STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE - TAMIL NADU

Minutes of 335th meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) held on 06.12.2022 (Tuesday) at SEIAA Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Panagal Maligai, Saidapet, Chennai 600 015 for consideration of Building Construction Projects & Mining Projects.

Agenda No: 335 – 01. (File No: 1107/2022)

Existing Black Granite quarry lease over an extent of 35.99.0 Ha at S.F.No: 412 (P) at Sinjalanatham Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited- For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/74005/2018 Dated:23.03.2022)

Earlier, this proposal was placed in 291st SEAC meeting held on 1.7.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Black Granite quarry lease over an extent of 35.99.0 Ha at S.F.No: 412 (P) at Sinjalanatham Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR was issued vide Lr No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.1102/2013/TOR-820/2020 Dt.17.11.2020 under violation category.
- 4. Public hearing was conducted on 21.01.2022
- 5. As per the mining plan, the lease period is for 30 years. The mining plan is for the period of 5 years. The total production for 5 years not to exceed ROM- 296347 m³ & 29634 m³ of Granite with ultimate depth of 28m.

This proposal was placed in 291st SEAC meeting held on 1.7.2022. The Committee decided to defer the proposal since the PP requested for time to furnish certain details to the Committee. Also the Committee called for the following details from the PP.

1. The PP shall furnish a letter from DFO on the proximity details of nearest RF

with respect to the proposed project site.

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Subsequently, this proposal was placed in the 536th Authority meeting held on 21.10.2020 & 22.10.2020. The authority after detailed discussion decided to refer back the proposal to SEAC for appraisal on the receipt of following details from the project proponent.

The authority noted that as per the approved mining plan/mine closure plan submitted & as per the Point no. 31 (Storage of overburden, waste rock etc) of Chapter-VI of Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999

- The overburden, waste rock and non-saleable granite generated during prospecting or mining operations for granite shall be stored separately in properly formed dumps on grounds earmarked.
- ii) Such dumps shall be properly secured to prevent the escape of material in harmful quantities which may cause degradation of the surrounding land or silting of water courses.
- Wherever possible, such waste rock or overburden or other rejects, shall be backfilled into the worked out granite quarry, where granite has been recovered upto the optimum depth, with a view to restore the land to its original use or desired atternate use, as far as possible and where the backfilling is not leasible, the waste dumps shall be suitable terraced and stabilised by planting vegetation or otherwise.

As per the Point no. 32 (Reclamation and Rehabilitation of lands) of Chapter-VI of Granite Conservation & Development Rules, 1999

"Every lease holder shall undertake in a phased manner restoration, reclamation and rehabilitation of lands affected by prospecting or mining operations and shall complete this work before the conclusion of such operations and the abandonment of the granite quarry".

The Authority after detailed discussion decided to refer back the proposal to SEAC for specific recommendation with justification for grant of Environmental clearance on the quantity of mineable mineral in terms of ROM quantity instead of Production quantity after the receipt of following details from the project proponent.

1) The proponent shall submit the details of etilization of total quarrity of granite

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Waste till the life of the quarry period for beneficial purpose.

- ii) The proponent shall submit revised progressive mine closure & rehabilitation plan.
- To furnish approval obtained from the competent authority details of utilization of quantity of granite Waste for beneficial purpose as per market trend and revised progressive mine closure & rehabilitation plan proposed quarry pits till the life of the quarry period.
- iv) Long term and short term ecological and environmental impacts due to storage, handling, and transportation of granite waste for beneficial purpose (or) otherwise.
- v) AD/Competent authority of Geology & Mining Dept. justification for according permission interms of ROM quantity instead of production quantity.
- vi) Can waste and such tailings be used for land back fills.
- vii) Mine closure plans and EMP in detail. How can the granite mine site be reclaimed to near natural and pre-mining condition.
- viii) Action plan for protection of open and abandoned open spots as they are Hotspot for toxic water accumulation, contamination and accidents.
- ix) On impact due to transportation of the granite waste on the access road and the equipments, and social impacts.
- EC has been issued & mentioned with the quantity of ROM. Products & Waste etc., as per mining plan. If any revision is required, the PP shall obtain necessary revision/amendment in the approved mining plan from the competent authority.
- xi) The PP shall furnish the revised/detailed mine closure plan by considering ROM/total excavation from the competent authority.

This proposal was again placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The Committee decided to defer the proposal since the project proponent requested time to furnish certain details sought by the Committee vide minutes of 291st SEAC meeting held on 1.7.2022 & the vide minutes of 536th Authority meeting held on 21.10.2020 & 22.10.2020.

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Existing Information Technology Park at SF.No. 1148/2, 1148/3 and 1147/11 Mylapore Village, Mylapore Taluk, Chennai District Tamil Nadu by M/s A. R Foundation Pvt Ltd for Environmental Clearance under violation category (SIA/TN/NCP/24475/2018).

The proposal was placed for appraisal in the 335th meeting of SEAC held on 6.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, M/s A. R Foundation Pvt Ltd has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Existing Information Technology Park at SF.No. 1148/2, 1148/3 and 1147/11 Mylapore Village, Mylapore Taluk, Chennai District Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under category "B" of Item 8(a) "Building and Construction Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. Violation ToR obtained vide Lr No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.2716/SEAC-CXXI/Violation/ToR-601/2019 Dt. 11.1.2019.
- 4. The PP has furnished the EIA Report under violation on 22.1.2021.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the PP, the SEAC decided to make onsite inspection by the subcommittee to be constituted by SEAC o assess the environmental conditions. On the receipt of the report further deliberation will be done.

Agenda No: 335-03 (File No. 4241/2018)

Proposed Rough stone Quarry over an Extent of 1.00.0Ha located at S.F. No.328/2 Block-33 of Kalpadi North Village, Perambalur Taluk, Perambalur District, Tamil Nadu by Iniru.P. Sivakumar - for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation", (SIA/TN/MIN/270844/2022 dated: 02.05.2022)

The proposal was placed in the 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesbenic-in).

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The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru. P. Sivakumar has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the proposed Rough stone Quarry over an Extent of 1.00.0Ha located at S S.F. No.328/2 Block-33 of Kalpadi North Village, Perambalur Taluk, Perambalur District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2 The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification. 2006.
- The PP had applied for ToR to carry out the EIA study under violation vide proposal No.SIA/TN/MIN/23116/2018 Dated: 05/04/2018.
- 4. The ToR for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.4241/ToR-437/2018, dated: 30.05.2018.
- 5. ToR Extension under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No.SEIAA- TN/F.No. 4241/ToR-437/A/2018, dated: 30.10.2021.
- 6. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 7. Now the PP has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/270844/2022 dated: 02.05.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR with all required documents.
- 8. The PP had cited the reasons of the outbreak of the Corono virus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns which had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.

The SEAC had observed the MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1247(E), dated the 18 March, 2021, stating that ".....the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus

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(COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid."

Hence, the SEAC after detailed discussions confirmed that the validity of the ToR issued is valid (deemed to be) up to 29.05.2023 as per the aforesaid MoEF Notification dated 18.01.2021 for completing the required EIA study along with the Public Hearing.

Therefore, the project proponent is requested to submit Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following – (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan which shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment report (iii) the compliance report on the violation ToR issued earlier. (iv) The PP shall furnish the DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RF. WLS & Tiger reserve etc.,

Agenda No: 335 – 04 (File No. 4416/2018)

Proposed Multi - colour Granite Quarry over an Extent of 1.02.0Ha located at S.F. No.54 (Part), Devannagoundanur Village, Sankari Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Blue Horse Granites - for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/278036/2022 dated: 13.06.2022)

The proposal was placed in the 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, M/s. Blue Horse Granites has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the proposed Multi - colour Granite Quarry over an Extent of 1.02.0Ha located at S.F. No. 54 (Part), Devannagoundanur Village, Sankari Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu.
- The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA, Notification, 2006.

