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98- 09	Proposal for issue of Environmental Clearance for the proposed Sand Quarrying i			
F. 6473/2017	River Coleroon over an extent of 15.00.0 ha at S.F. No. 509 E (P), Vazhkai VillagePapanasam Taluk, Thanjavur District - Regarding.The Executive Engineer, PWD, Mining & Monitoring Division, Thanjavur applie			
	Environmental Clearance on 24.11.2017 for the proposed Sand Quarry in Rive			
	Coleroon over an extent of 24.00.0 ha at S.F. No. 509 E (P), Vazhkai Villag			
	Papanasam Taluk, Thanjavur District for the quarrying of 74690 cu.m of Shoals a			
	150000 cu.m of Sand for a period of 3 years.			
	The subject was placed before the 98 th SEAC Meeting held on 28.11.2017. In th			
	meeting, the Executive Engineer, PWD was requested to make a presentation on th			
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	proposals of the PWD. Based on the presentation the SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Classical States in the state of the states of t			
	the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance subject to following condition in addition to the normal conditions.			
	1. The proponent shall fix flag posts at boundaries for the proposed mining			
	area covering an extent of 300m X 500m or 15.00.0 ha. There should be			
	no deviation/ violation with respect to the area demarcated for quarrying.			
	2. The depth of sand quarrying shall be restricted to 1m from the theoretica			
	bed level.			
	3. To prevent dust pollution, suitable working methodology needs to be			
	adopted taking wind direction into consideration.			
	4. At no cost the impact of sand mining should interfere with the habitation			
	and cultivation in the nearby area along the river bed.			
	5. The mining area must be demarcated leaving atleast 50m from the river			
	embankment on either side.			
	6. Contouring of the river bed has to be taken to ascertain the relative levels			
	of sand in the river and also to suggest the depth of sand mining.			
	7. To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security			
	guards are to be engaged during the entire period of mining operation.			
	8. Wherever irrigation channels take off from the river within the boundary			
	of the mining project, the mining operation should not affect the flow of			
	water in the irrigation channels.			
	9. The entire sand mining operation should be as per the guidelines for			
	sustainable sand mining issued in 2016 by the MoEF & CC, GOI, New			
	Delhi.			
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10. Around all the sand mining projects agricultural activities are seen. In addition the surroundings present thick greeneries. The mining operation should not affect the greeneries and the agricultural activities. 11. It is reported that Vazhkai Village is at 400m and Thuthur Village is at 1.5 km. It is reported that there are no bore wells/wells closer to the sand mining site. 12. The approach road and loading of the sand in the vehicles, movement of the vehicle should be planned and implemented in such a way that there is no noise and dust pollution in the nearby habitation. We recommend that PWD should maintain at least a safe distance of 300m from the habitations while planning the approach road and the loading operation. Wherever necessary and near the habitation in particular dust suppression measures to be adopted. While the loaded vehicle move on the road that should be fully covered with tarpaulin. 13. The mining operation should be above the ground water table. 14. The conditions stipulated above need to be monitored and reviewed on fortnightly basis by the Taluk Level Task Force headed by Tahsildhar. At least two representatives from reputed research organizations like NIT, Trichy, Anna University department, Trichy, Annamalai University and Bharathidasan University should be included in the task force. The committee should send the monthly monitoring report to SEIAA which will be scrutinized by SEAC. 15. Adequate statutory manpower to be deployed for complying with the provisions as per Mines Safety Regulations (MCDR, 2017 & MMR, 1961). 16. For the sand quarry at Vazhkai Village, Thanjavur District, 74690 cu.m of Shoals & 150000 cu.m of Sand (224960 cu.m) is to be mined. The maximum number of Poclains permitted is 4 Nos. 17. During the sand mining work, appropriate progressive mine closure activities must be implemented to restore the river bed to its original status for ensuring the free flow. Signature Designation S.No Name Member REEN Dr. K. Thanasekaran 1

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