section of New BG Railway Line Project

The JKEAC observed that project proposal of M/S Patel Engineering Ltd., JV for construction of Tunnel T-15, T-14 including Bridge No. 61 on Katra-Banihal Section has filed Form-2 instead of Form 1-M required for mining projects below 5.00 Ha size, the Mining plan has not been formally approved by the authorized Department viz. Geology & Mining Department. The Committee recommended that project proponent be asked to fulfill the shortcomings.

The Authority approved the recommendations of the Committee to fulfill the shortcomings of the case.

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

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Chief Engineer (Retired)
Hon'ble Member, JKEIAA

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