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- 3. The PP had applied for ToR to carry out the EIA study under violation vide proposal No.SIA/TN/MIN/23850/2018 Dated: 08/04/2018.
- 4. The ToR for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.4416/ToR-528/2018, dated: 30.07.2018.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 6 Now the PP has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/278036/2022 dated: 13.06.2022for the extension of validity of ToR with all required documents.
- 7. The PP had cited the reasons of the outbreak of the Corono virus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns which had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.

The SEAC had observed the MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1247(E), dated the 18 March, 2021, stating that ".....the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid ".

Hence, the SEAC after detailed discussions confirmed that the validity of the ToR issued is valid (deemed to be) up to 29.07.2023 as per the aforesaid MoEF Notification dated 18.01.2021 for completing the required EIA study along with the Public Hearing.

Therefore, the project proponent is requested to submit Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following – (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan which shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment report (iii) the compliance report on the violation ToR issuefi earlier. (iv)

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The PP shall furnish the DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RF, WLS & Tiger reserve etc.,

Agenda No: 335-05 (File No: 4786/2021)

Proposed Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 1.25.0 Ha at S.F No 629(west), Aniyappur Village, Marapparai Taluk, Trichirappalli District by Thiru.P. Xavier (legal heir of late Thiru A.Pitchamuthu)-For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/34145/2015, dated: 09.12.2015).

Earlier, the proposal was placed for appraisal in the 291" meeting of SEAC held on 2.7.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, ThiruA.Pitchamuthu has applied for Environmental Clearance for the Rough Stone quarry lease area over an extent of 1.25.0 Ha at S.F No629(west), Aniyappur Village, Marapparai Taluk, Trichirappalli District, Tamil Nadu. It is a Govt poromboke land.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under category "B" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

After reviewing the proposal in light of the order from Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P (MD) No. 7879 of 2022 & W.P (MD) No.5919 of 2022 order Dt: 26.04.2022 and Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, SEAC instructed the PP to furnish the valid lease & approved mining plan for the said quarrying operation to consider the appraisal for issue of EC.

In view of the above, the proposal is again placed in this 335th meeting held on 06.12.2022. During the meeting, the proponent requested to give some additional time to submit the particulars.

Hence, SEAC after discussions decided to defer the proposal.

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Agenda No: 335 - 06 (File No. 5177 /2022)

Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.51.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 414/3(P), 441/6B(P), 441/8(P) Karandapalli Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, by M/s. Suganya Granitesfor Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/278221/2022 dated: 14.06.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- 1. The Project Proponent, M/s. Suganya Granites has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation" for the Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.51.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 414/3(P), 441/6B(P), 441/8(P) Karandapalli Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.5177/ToR-537/2018/dated 30.07.2018.
- 4. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid."

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided that the validity of the ToR issued is deemed to be valid up to 29.07.2023. Also the project proponent is requested to submit public hearing minutes, ElA/EMP report along with details of i) aspects of violation, Ecological Damage assessment, Remediation Plan, Natural Resource Augmentation Plan,

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Community Resource Augmentation plan. 2) The PP shall furnish the DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RF, WLS & Tiger reserve etc., and 3) Mitigation cost of Rs 5 lakhs shall be included in EIA Report, since the Cauvery Wildlife North Sanctuary located at a distance of 2 Km.

Agenda No: 335 - 07 (File No. 5184 /2022)

Existing Muti-Coloured Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.01.5 Ha at S.F. Nos. 477/1 (P)Agalakottai Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, by Thiru. P.K. Pounraj for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation".

(SIA/TN/MIN/275839/2022 dated: 31.05.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- The Project Proponent, Thiru. P.K. Pounraj has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation" for the Existing Muti-Coloured Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.01.5 Ha at S.F. Nos. 477/1 (P) Agalakottai Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.5184/TOR-345/2018 Dated:14.05.2018.
- 4. Amendment ToR issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F 5184/SEAC- CXVIIUTOR-345(A)/2018 Dt. 30.07.2018.
- 5. The proposed project site is located within ESZ of CNWLS and it is a prohibited activity. Further this site is located at a distance of 4.9 Km from CSWLS & it requires SCNBWL.
- 6. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.

7. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period

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from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid."

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid up to 13.05.2023. Also the project proponent is requested to submit public hearing minutes. EIA/EMP report along with details of i) aspects of violation, Ecological Damage assessment, Remediation Plan, Natural Resource Augmentation Plan, Community Resource Augmentation plan. 2) The PP shall furnish the DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RF, WLS & Tiger reserve etc., and 3) Mitigation cost for the Cauvery Wildlife North Sanctuary located nearby.

Agenda No. 335-08 (File No. 5270/2016)

Proposed Multi Coloured Granite quarry over an extent of 2.55.5 Ha in S. F. No. 408/2B and 408/3B at Vendurayapuram Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu by Tvl. Magna Stones Private Limited - for Terms of Reference (Under Violation). (SIA/TN/MIN/23438/2018 dated 06.04.2018)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The project proponent gave detailed presentation. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent Tvl. Magna Stones Private Limited has applied for Terms of Reference for the Proposed Multi Coloured Granite quarry over an extent of 2.55.5 Ha in S. F No. 408/2B and 408/3B of Vendurayapuram Village, Sivakasi Taluk, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The lease period is valid upto 2026.

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CHAIRMAN SEAC: TN The project proponent made a presentation about the project proposal and informed that:

The project proponent has submitted the documents regarding the particulars of the lease and mining working. It was observed that mine was in operation without obtaining Environmental Clearance. As this is a violation case, the project is granted Terms of Reference for undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment and preparation of EMP. Assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural & community resource augmentation plan to be included as an independent chapter in the Environment Impact Assessment report by the accredited consultant. Collection and analysis of data for assessment of ecological damage, preparation of remediation plan and natural & community resource augmentation plan to be done by an environmental laboratory duly notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, accredited by NABET or a laboratory of council of Scientific and Industrial research Institutions working in the field of environment. Three months data relating to the ecological parameters is to be submitted with analysis.

The project proponent besides above has to also submit the Affidavit/ No Objection certificate (NOC) in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme court to approach State Mines and Geology Department for certification regarding payment of 100% cost of illegally mined minerals to the State Government in terms of the Section 21(5) of the MMDR Act. 1957. The amounts so payable to the state government for the Lime stone would interalia, account for the mining operation in violation of the following:-

- Without Environmental Clearance (EC) or in excess of quantity approved in EC.
- Without consent to Operate (CTO) or in excess of quantity approved in CTO.
- Without mining plan/scheme of mining or in excess of quantity approved in mining plan/scheme of mining.
- Without forest clearance
- Any other violation.

The project proponent is hereby directed to furnish Affidavit as per the guidelines issued by MoEF & CC, in connection with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme court and the annexure provided by SEIAA, while submitting EIA/EMP for consideration of EC.

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Based on the presentation made by the proponent and the documents furnished, the committee decided to recommend for the grant of Standard ToR for mining projects as specified by MoEF & CC subject to the above conditions in addition to the Additional TOR specified by the SEAC to deal with the violation aspects of the mining projects. The public hearing shall be conducted as per the directions of Hon'ble High of Judicature at Madras.

In addition to the above, the proponent shall submit the following details:

- 1. PP shall withdraw file no. 27272 dated 23.08.2017 for the same site as stated by the PP.
- 2. The report for green belt developed with necessary photographs.
- 3. The proponent shall furnish the photographs for fencing around the project site.
- 4. The proponent shall furnish the proposal for CER.
- 5. Contour map for the 1 Km radius surrounding the site, village map, FMB & A Register may be furnished.
- 6. The proponent furnish in affidavit undertaking inter-alia includes commitment of the Project Proponent not to repeat any such violation in future as follows as per MoEF & CC, Office Memorandum No. F.No.3-50/2017-IA.III(Pt.) dated:30.05.2018
- 7. "I/We, the applicant / the Project Proponent, commit to comply with all the statutory requirements and judgments of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.114 of 2014 in the matter of the common cause versus Union of India and Ors. Before grant of ToR/ EC and I am also to commit, not to repeat any such violation in future. In case of any violation of the above the ToR/Environmental Clearances shall be liable to be terminated forthwith".

