

19. The recommendation for the issue of Terms of Reference is subject to the final outcome of the Hon'ble NGT, Principle Bench, New Delhi in O.A No. 186 of 2016 (M.A.No.350/2016) and O.A.No.200/2016 and O.A.No.580/2016 (M.A.No.1182/2016) and O.A.No.102/2017 and O.A.No.404/2016 (M.A.No.758/2016, M.A.No.920/2016, M.A.No.1122/2016, M.A.No.12/2017 & M.A.No.843/2017) and O.A.No.405/2016 and O.A.No.520 of 2016 (M.A.No.981/2016, M.A.No.982/2016 & M.A.No.384/2017).

Agenda No.130-11:

(File No. 6792/2019)

Proposed Rough Stone, Jelly & Gravel quarry to an extent of 4.96.0 Ha by M/s. Hi- Tech Rock Products & Aggregates Limited at S.F. No. 475,477 & 478, Irukkandurai Part-II Village, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu – For Environment Clearances (SIA/TN/NCP/35254/2018)

The proposal was placed in the 129th SEAC Meeting held on 17.05.2019. The project proponent gave detailed presentation. The salient features of the project and the environmental impact assessment as presented by the proponent are as follows:

1. The Quarry lease was applied in the name of M/s. Hi-Tech Rock Products And Aggregates Limited, Precise Area Communication letter was issued by the District Collector, Tirunelveli vide Rc.No.M1/39681/2017 dated 14.11.2018 for a period of five years. It is a fresh lease Rough Stone, Jelly and Gravel quarry over an Extent of 4.96.0 ha in S.F. No. 475,477 & 478 Irukkandurai Part-II Village, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District.
2. Mining plan was prepared for the period of Five years. The Mining Plan was approved by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tirunelveli vide Rc.No.M1/39681/2017 dated 28.11.2018 for the period of five years.
3. As per the mining plan approved by the AD, Department of Geology and Mining, Tirunelveli District, The production schedule for 5 years states that the

total quantity of 445872 cu.m of Rough Stone, 103328 cu.m Jelly and 51664 cu.m Gravel.

4. Rough Stone, Jelly and Gravel will be extracted from the quarrying operation for the 5 years as detailed below:

(Rough Stone: 55,848 m³ per annum; Jelly: 37,640 m³ per annum, Gravel: 18,820 m³ per annum) and the excavated gravel will be preserved all along the boundary to facilitate greenbelt development and rough stone will be loaded into the tipper to the destination for Building projects and road projects works for filling and levelling of low lying areas.

5. Quarrying operation will be by Opencast Mechanized Method with (Jackhammer) drilling and blasting.

The SEAC noted the following:

1. The Proponent, M/s. Hi- Tech Rock Products & Aggregates Limited has applied for EC to SEIAA-TN on 19.04.2019 for the Proposed Gravel Quarry over an Extent of 4.96.0 Hectares in S. F. No. 475,477 & 478 Irukkandurai Part-II Village, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu.
2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

During the presentation the consultant informed that he has not visited the site and there is no clarity about the project details and its surroundings. Hence, the committee decided to defer the proposal and requested the consultant to go for a visit to the project site to study in detail about the project environment and then make re-presentation to the SEAC. The committee strongly condemns this type of activity of preparing report without visited the site.

The project proponent vide in their letter dated 30.05.2019 informed that the site visit photographs pertaining to the above subject is enclosed and kindly consider their proposal in the next SEAC meeting.

The proposal was placed in the 130th SEAC Meeting held on 10.06.2019. The project proponent gave detailed presentation. Based on the presentation made by

the proponent and the documents furnished, the SEAC decided to direct the proponent to furnish the following details:

1. The mining plan approval submitted by the project proponent Gravel and weathered rock has been written in pen in all the pages without counter signature. The proponent has to get clarification for the same from the Department of Geology of Mines, Tirunelveli District.
2. Wind mill is located at a distance of 70 m from the project site. The proponent shall study the impact of the operation of the proposed mines on the wind mill.
3. After the perusal of the google image of the mining lease area it was noticed that the 6 parts of discontinuous mining were seen. Hence, the proponent is requested to clarify the reason for the same and further, the proponent is requested to furnish the details of the ownership of the lands that lie in between and the activities in those lands.
4. Whether this project falls with 10 km from the National wild life sanctuary/ Park. If, so furnish the details.
5. In the sale deed it was mentioned in the statement under Rule 3(1) of Chennai stamps Rules 1968, 36 Nos of S.F.No were mentioned with over all extent of 5.55.5 Ha. But, in the Precise Area Communication letter issued by the District Collector, Tirunelveli vide Rc.No.M1/39681/2017 dated 14.11.2018 for Proposed Gravel Quarry over an Extent of 4.96.0 Hectares in S. F. No. 475,477 & 478 Irukkandurai Part-II Village, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu. Hence, the project proponent is requested to clarify the same from the competent Authority.
6. The project proponent has not furnished the letter obtained from AD/DD mines in terms of Existing quarries/ abandoned quarries/ Present Proposed quarries/ Future Proposed quarries. Hence, the SEAC decided that the project proponent may get the following information from the AD/DD Mines, Tirunelveli District in the following format

“ Letter from the AD/DD Mines about the details (Name of the Owner, S F No, Extent & distance from the boundary of this quarry) of other quarries

(proposed/Existing/Abandoned quarries) within a radius of 500 m from the boundary of the proposed quarry site in the following format.

Sl.No.	Name of the Quarry Owner	Name of Village & Survey Number	Extent in Hectare	Distance from this proposed Quarry
a. Existing quarries				
1				
2				
b. Abandoned quarries				
1				
2				
c. Present Proposed quarries				
1				
2				
d. Future Proposed quarries				
1				
2				
Total extent				

On receipt of the above details, SEAC will decide the further course of action on the proposal.