

**MINUTES OF THE 189<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC-3), NORTH ZONE KERALA HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025, IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA**

The meeting started at 10.30am on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj IFS (Retd), Chairman, SEAC-3, North zone, Kerala chaired the meeting. The Committee discussed the following agenda items in detail and took the decisions:

**PHYSICAL FILES**

**Item No.189.01**            **Noting the Minutes of the 185<sup>th</sup> SEAC-3 meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

The committee noted and confirmed the minutes.

**Item No.189.02**            **Rejection Order issued to the Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Luka P.J, for an area of 0.9784 Ha at Re-Survey No.149/2, 150/56 in Kadalundy Village, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode-Reconsideration  
(SIA/KL/MIN/428190/2023, 2279/EC4/2023/SEIAA)**

The Committee reviewed the presentation delivered by the RQP Sri. Gireesh, and examined the mitigation measures presented in the light of the earlier findings of the 145<sup>th</sup>, 153<sup>rd</sup>, 154<sup>th</sup> and 158<sup>th</sup> SEAC meetings and the rejection order of the 140<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting invoking the Precautionary Principle after considering the earlier appeal of the Project Proponent to reconsider the decision to reject the application. The Committee noted that the earlier rejection was based on specific concerns, including the highly sloping terrain that drains towards the Kadalundi River, which lies approximately seventy meters from the project area, creating a high likelihood of erosion and siltation during quarry operations, especially during the monsoon season. The drainage plan addressing only the project site without capturing the full slope up to the river, the absence of protection measures for overburden and topsoil storage in the mining plan despite the steep slope, the lack of a separate access road since the land belongs to the church situated on the northern side, and the fact that the area adjoining the project site has already been subjected to mining. The project proponent has now submitted the mitigation measures to address the concerns raised by SEAC. The Committee noted that the core concerns that led to rejection remain not fully mitigated, namely that the project site is located on a steeply sloping terrain draining directly towards the Kadalundi River at an aerial distance of about 70 m, making the area highly vulnerable to erosion and silt sliding to the river during quarry operations, particularly during high-intensity rainfall events.

The Committee observed that the revised drainage proposals are limited to the project boundary and will not be able to adequately address catchment scale runoff, sediment release and downstream siltation processes. The Committee observed from the presentation that the proposed drainage and siltation control towards the Kadalundi River has been depicted merely as a schematic conveyance using 6 inch PVC pipes and associated structures; such a conceptual and simplified arrangement is scientifically inadequate for managing runoff and sediment loads generated from quarrying on steep lateritic slopes. The enhanced sediment mobilisation from the steep slopes will increase silt load to the Kadalundi River which has an important Community Reserve down-stream-a home of many resident and migratory bird species. Increased siltation will lead to channel aggradation, reduced carrying capacity, increased flood risks and ecological degradation of bird habitats in nearby Kadalundi Community Reserve. These impacts are cumulative in nature and cannot be effectively mitigated through site-level drainage measures alone. It was also observed from Google Earth imagery that the north-eastern portion of the project area appears to have undergone recent mining activity.

**The Committee observed that the mitigation measures presented remain largely conceptual and do not address the fundamental geomorphological and hydrological sensitivities of the site and the adjacent slopy terrain, and the potential irreversible impacts on the Kadalundi River system. In view of the unchanged site conditions, the inadequacy of mitigation measures considering the proximity of the Kadalundi river, in which a highly sensitive protected Community Reserve is located, and the high risk of irreversible environmental damage, the Committee, after detailed deliberations, decided to adhere to its earlier recommendation and reaffirm the rejection of the proposal.**

**Item No.189.03      Environmental Clearance for the Quarry Project of Sri. Muhammed Haji Moolayil at Sy.No.1293 & 238 in Ayyankunnu Village, Iritty Taluk, Kannur- Judgment in WP (C) No.13529/2021 filed by Sri. Muhammed Haji Moolayil, M/s Black Rock Crushers & Sand Making Industries Pvt. Ltd - Revalidation (File No.928/SEIAA/EC4/3894/2015)**

The Committee examined the Field Inspection Report dated 07.11.2025 along with the judgment dated 08.07.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 13529 of 2021 filed by the Project Proponent. The Committee noted that the Hon'ble High Court had held that revalidation of Environmental Clearance shall be considered by SEIAA based on the recommendations of SEAC and the assessed life of the project, in line with the judgment in T. Mathew Abraham v. SEIAA. The Committee further noted that the Environmental Clearance for the project was originally issued on 06.05.2017 vide EC No. 33/2017 for a period of five years, whereas the mine life as per the approved Mining Plan is 7 years with a total mineable reserve of 6,646,338 MT. As per the documents, out of the total mineable reserve, 245,995 MT has already been extracted, leaving a balance mineable quantity of 6,400,343 MT. The lease was executed on

27.06.2019. The Committee took note of the long procedural history of the proposal, including repeated appraisals, field inspections, compliance directions issued by SEAC and SEIAA, and the submission of compliance reports by the Project Proponent. The Committee observed that the latest field inspection confirmed compliance with most of the conditions stipulated by SEAC and SEIAA, including formation and maintenance of benches, slope control, stabilization of topsoil and overburden dumps with gabion walls and vegetation, provision and maintenance of garland drains, silt traps and siltation ponds, protection of the adjoining stream, green belt development in the buffer zone, fencing of the project area, blasting control measures, CSR commitments, and submission of affidavits as directed earlier.