Agenda No: 335-09 (File No.5271/2022

Existing Black granite Lease over an extent of 4.62.0 Ha at S.F.No. 98/1A,18, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F(p), 3A1, 3A2, 3B, 4A1, 4A2, 265/3, 4A, 4B, 4C, & 265/4D Panchapalli Village, Palcode Taluk, Dharmapuri District Tamil Nadu by Thiru C.Sathiush Kumar for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/ 270821/2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website

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The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Project Proponent, Thiru C.Sathiush Kumar has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Black granite Lease over an extent of 4.62.0 Ha at S.F.No. 98/IA,1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F(p), 3A1, 3A2, 3B, 4A1, 4A2, 265/3, 4A, 4B, 4C, & 265/4D Panchapalli Village, Palcode Taluk, Dharmapuri District Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.5271/ToR-340/2018, dated: 14.5.2018.
- 4. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid."
- 6. The proposed project site is located within ESZ of CNWLS and mining is a prohibited activity.

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR issued is valid (deemed to be) up to 13.5.2023. However, it is emphasized that proposed site may fall within the ESZ of CNWL Sanctuary and the proposed activity is a prohibited one. The PP should, therefore, obtain a letter from DFO concerned to ascertain the correct distance from the Sanctuary and its ESZ and also proximity details of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries Tipler reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

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Existing Quartz & Feldspar quarry over an extent 3.01.5Ha at S.F.No.407/1-1, 455/2, 455/8, 455/9, 455/10, 455/12, 455/13 & 455/14 of Elurpatti Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu by Tmt. I. Mani for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/269735/2022 Dated: 26.04.2022).

The proposal was placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- The Project Proponent, Tmt. I. Mani as applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the proposed Quartz & Feldspar quarry over an extent 3.01.5Ha at S.F.No.407/1-1, 455/2, 455/8, 455/9, 455/10, 455/12, 455/13 & 455/14 of Elurpatti Village, Thottiyam Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The ToR for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.5720/ToR-337/2018, dated: 11.05.2018.
- ToR Amendment issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F 5720/SEAC- CXVIII/TOR-337(A)/2018 Dt.30.07.2018.
- 5. ToR Extension under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.5720/ToR-337/2018 dated: 29.10.2021.
- 6. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- Now the PP has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/269735/2022 Dated: 26.04.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR with all required documents.
- 8. The PP has submitted that unfortunately the outbreak of the Coronovirus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.

The SEAC had observed that as per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18th January, 2021, ".....the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be

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considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid......".

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid up to10.05.2023. Therefore, the project proponent is requested to submit Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following – (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan which shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment. (iii) DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RF, WLS etc with 25 Km radius.

Agenda No: 335 – 11. (File No. 5762/2018)

Existing Multi-Coloured Granite quarry over an Extent of 1.19.0Ha at S.F.No. 454/3 (Part) at Pudukkottai Village of Manapparai Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu by Mrs. Farhadeeba for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/22399/2018 Dated: 17.03.2018).

The proposal was placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- The Project Proponent, Mrs. Farhadeeba has applied for the Terms of References under Violation for the proposed Multi-Coloured Granite quarry over an Extent of 1.19.0Ha at S.F.No. 454/3 (Part) at Pudukkottai Village of Manapparai Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamilnadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The project proponent has obtained Mining lease vide G.O.(3D). No.80, Industries (MMB-1) department Dated 07.11.2006.
- 4. The mining lease was issued for the period of 20 years. The approved mining plan is for the period of five years & production should not exceed 18125 cu.m of RoM

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- 5. MoEF&CC notification vide S.O. 804 (E) Dt. 14.3.2017.
- 6. MoEF & CC Notification S.O.1030 (E) dated 08.03.2018.
- 7. MoEF&CC Office Memorandum No. F.No. Z-11013/22/2017-IA.II (M) dated 15.03.2018.
- 8. MoEF &CC OM F. No. 22-10/2019-1A.111 dated 09.09.2019.
- 9. Hon'ble NGT(SZ) order dated 30.06.2020 in O.A.No.136 of 2017.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to grant of Terms of Reference (TOR) with Public Hearing under Violation category, subject to the following TORs, in addition to the standard terms of reference for EIA study for non-coal mining projects and the EIA/EMP report along with assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan and it shall be prepared as an independent chapter by the accredited consultants.

- The PP shall provide the details in pertaining to the implications of the mining on the nearest Reserved Forests and Habitations situated at a distance of 430 m, along with mitigation measures.
- 2. The PP shall furnish a letter from DFO on the proximity details of nearest Reserve Forest, Wild Life sanctuaries & Protected areas with respect to the proposed project site.
- 3. In the case of proposed lease in an existing (or old) quarry where the benches are not formed (or) partially formed as per the approved Mining Plan, the Project Proponent (PP) shall prepare and submit an 'Action Plan' for carrying out the realignment of the benches in the proposed quarry lease after it is approved by the concerned Asst. Director of Geology and Mining during the time of appraisal for obtaining the EC.

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- 4. The Proponent shall submit a conceptual 'Slope Stability Plan' for the proposed quarry during the appraisal while obtaining the EC, when the depth of the working is extended beyond 30 m below ground level.
- 4. The PP shall furnish the affidavit stating that the blasting operation in the proposed quarry is carried out by the statutory competent person as per the MMR 1961 such as blaster, mining mate, mine foreman, II/I Class mines manager appointed by the proponent.
- 5. The PP shall present a conceptual design for carrying out only controlled blasting operation involving line drilling and muffle blasting in the proposed quarry such that the blast-induced ground vibrations are controlled as well as no fly rock travel beyond 30 m from the blast site.
- 6. The EIA Coordinators shall obtain and furnish the details of quarry/quarries operated by the proponent in the past, either in the same location or elsewhere in the State with video and photographic evidences.
- If the proponent has already carried out the mining activity in the proposed mining lease area after 15.01.2016, then the proponent shall furnish the following details from AD/DD, mines,
 - a) What was the period of the operation and stoppage of the earlier mines with last work permit issued by the AD/DD mines?
 - b) Quantity of minerals mined out.
 - c) Highest production achieved in any one year
 - d) Detail of approved depth of mining.
 - e) Actual depth of the mining achieved earlier.
 - f) Name of the person already mined in that leases area.
 - g) If EC and CTO already obtained, the copy of the same shall be submitted.
 - h) Whether the mining was carried out as per the approved mine plan (or EC if issued) with stipulated benches.
 - 8. All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High Resolution Imagery/Topo sheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology, lithology and geology of the mining lease area should be provided. Such an Imagery of the proposed

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- area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).
- 9. The PP shall carry out Drone video survey covering the cluster, Green belt, fencing etc.,
- 10. The proponent shall furnish photographs of adequate fencing, green belt along the periphery including replantation of existing trees & safety distance between the adjacent quarries & water bodies nearby provided as per the approved mining plan.
- 11. The Project Proponent shall provide the details of mineral reserves and mineable reserves, planned production capacity, proposed working methodology with justifications, the anticipated impacts of the mining operations on the surrounding environment and the remedial measures for the same.
- 12. The Project Proponent shall provide the Organization chart indicating the appointment of various statutory officials and other competent persons to be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act 1952 and the MMR, 1961 for carrying out the quarrying operations scientifically and systematically in order to ensure safety and to protect the environment.
- 13. The Project Proponent shall conduct the hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius) along with the collected water level data for both monsoon and non-monsoon seasons from the PWD / TWAD so as to assess the impacts on the wells due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided.
- 14. The proponent shall furnish the baseline data for the environmental and ecological parameters with regard to surface water/ground water quality, air quality, soil quality & flora/fauna including traffic/vehicular movement study.
- 15. The Proponent shall carry out the Cumulative impact study due to mining operations carried out in the quarry specifically with reference to the specific

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CHAIRMAN SEAC- TN environment in terms of soil health, biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, climate change and flood control & health impacts. Accordingly, the Environment Management plan should be prepared keeping the concerned quarry and the surrounding habitations in the mind.

