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Request for exemption from Public Hearing for the proposed project for mining Limestone (major mineral) over an extent of 3.94.0 Ha at S.F. No. 635/2A(P), 2B(P), 2C(P), 636/3(P), 816/2A(P), 2B(P), 2C(P), 2D(P), 2E(P) & 817/1(P), Varavanai Village, Kadavur Taluk, Karur District by Thiru. C. SenthilKumar - Regarding.

The proponent, **Thiru. C. SenthilKumar** has applied for ToR to SEIAA –TN on 20.02.2018 for the proposed project for mining Limestone (major mineral) over an extent of 3.94.0 Ha at S.F. No. 635/2A(P), 2B(P), 2C(P), 636/3(P), 816/2A(P), 2B(P), 2C(P), 2D(P), 2E(P) & 817/1(P), Varavanai Village, Kadavur Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu.

The proposal was placed before the 105th SEAC Meeting held on 24.03.2018. The proponent made a presentation about the salient features of all the three projects. The members of the SEAC interacted with the proponent regarding the project proposal and environmental implications of the mining operation.

The SEAC recommended to SEIAA the proposal for the proposed Limestone mine (major mineral) by Thiru. C. SenthilKumar over an extent of 3.94.0 Ha at S.F. No. 635/2A(P), 2B(P), 2C(P), 636/3(P), 816/2A(P), 2B(P), 2C(P), 2D(P), 2E(P) & 817/1(P), Varavanai Village, Kadavur Taluk, Karur District for consideration for the issue of ToR for preparing comprehensive EIA report covering all the three mines and individual EMP along with Public Hearing. Public hearing was recommended because of the fact that the Limestone mining has high potential for raising public health issues.

However, the proponent in his letter dated: 26.03.2018 has again requested to exempt Public Hearing as has been exempted by the MOEF & CC, as per the Para 2 of the office memorandum of MoEF & CC, Lr.F.No. 1103/36/2014-IA-I dated:04.04.2016. The statement of the MoEF & CC Notification is as follows

"Public hearing is not required in respect of

- i) Small scale industrial undertakings located in
  - a. Notified/designated industrial areas/industrial estates or
  - b. Areas earmarked for industries under the jurisdiction of industrial development authorities

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- ii) Widening and strengthening of highways;
- iii) Mining projects (major minerals) with lease area upto twenty five hectares;
- iv) Units located in Export Processing zones, Special Economic zones and
- v) Modernisation of existing irrigation projects.

The proponent's request letter was placed in the 107<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 11.04.2018. Since the proponent insist that he should be permitted to avail the legal provision to exempt public hearing, the SEAC accordingly decided to exempt public hearing for the project.

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