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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated : 25th October, 2016

To

M/s Shree Cement Ltd.

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Sub: Expansion of Limestone Mine from 4.8 Million TPA to 8.6 Million TPA by M/s Shree Cement Ltd., located at Village(s) Semaradih & Bharuwadhih, Tehsil-Balodabazar, District-Balodabazar Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh (531.126 ha)- Information/clarification regarding

Sir,

This has reference to your above mentioned proposal for Environmental Clearance. The Proposal of EC was appraised by the Reconstituted Expert Appraisal Committee in its meeting held during August 22-23, 2016.

2. The matter was examined in the Ministry and accordingly, the Project Proponent needs to submit the following information/clarifications for further necessary action on the matter:-

- (a) EC granted on 07.03.2011 and RO mentioned that 4 Nos. of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System are Under installation for measurement of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, CO, SO₂, & NO_x level [Ref. specific condition no. (v) & General condition no. (iii)]. It is noted that Project Proponent has not able to install the monitoring system after grant of EC in March 2011.
- (b) As per EC dated 07.03.2011 in general condition (xxi) Project Proponent to advertise the EC in the two local newspaper within 7 days. However, Project Proponent had only advertised after laps of 2.5 months.
- (c) The Public Hearing was conducted on 22.01.2016 and modified mining plan with progressive mine closure plan was approved on 13.07.2016 i.e. after Public Hearing. It may be understood that Public Hearing was conducted on the basis of draft mining plan.

- (d) Mining will intersect ground water table. However, the Central Ground Water Authority, vide letters dated 08.04.2015, and 06.08.2015 inter-alia mentioned that "the firm may continue to abstract 3000 m³/d through ground water withdrawal and mine seepage through existing 15 bore wells only". It seems that this approval may not be the approval for intersecting the ground water table.

3. Based on the above observation made in the compliance report, it seems that there are serious violations on the compliance of earlier EC conditions. Keeping these in view, the undersigned is hereby directed to request to submit the clarification/information to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change online for further necessary action on the matter.

Yours faithfully,


(Surendra Kumar)
Director (S)

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1. **The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(C)**, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001.
2. **Guard** File.
3. **MoEFCC** website.


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