- 16. Rain water harvesting management with recharging details along with water balance (both monsoon & non-monsoon) be submitted.
- 17. Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.
- 18. Details of the land for storage of Overburden/Waste Dumps (or) Rejects outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be provided.
- 19. Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' (or) the Project areas which attracts the court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the TNPCB (or) Dept. of Geology and Mining should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.
- 20. Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.
- 21. Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated.
- 22. A tree survey study shall be carried out (nos., name of the species, age, diameter etc.,) both within the mining lease applied area & 300m buffer zone and its management during mining activity.
- 23. A detailed mine closure plan for the proposed project shall be included in EIA/EMP report which should be site-specific.

24. Public Hearing points raised and commitments of the Project Proponent on the

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same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project and to be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC with regard to the Office Memorandum of MoEF& CC accordingly.

- 25. The Public hearing advertisement shall be published in one major National daily and one most circulated Tamil daily.
- 26. The PP shall produce/display the EIA report, Executive summery and other related information with respect to public hearing in Tamil Language also.
- 27. As a part of the study of flora and fauna around the vicinity of the proposed site, the EIA coordinator shall strive to educate the local students on the importance of preserving local flora and fauna by involving them in the study, wherever possible.
- 28. The purpose of Green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix-I in consultation with the DFO. State Agriculture University. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 29. Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably ecofriendly bags should be planted as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner
- 30.A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report for the complete life of the proposed quarry (or) till the end of the lease period.
- 31. A Risk Assessment and management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report for the complete life of the proposed quarry (or) till the end of the lease period.

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- 32. Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.
- 33. Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.
- 34. The Socio-economic studies should be carried out within a 5 km buffer zone from the mining activity. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.
- 35. Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.
- 36. Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc.
- 37.If any quarrying operations were carried out in the proposed quarrying site for which now the EC is sought, the Project Proponent shall furnish the detailed compliance to EC conditions given in the previous EC with the site photographs which shall duly be certified by MoEF&CC. Regional Office, Chennai (or) the concerned DEE/TNPCB.
- 38. The PP shall prepare the EMP for the entire life of mine and also furnish the sworn affidavit stating to abide the EMP for the entire life of mine.
- 39. Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this Terms of Conditions besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act. 1986.

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Agenda No: 335-12 (File No: 6031/2021)

Proposed Multi-coloured Granite quarry over an extent of 1.20.0 Ha at S.F.No. 353/2Bof Adaichani Village, AmbasamudramTaluk TirunelveliDistrict, Tamil Nadu by Tvl. Chanthraa Granites- For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/200810/2021)

The proposal was placed in this 335th meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The project proponent gave detailed presentation. SEAC noted the following:

- The Proponent, Tvl. Chanthraa Ganites has applied seeking Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Multi-coloured Granite quarry over an extent of 1.20.0 Ha at S.F.No. 353/2B of Adaichani Village, Ambasamudram Taluk Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR issued vide Lr No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6031/ToR-386/2018 Dated: 23.05.2018.
- 4. Public Hearing waived.
- 5. ElA Report was submitted on 27.11.2020.

Earlier the proposal was placed in 253rd SEAC meeting held on 11.03.2022 held on 11.3.2021. Based on the presentation made by the proponent and the documents furnished. SEAC noted that Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve is located within 10 Km from the project site and its final notification of Eco sensitive zone yet to be notified. The proponent therefore should submit NBWL clearance, after which the proposal will be taken up for appraisal."

Now, this proposal again been placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. Based on the presentation made by the proponent, SEAC decided to call for additional details

1. The Kalakand Mundanthurai Tiger reserve is located within 10 Km from the project site and its final notification of Eco sensitive zone yet to be notified. The proponent therefore should submit NBWL clearance, after which the proposal will be taken up for appraisal." Hence, NBWL clearance shall be obtained.

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- 2. The Scheme of Mining as a part of the Approved Mining Plan approved by the competent authority shall be submitted.
- 3. ElA report shall be uploaded in the Parivesh Portal.

On receipt of the aforesaid details, the proposal will be considered for further deliberations.

Agenda No: 335 – 13. (File No. 6042/2018)

Existing Quartz & Feldspar quarry over an extent of 1.71.5Ha at S.F.Nos: 356/2A, 356/2B (Part) of Pachapalayam Village, Kangeyam Taluk and Tiruppur District, TamilNadu by M/s. M.F.Traders for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/23657/2018 Dated:07.04.2018).

The proposal was again placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- 1. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 2. The mining lease was issued for the period of 20 years. The approved mining plan is for the period of five years & production should not exceed 36520 Tonnes of RoM including 21910 Tonnes of (Quartz & Feldspar) & 14608 cu.m of Waste) along with 8003 cu.m of Side Burden & 4450cu.m of Topsoil. The ultimate depth is 16 m BGL.
- 3. MoEF&CC notification vide S.O. 804 (E) Dt. 14.3.2017.
- MoEF & CC Notification S.O.1030 (E) dated 08.03.2018.
- 5. MoEF&CC Office Memorandum No. F.No. Z-11013/22/2017-IA.II (M) dated 15.03.2018.
- 6. MoEF &CC OM F. No. 22-10/2019-1A.111 dated 09.09.2019.
- 7. Hon'ble NGT(SZ) order dated 30.06.2020 in O.A.No.136 of 2017.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to grant of Terms of Reference (TOR) with Public Hearing under Violation category, subject to the following TORs, in addition to the standard terms of reference for

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EIA study for non-coal mining projects and the EIA/EMP report along with assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan and it shall be prepared as an independent chapter by the accredited consultants.

- 1. PP shall withdraw file no. 27199 dated 09.09.2018 for the same site as stated by the PP.
- 2. The PP shall spell out the impacts due to the quarrying operation on the 'vaikkal' situated at a distance of 87 m from the quarry.
- The PP shall also enumerate the details on agricultural activities carried out within
 km from the quarry limit.
- 4. The PP shall furnish a letter from DFO on the proximity details of nearest Reserve Forest, Wild Life sanctuaries & Protected areas with respect to the proposed project site.
- 5. Registered lease deed shall be incorporated in the EIA report
- 6. Report on implications to the nearby odai & Agricultural activities by this project.
- 7. In the case of proposed lease in an existing (or old) quarry where the benches are not formed (or) partially formed as per the approved Mining Plan, the Project Proponent (PP) shall prepare and submit an 'Action Plan' for carrying out the realignment of the benches in the proposed quarry lease after it is approved by the concerned Asst. Director of Geology and Mining during the time of appraisal for obtaining the EC.
- 8. The Proponent shall submit a conceptual 'Slope Stability Plan' for the proposed quarry during the appraisal while obtaining the EC, when the depth of the working is extended beyond 30 m below ground level.
- 4. The PP shall furnish the affidavit stating that the blasting operation in the proposed quarry is carried out by the statutory competent person as per the MMR 1961 such as blaster, mining mate, mine foreman, II/I Class mines manager appointed by the proponent.
- 5. The PP shall present a conceptual design for carrying out only controlled blasting operation involving line drilling and muffle blasting in the proposed quarry such

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that the blast-induced ground vibrations are controlled as well as no fly rock travel beyond 30 m from the blast site.

- 6. The EIA Coordinators shall obtain and furnish the details of quarry/quarries operated by the proponent in the past, either in the same location or elsewhere in the State with video and photographic evidences.
- 7. If the proponent has already carried out the mining activity in the proposed mining lease area after 15.01.2016, then the proponent shall furnish the following details from AD/DD, mines.
 - a) What was the period of the operation and stoppage of the earlier mines with last work permit issued by the AD/DD mines?
 - b) Quantity of minerals mined out.
 - c) Highest production achieved in any one year
 - d) Detail of approved depth of mining.
 - e) Actual depth of the mining achieved earlier.
 - f) Name of the person already mined in that leases area.
 - g) If EC and CTO already obtained, the copy of the same shall be submitted.
 - h) Whether the mining was carried out as per the approved mine plan (or EC if issued) with stipulated benches.
 - 8. All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High Resolution Imagery/Topo sheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology, lithology and geology of the mining lease area should be provided. Such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).
 - 9. The PP shall carry out Drone video survey covering the cluster, Green belt, fencing etc..
 - 10. The proponent shall furnish photographs of adequate fencing, green belt along the periphery including replantation of existing trees & safety distance between the adjacent quarries & water bodies nearby provided as per the approved mining plan.

11. The Project Proponent shall provide the details of mineral reserves and mineable

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- reserves, planned production capacity, proposed working methodology with justifications, the anticipated impacts of the mining operations on the surrounding environment and the remedial measures for the same.
- 12. The Project Proponent shall provide the Organization chart indicating the appointment of various statutory officials and other competent persons to be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act'1952 and the MMR, 1961 for carrying out the quarrying operations scientifically and systematically in order to ensure safety and to protect the environment.
- 13. The Project Proponent shall conduct the hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius) along with the collected water level data for both monsoon and non-monsoon seasons from the PWD / TWAD so as to assess the impacts on the wells due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided.
- 14. The proponent shall furnish the baseline data for the environmental and ecological parameters with regard to surface water/ground water quality, air quality, soil quality & flora/fauna including traffic/vehicular movement study.
- 15. The Proponent shall carry out the Cumulative impact study due to mining operations carried out in the quarry specifically with reference to the specific environment in terms of soil health, biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, climate change and flood control & health impacts. Accordingly, the Environment Management plan should be prepared keeping the concerned quarry and the surrounding habitations in the mind.
- 16. Rain water harvesting management with recharging details along with water balance (both monsoon & non-monsoon) be submitted.
- 17. Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the

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- mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.
- 18. Details of the land for storage of Overburden/Waste Dumps (or) Rejects outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use. R&R issues, if any, should be provided.
- 19. Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' (or) the Project areas which attracts the court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the TNPCB (or) Dept. of Geology and Mining should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.
- 20. Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.
- 21. Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated.
- 22.A tree survey study shall be carried out (nos., name of the species, age, diameter etc.,) both within the mining lease applied area & 300m buffer zone and its management during mining activity.
- 23.A detailed mine closure plan for the proposed project shall be included in EIA/EMP report which should be site-specific.
- 24. Public Hearing points raised and commitments of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project and to be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC with regard to the Office Memorandum of MoEF& CC accordingly.
- 25. The Public hearing advertisement shall be published in one major National daily and one most circulated vernacular daily.
- 26. The PP shall produce/display the EIA report, Executive summery and other related information with respect to public hearing in Tamil Language also.

27. As a part of the study of flora and fauna around the vicinity of the proposed site.

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- the EIA coordinator shall strive to educate the local students on the importance of preserving local flora and fauna by involving them in the study, wherever possible.
- 28. The purpose of Green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions, carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix-lin consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should be chosen. Species of small/medium/tall trees alternating with shrubs should be planted in a mixed manner.
- 29. Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably ecofriendly bags should be planted as per the advice of local forest authorities/botanist/Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner
- 30.A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report for the complete life of the proposed quarry (or) till the end of the lease period.
- 31. A Risk Assessment and management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report for the complete life of the proposed quarry (or) till the end of the lease period.
- 32. Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.
- 33. Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.

34. The Socio-economic studies should be carried out within a 5 km buffer zone from

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the mining activity. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.

- 35. Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.
- 36. Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc.
- 37. If any quarrying operations were carried out in the proposed quarrying site for which now the EC is sought, the Project Proponent shall furnish the detailed compliance to EC conditions given in the previous EC with the site photographs which shall duly be certified by MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai (or) the concerned DEE/TNPCB.
- 38. The PP shall prepare the EMP for the entire life of mine and also furnish the sworn affidavit stating to abide the EMP for the entire life of mine.
- 39. Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this Terms of Conditions besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Agenda No: 335 – 14. (File No. 6112/2018)

Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 2.59.0 Ha at S.F.Nos of 49 & 50/3B, Kodiyalam village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. E. C. Senniappan for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/275836/2022 Dt:31.05.2022).

The proposal was placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

1. The Project Proponent, Thiru. E. C. Senniappan has applied for Extension of validity

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for the Terms of References for the existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 2.59.0 Ha at S.F.Nos of 49 & 50/3B, Kodiyalam village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.

- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The ToR for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6112/TOR-474/2018, Dated: 07.06.2018
- ToR Amendment issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F 6112/SEAC- CXVIII/TOR-474(A)/2018 Dt.30.07.2018.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- Now the PP has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/275836/2022 Dt:31.05.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR with all required documents.
- 7. The PP has submitted that unfortunately the outbreak of the Coronovirus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.

The SEAC had observed that as per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18th January, 2021, ".....the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid......".

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid up to06.06.2023. The project proponent is requested to submit the legal heir certificate obtained from competent authority, public hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following – (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and confinunity resource

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Agenda No: 335-15 File No: 6120/2021)

Existing Grey Granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.21.5 Ha in S.F.No: 387/3, Agalakottai Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Sakthi Granites - For Terms of Reference. (SIA/TN/MIN/23194/2018 Dt.07.04.2018) under Violation.

The proposal was placed for appraisal in this 335th meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent, M/s. Sakthi Granites has applied for Terms of Reference for the Existing Grey Granite quarry lease over an extent of 1.21.5 Ha in S.F.No: 387/3.
 Agalakottai Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. It is an existing Grey Granite quarry under operation without obtaining EC and having mining lease valid up to 26.03.2031.
- 4. Lease granted as per Precise area communication period is for a period of 20 years under Rule 19-A of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.
- The Ulibanda RF is located at 50m south from the quarry limit and also in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and mining is a prohibited activity.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, the SEAC recommends the Terms of Reference for the project for assessment of Ecological damage, remediation plan and natural & community resource augmentation plan to be prepared as an independent chapter in the Environment Impact assessment report by the Accredited consultant and also with collection and analysis of data for assessment of ecological damage, preparation of remediation plan and natural & community resource

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augmentation plan to be done by an environmental laboratory duly notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, accredited by NABET or a laboratory of council of Scientific and Industrial research Institutions working in the field of environment. Three months data relating to the ecological parameters is to be submitted with analysis.

The project proponent besides above has to also submit the Affidavit/ No Objection certificate (NOC) in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme court to approach State Mines and Geology Department for certification regarding payment of 100% cost of illegally mined minerals to the State Government in terms of the Section 21(5) of the MMDR Act, 1957. The amounts so payable to the state government for the Lime stone would interalia, account for the mining operation in violation of the following: -

- Without Environmental Clearance (EC) or in excess of quantity approved in EC.
- Without consent to Operate (CTO) or in excess of quantity approved in CTO.
- Without mining plan/scheme of mining or in excess of quantity approved in mining plan/scheme of mining.
- · Without forest clearance
- · Any other violation.

The project proponent is hereby directed to furnish Affidavit as per the guidelines issued by MoEF & CC, in connection with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme court and the annexure provided by SEIAA, while submitting EIA/EMP for consideration of EC.

Based on the presentation made by the proponent and the documents furnished, the committee decided to recommend for the grant of Standard ToR for mining projects as specified by MoEF & CC subject to the above conditions in addition to the Additional TOR specified (Annexure-I) by the SEAC to deal with the violation aspects of the mining projects.

In addition to the above, the proponent shall submit the following details:

- 1. Copy of approved scheme of mining.
- 2. The report for green belt developed with necessary photographs.
- 3. The proponent shall furnish the photographs for fencing around the project site.
- 4. The proponent shall furnish the proposal for CER.

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- 5. Contour map for the 1 Km radius surrounding the site, village map, FMB & A Register may be furnished.
- 6. The proponent furnish in affidavit undertaking inter-alia includes commitment of the Project Proponent not to repeat any such violation in future as follows as per MoEF & CC, Office Memorandum No. F.No.3-50/2017-IA.III(Pt.) dated:30.05.2018
- 7. "I/We, the applicant / the Project Proponent, commit to comply with all the statutory requirements and judgments of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 2nd August 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.114 of 2014 in the matter of the common cause versus Union of India and Ors. Before grant of ToR/ EC and I am also to commit, not to repeat any such violation in future. In case of any violation of the above the ToR/Environmental Clearances shall be liable to be terminated forthwith".

Agenda No: 335 - 16 FileNo.6135/2022

Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.05.5 Ha at S.F. No. 196/1C1B, 1C2, 1D, 1E, 1F, 111A, 111B, 5A1 and 196/5A2 in Kaduvanur Village, Sankarapuram Taluk, Villupuram District, by Tmt. J. Hajeera Banu for Extension of validity of the Terms of Reference issued under "Violation Category" (SIA/TN/MIN/275830/2022 dated: 31.05.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following:

- The project proponent Tmt. J. Hajeera Banu, has applied seeking Extension of validity for Terms of Reference under Violation category for the Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.05.5 Ha at S.F. No. 196/1C1B, 1C2, 1D, 1E, 1F, 111A, 111B, 5A1 and 196/5A2 in Kaduvanur Village, Sankarapuram Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation Category" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended.

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- The Proponent had applied for ToR to carry out the EIA study under violation vide dated05.04.2018.
- ToR with public hearing for carrying out the EIA study under violation category was issued vide Lr No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6135/TOR- 564/2018 Dated: 07.08.2018.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 6. Now the proponent has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/275830/2022 dated: 31.05.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR.
- 7. The proponent had cited the reasons of the out break of the Corono virus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns which had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.
- 8. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid.".

Hence, the SEAC after detailed discussions confirmed that the ToR issued is valid up to 06.08.2023 as per the aforesaid MoEF Notification dated, 18.01.2021. The project proponent is requested to submit EC application, Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details during the EIA appraisal on the following:

1. The PP shall furnish the DFO letter stating the proximity distance of nearest RFWLS & Tiger reserve etc.,

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2. The PP shall upload the KML file in PARIVESH

Agenda No: 335-17 (File No.62021/2022)

Existing Multi Colour granite Lease over an extent of 4.57.0 Ha at S.F.No. 194/1B, 194/1C, 194/3A, 194/3B(P), 195/1A2 and 195/1B, Chendrapalli Village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Tmt. P. Kalyani for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/ 275929/2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Tmt. P. Kalyani has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 4.57.0 Ha at S.F.No. 194/1B, 194/1C, 194/3A, 194/3B(P), 195/1A2 and 195/1B. Chendrapalli Village, Krishnagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6202/ToR-485/2018, dated: 08.6.2018.
- 4. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid.".

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid upto 08.6.2023. Hence, the project

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proponent is requested to submit public hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with details of

- Aspects of violation, Ecological Damage assessment, Remediation Plan, Natural Resource Augmentation Plan, Community Resource Augmentation plan.
- 2) The PP obtain letter from DFO concerned stating the proximity details of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

Agenda No: 335 – 18. (File No. 6217/2018)

Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.20.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 1/6, 2/1, 2/2A, 2/3B1 & 2/3B2 at Semangalam Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Karthik Raja Exports, for Environmental Clearance "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/74640/2018 Dt:11.04.2022).

The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The proposal was again placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022 The SEAC noted the following.

- 1. The Project Proponent, M/s. Karthik Raja Exports has applied for Environmental Clearance under Violation along with EIA Report & along with assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan for the Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.20.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 1/6, 2/1, 2/2A. 2/3B1 & 2/3B2 at Semangalam Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. Application for ToR under Violation Dt:04.04.2018.
- 4. The ToR under violation for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6217/TOR- 372/2018 Dated: 18.05.2018
- ToR Amendment for ToR under Violation with Public Hearing issued vide Lr. .No.SEIAA-TN/F--6217/SEAC-CXVIII/TOR-372(A)/2018,dt.30.07.2018.
- 6. The project proponent has obtained Mining lease vide G.O.(3D). No.14, Industries (MMB-2) department Dated 05.03.2010.

Based on the presentation made and documents furnished by the project proponent,

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the SEAC decided to make site inspection by the sub-committee to be constituted by the SEAC to assess the present status of the project and environmental settings as the proposal falls under violation category. Further the subcommittee will assess the ecological damage and to check the Remedial Plan & Community Augmentation Plan submitted by the PP during the inspection.

The Project proponent shall furnish the following documents during the site inspection by the sub-committee.

- Copy of penalty claimed and copy of remittance of the total penalty levied by the AD/DD, Dept of Geology and Mining, Villupuram District.
- 2. Copy of approved review of scheme of mining plan by the competent authority of the Dept of Geology and Mining.
- Letter stating that the quarry lease deed has not been cancelled or terminated and is subsisting as on date.
- Details of habitations around the proposed mining area and latest VAO certificate regarding the location of habitations within 300m radius from the periphery of the site.
- 5. The PP shall produce details of public hearing conducted with reference to date of ToR issued.
- 6. The DFO letter stating that the proximity distance of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

On the receipt of the sub-committee report, further deliberation will be carried out in the forthcoming Committee Meeting. SEAC also decided to ask SEIAA to move the Government to initiate credible action under Sec. 19 of the Environment Act.

Agenda No: 335 – 19 (File No. 6218/2018)

Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.44.5 Ha at S.F. Nos. 1/10, 1/11, 1/13A, 1/13B, 1/14, 1/16, 2/1 & 2/2A at Semangalam Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Karthik Raja Exports, for Environmental Clearance "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/74807/2018 Dt:06.04.2018).

The proposal was placed in this 335th SEAC meeting held an 06.12.2022. The

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details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The Project Proponent, M/s. Karthik Raja Exports has applied for Environmental Clearance under Violation along with ElA Report & along with assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan for the Existing Black Granite Quarry over an extent of 1.44.5 Ha at S.F. Nos. 1/10, 1/11, 1/13A, 1/13B, 1/14, 1/16, 2/1 & 2/2A at Semangalam Village, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- Application for ToR under Violation Dt:02.04.2018.
- 4. The ToR under violation for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6218/TOR- 341/2018 Dated: 14.05.2018
- 5. ToR Amendment for ToR under Violation with Public Hearing issued vide Lr. .No.SEIAA-TN/F-6218/SEAC-CXVIII/TOR-341(A)/2018.dt.30.07.2018.
- 6. The project proponent has obtained Mining lease vide G.O.(3D). No.14, Industries (MMB-2) department Dated 05.03.2010.

Based on the presentation made and documents furnished by the project proponent, the SEAC decided to make site inspection by the sub-committee to be constituted by the SEAC to assess the present status of the project and environmental settings as the proposal falls under violation category. Further the subcommittee will assess the ecological damage and to check the Remedial Plan & Community Augmentation Plan submitted by the PP during the inspection.

The PP shall furnish the following documents during the site inspection by the sub-committee

 Copy of penalty claimed and copy of remittance of the total penalty levied by the AD/DD. Dept of Geology and Mining, Villupuram District.

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- 2. Copy of approved review of scheme of mining plan by the competent authority of the Dept of Geology and Mining.
- 3. Letter stating that the quarry lease deed has not been cancelled or terminated and is subsisting as on date.
- 4. Details of habitations around the proposed mining area and latest VAO certificate regarding the location of habitations within 300m radius from the periphery of the site.
- 5. The PP shall produce details of public hearing conducted with reference to date of ToR issued.
- 6. The DFO letter stating that the proximity distance of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

On the receipt of the sub-committee report, further deliberation will be carried out in the Forthcoming Committee Meeting. SEAC also decided to ask SEIAA to move the Government to initiate credible action under Sec. 19 of the Environment Act.

Agenda No: 335-20 (File No:6221/2022)

Existing Limestone Mine lease over an extent of 4.15.8 Ha Limestone Mine in S.F.No. 824/1B(P), 824/2(P), 824/3(P), 825/1B(P), 825/2B & 825/3B inVaravanai Village, Kadavur Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu by Shri. N. Krishnamoorthy - For Environmental Clearance under Violation category. (SIA/TN/MIN/79409/2018 Dt.04.07.2022).

The SEAC noted the following:

- 1. The project proponent, Shri. N. Krishnamoorthy has applied for the Environmental Clearance for Existing Limestone Mine lease over an extent of 4.15.8 Ha Limestone Mine in S.F.No. 824/1B(P), 824/2(P), 824/3(P), 825/1B(P), 825/2B & 825/3B in Varavanai Village, Kadavur Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The project/activity is covered under Category "B" of Item 1 (a) "Mining of Minerals Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR was obtained vide Lr No. SEIAA-TN/F.No. 6221/ToR-347/2018 Dated: 14.05.2018.

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4. Amendment ToR obtained vide Lr No.SEIAA-TN/F-6221/SEAC-CXVIII/ToR-347(A)/2018 Dated:30.07.2018.

5. Public hearing was conducted on 28.02.2020.

Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided obtain the following additional particulars from the proponent:

i) The PP shall furnish a letter from DFO on the proximity details of nearest RF and also the distance of Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary with respect to the proposed project site.

Meanwhile, the SEAC decided to constitute a sub-committee to make on-site inspection to assess the present status of the proposed project, environmental settings and to assess ecological damage assessment, remediation plan, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation.

After the receipt of the additional details from the proponent and the evaluation report by the Sub-committee, the SEAC will deliberate on the issue of Environmental Clearance under violation category. SEAC also decided to ask SEIAA to move the Government to initiate credible action under Sec. 19 of the Environment Act.

Agenda No: 335-21 File No.6240/2017

Existing lime stone quarry over an extent of 5.05.0Ha in S.F.No249/5,249/6&253/1B at Uthappanaickkanur Village, Usilampatti Taluk, Madurai District by Thiru. K.R.Karuppasamy— For Environment Clearance under Violation notification dated 8th March 2018 and 14th March 2017 of MoEF &CC. (SIA/TN/MIN/62101/2017 dated)

The proposal was earlier placed in the 139th meeting of SEAC held on 22.11.2019. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

1. The proposal is for Environmental Clearance (under violation category) preferred by Thiru K.R. Karuppasamy for existing Lime stone Quarry project over an extent of 5.05.0 Ha -Patta land at S.F.No. 249/5, 249/6 & 253/18, Uthappanaickkanur Village, Usilampatti Taluk, Madurai District.

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- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation Category" of Item1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended.
- 3. ToR (violation category) accorded vide Letter No. SEIAA TN/F.No.6240/SEAC/ToR-409/2018 dated 14.05.2018.

Based on the presentation made by the proponent and the documents furnished, the SEAC decided to make an on-the-spot inspection to assess the present status of the site by the sub-committee constituted by the SEAC since the project proponent applied under violation category under the notification of MoEF&CC dated14/03/2017 and 8/03/2018.

The Sub-Committee inspected the site on 02.02.2020, held discussions with the authorities regarding the proposal seeking Environment Clearance for the Proposed Lime storie quarry over an Extent of 5.05.0Ha in S.F.No. 249/5, 249/6 & 253/1B, at Uthappanaickkanur Village, Usilampatti Taluk, Madurai District of TamilNadu.

During inspection of the site, the following were observed.

- 1. It was observed that proposed site was an existing pit with a mined-outdepth up to a depth of 15m.
- 2. Nearby land owners/farmers complained about mining waste dumping and dust emissions.
- 3. No fencing arrangement was provided around the periphery of the mining site.
- 4. The site was surrounded by the forest area in the Western side.

The inspection report of the sub-committee was placed in this 144th meeting of SEAC held on 17.02.2020. After detailed deliberations, the SEAC decided to defer the proposal and to be placed in the next SEAC meeting.

The proposal was placed in the 164th meeting of SEAC held on 20.07.2020. After detailed deliberation, the SEAC noted that Uthappanaickkanur Village, Usilampatti

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The Project proponent furnished the above said details to SEIAA-TN on 05.04.2021. The subject was placed in the 209th meeting of SEAC held on 09.04.2021. After detailed discussions, the committee informed that letter submitted by the project proponent which is not acceptable and only HACA Authority shall issue NOC. Hence, the project proponent shall submit the HACA clearance for the mining activity to SEIAA. After receipt of the above details further course of action would be taken on the proposal.

The Proponent furnished the copy of letter dated 14.06.2022 from MoEF&CC addressed to Member Secretary, SEIAA TN wherein it has been stated that HACA clearance is not required as per the provisions given under EIA Notification, 2006 as amended.

Meanwhile the Proponent requested via PARIVESH for withdrawl of the application and hence the subject was placed before the Authority in its meeting held on 15.10.2022. The Authority deferred the subject to a later date.

The proposal was taken up for appraisal in this 335th meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. Based on the presentation and document furnished by the project proponent. SEAC decided obtain the following additional particulars from the proponent:

- PP shall ensure the online application is in complete shape and shall upload all the mandatory documents, EIA report, Public Hearing minutes, ToR compliance at once.
- 2. PP shall submit valid revised approved mine plan.

3. Exact area and survey numbers of the proposed project site & details of land given

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by the PP for the purpose of laying the road by the Govt., shall be furnished.

4. The PP shall obtain letter from DFO concerned about the proximity details of Reserve Forests. Protected Areas. Sanctuaries. Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

SEAC also decided to constitute a sub-committee to make on-site inspection to assess the present status of the proposed project, environmental settings and to assess ecological damage assessment, remediation plan, natural resource augmentation and community resource augmentation.

After the receipt of the additional details from the proponent and the evaluation report by the Sub-committee, the SEAC will deliberate on the issue of Environmental Clearance under violation category.

Agenda No: 335-22 (File No.6521/2022)

Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 1.70.0 Ha at S.F.No.693/1,2,3.4 & 7, Sirugudi Village, Natham Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu by M/s Sivam Mines for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/218334/2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, M/s Sivam Mines has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 1.70.0 Ha at S.F.No.693/1,2,3,4 & 7, Sirugudi Village, Natham Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.

3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6251/ToR-419/2018.

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- 4. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid.".

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid upto 21.5.2023. Hence, the project proponent is requested to submit public hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with details of i) aspects of violation. Ecological Damage assessment, Remediation Plan, Natural Resource Augmentation Plan, Community Resource Augmentation plan. 2) The PP obtain letter from DFO concerned stating the proximity details of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

Agenda No: 335 - 23. (File No. 6273/2018)

Existing Black Granite (Dolerite) quarry over an extent of 1.13.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 1321/1A3, 1321/1B, 1321/2, 1321/3 & 1322/1B1, Mallankuzhi Village, Thalavadi Taluk (Fomerly Sathyamangalam), Erode District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. H.J.S.Granite Pvt Ltd (Thiru. J. Nishar Pasha), for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/275819/2022 Dt:31.05.2022).

The proposal was placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in). The SEAC noted the following

1. The Project Proponent, M/s. H.J.S.Granite Pvt Ltd (Thiru. J. Nishar Pasha) has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Black

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Granite (Dolerite) quarry over an extent of 1.13.0 Ha at S.F. Nos. 1321/1A3, 1321/1B, 1321/2, 1321/3 & 1322/1B1, Mallankuzhi Village, Thalavadi Taluk (Fomerly Sathyamangalam), Erode District, Tamil Nadu.

- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The ToR with Public hearing for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6273/TOR- 512/2018 Dated: 01.07.2018.
- As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- Now the PP has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/275819/2022 Dt:31.05.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR with all required documents.
- 6. The PP has submitted that unfortunately the outbreak of the Coronovirus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.

The SEAC had observed that as per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18th January, 2021, ".....the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid......".

Hence, the SEAC after detailed discussions decided to confirm that the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid upto 30.06.2023. Therefore, the project proponent is requested to submit Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following – (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan which shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment. (iii) The PP obtain letter from DFO concerned stating the proximity details of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site. (iv) Satyamangalm Tiger reserve/is located at

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CHAIRMAN SEAC-TN a distance of 6km and hence the PP shall furnish the mitigation measures at a cost of Rs. 5 lakhs in consultation with the DFO.

Agenda No: 335-24 (File No.6277/2022)

Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 2.18.5 Ha at S.F.No.202/6A(P), 202/6B, 203/3, 4, 5J, 5K, 5L, 5M, 5N & 5Oof ReddimangudiVillage, LalgudiTaluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru.S.Saravanan for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/268922/2022 dated: 21.04.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, Thiru.S.Saravanan has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 2.18.5 Ha at S.F.No.202/6A(P), 202/6B, 203/3, 4, 5J, 5K, 5L, 5M, 5N & 5Oof Reddimangudi Village, Lalgudi Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6277/ToR-533/2018, dated: 30.07.2018.
- 4. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid."

1. In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the ToR

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issued is (deemed to be) valid upto 29.07.2023. Hence, the project proponent is requested to submit public hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with details of i) aspects of violation. Ecological Damage assessment. Remediation Plan, Natural Resource Augmentation Plan, Community Resource Augmentation plan. 2) The PP obtain letter from DFO concerned stating the proximity details of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.

Agenda No: 335-25 (File No.6286/2022)

Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 2.32.0 Ha at S.F.No.321/2A & 321/2B, Kaliyapatti Village, Kadvoor Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. P. Nagarajan for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation". (SIA/TN/MIN/268875/2022 dated: 21.04.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

- The Project Proponent, P. Nagarajan has applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Limestone mine Lease over an extent of 2.32.0 Ha at S.F.No.321/2A & 321/2B, Kaliyapatti Village, Kadvoor Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. ToR under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6286/ToR-333/2018, dated: 11.5.2018.
- 4. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 5. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances

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granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid.".

In view of the above, SEAC after detailed discussion decided to confirm that the validity of the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid upto 10.5.2023. Hence, the project proponent is requested to submit public hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with details of i) aspects of violation, Ecological Damage assessment, Remediation Plan, Natural Resource Augmentation Plan, Community Resource Augmentation plan. 2) The PP obtain letter from DFO concerned stating the proximity details of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., up to a radius of 25 km from the proposed site and impact on Slender Loris Sanctuary and it's mitigation measures shall be included in the EIA Report.

Agenda No: 335 – 26. (File No. 6329/2022)

Existing Limestone Quarry over an Extent of 3.69.0Ha located at S.F.No.1351 (P) & 1353 (P), Karikali Village, Vedasandur Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. J. Abbas for Extension of validity for the Terms of References "Under Violation".(SIA/TN/MIN/268496/2022 Dated: 19.04.2022).

The proposal was placed in 335th SEAC meeting held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following

- The Project Proponent, Thiru. J. Abbas as applied for Extension of validity for the Terms of References for the Existing Limestone Quarry over an Extent of 3.69.0Ha located at S.F.No.1351 (P) & 1353 (P), Karikali Village, Vedasandur Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.
- 2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" -- "Under Violation" of Item 1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006.
- 3. The ToR for carrying out the EIA study under violation issued vide SEIAA. Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.6329/ToR-334/2018/ dated 11.05.2018
- 4. ToR Amendment issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F-6329/SEAC- CXVIII/TOR- 334(A)/2018 dt 30.07.2018.

5. ToR Extension under violation issued vide SEIAA Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No. 6829/M-CIII/TOR-

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6. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.

7. Now the PP has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/268496/2022 Dated: 19.04.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR with all required documents.

8. The PP has submitted that unfortunately the outbreak of the Coronovirus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.

The SEAC had observed that as per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18th January, 2021, ".....the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid......".

Hence, the SEAC after detailed discussions decided to confirm that the validity of the ToR issued is (deemed to be) valid upto 10.05.2023 as per the aforesaid MoEF Notification dtd. 18.01.2021 for completing the required EIA study along with the Public Hearing. Therefore, the project proponent is requested to submit Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following – (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan which shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment.

Agenda No: 335 -27 (FileNo.6331/2022)

Existing Lime Stone Mine Lease over an extent of 3.36.0Ha at S.F. No.837/2A2 & 838/2A2 of Gudalur Village, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District, by M/s. Sri Mahamuni Mining Company for Extension of validity of the Terms of Reference issued under "Violation Category". (SIA/TN/MIN/268824/2022dated: 21.04.2022)

The proposal was placed in this 335th Meeting of SEAC held on 06.12.2022. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are given in the website (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

1. The project proponent, M/s. Sri Mahamuni Mining Company, has applied

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seeking Lime Stone Mine Lease over an extent of 3.36.0Ha at S.F. No.837/2A2 & 838/2A2 of Gudalur Village, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu.

- 2 The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B" "Under Violation" of Item1(a) "Mining Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended.
- The Proponent had applied for ToR to carry out the EIA study under violation vide dated03.04.2018.
- 4. ToR with public hearing for carrying out the EIA study under violation was issued vide Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6331/TOR-328/2018, dated: 11.05.2018.
- 5. Terms of Reference-Extension issued vide Lr. No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.6331/ToR-328/2018/A/ dated: 30.10.2021
- 6. As per MoEF&CC O.M Dt:29.08.2017, the validity of ToR shall be 4 years for all the projects/activities and 5 years for River Valley and HEP Projects.
- 7. Now the proponent has applied online through Parivesh portal vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/268824/2022dated: 21.04.2022 for the extension of validity of ToR.
- 8. The proponent had cited the reasons of the outbreak of the Corono virus (covid-19) and subsequent lockdowns which had put the studies initiated as a part of EIA on hold and they were unable to proceed further to submit the final EIA report in time.
- 9. As per MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 221(E), dated the 18 January, 2021, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial)

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Hence, the SEAC after detailed discussions confirmed that the ToR issued is valid up to 29.10.2023 as per the aforesaid MoEF Notification dated18.01.2021. Therefore, the project proponent is requested to submit EC application, Public Hearing minutes. EIA/EMP report along with required details during the EIA appraisal on the following:

- 1. The PP shall furnish a letter from DFO on the proximity details of nearest RF and also the distance of Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary with respect to the proposed project site.
- 2. The project proponent is requested to submit Public Hearing minutes, EIA/EMP report along with required details on the following (i) facets of violation, (ii) assessment of ecological damage, remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan which shall be prepared as an independent chapter in the environment impact assessment.

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