**In these circumstances, based on the field inspection findings, compliance status and judicial directions, the Committee decided to recommend revalidation of EC for 7 years with effect from date of execution of lease (27.06.2019) subject to submission of the NOC from the Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024 and the following specific conditions in addition to the general conditions.**

1. All the specific conditions stipulated in the original EC shall be part of this EC as well.
2. Compensatory afforestation should be done by planting local species of trees in the land owned by the proponent, at the lower portion of the proposed site.
3. Overflow water from the siltation pond should be discharged to the nearby natural drain after adequate filtration
4. Overburden should be stored at the designed place, and a gabion wall should be provided for the topsoil and overburden storage sites.
5. The impact of vibration due to blasting on the houses and other built structures within 200m distance from the project boundary should be monitored in terms of Peak Particle Velocity and amplitude for a maximum charge per delay before the commencement of mining by engaging an institution of national repute. The vibration monitoring should be done periodically and it should be included in the Half Yearly Compliance Report.
6. Geotagged photographs of the progress of compensatory afforestation should be submitted along with HYCR
7. Implementation of the CER Plan should be done during the first two years of the EC period, and its operation and maintenance should be done till the completion of the mine closure plan.
8. The haulage road should be provided with a sprinkling facility to prevent dust pollution.
9. Garland drains, silt-traps, siltation ponds, and outflow channels should be desilted periodically and geo-tagged photographs of the process should be included in the half-yearly compliance report (HYCR).
10. Drainage water should be monitored at different seasons by an NABL accredited lab and clear water should only be discharged into the natural stream. Geotagged photographs of the drainage and sampling site should be submitted along with HYCR.

11. Transportation of mined material should not be done during the peak hours in the forenoon (8.00 am to 10.00 am) and afternoon (3.30 pm to 5.00 pm).
12. Adequate sanitation, waste management, and restroom facilities should be provided to the workers.
13. Adequate energy conservation measures should be implemented including solar power installations for meeting at least 40% of the energy requirement from the solar power
14. The Environment Management Cell (EMC) should include one subject expert in environment management. The proceedings of the monthly meeting of the EMC should be submitted along with the HYCR. dump plan
15. An adequate number of avenue trees of indigenous species should be planted along both sides of the haulage road.
16. Adequate facilities should be adopted to harvest the rainwater as per the guidelines issued by the Central Groundwater Authority

**Item No.189.04      Violation reported by the Secretary, Sreekandapuram Municipality, Kannur – DEIAA issued ECs of M/s Muliyan Crusher and Quarry, M/s Kannur Crushers and M/s Sampath Crushers (File No. 1969/EC4/2024/SEIAA)**

The Committee examined the matter in detail and noted that, as per the letter dated 08.08.2024 of the Secretary, Sreekandapuram Municipality, reported that three quarries operating within the jurisdiction of the Municipality were reported to have violated the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearances issued by DEIAA. Consequently, in accordance with the directions of SEIAA, the SEAC Sub-Committee visited the alleged quarry sites, M/s Muliyan Crusher and Quarry, M/s Kannur Crushers of Sri. Javeed E.P and M/s Sampath Crushers of Sri. Cyril Jose on 08.11.2025, and the Committee examined and discussed the Field Inspection Report in detail.

In respect of M/s Muliyan Crusher and Quarry (EC issued vide File No. 16/KNR/2016/DEIAA; Proposal No. DIA/KL/MIN/5696/2017), whose Environmental Clearance expired on 30.06.2023, The Committee noted several non-compliances with EC conditions such as non-installation of rainwater harvesting facilities, non-formation of the Environmental Monitoring Cell, inadequate avenue plantation, partial compliance with drainage and siltation control measures, improper overburden management, deviation from approved bench geometry and slope parameters, and non-implementation of CER commitments. The quarry is located on a steep hill slope, and the deficiencies are observed in garland drains, silt traps and siltation ponds.

With regard to M/s Kannur Crushers of Sri. Javeed E.P. (EC issued vide File No. 90/ECA/KNR/2018/DEIAA; Proposal No. DIA/KL/MIN/13041/2018), whose Environmental Clearance expired on 23.03.2024, the Committee noted that the quarry was not operational at the time of inspection. While certain basic infrastructure, such as fencing and internal roads were

found to be in place, several EC conditions, including the implementation of CER activities and establishment of environmental monitoring arrangements were not complied with. As the quarry was non-operational during inspection, verification of operational safeguards could not be undertaken by the Sub-Committee SEAC.

In the case of M/s Sampath Crushers of Sri. Cyril Jose (EC issued vide File No. 12/KNR/2017/DEIAA; Proposal No. DIA/KL/MIN/3820/2017), whose Environmental Clearance expired on 26.04.2023, the Committee observed comparatively better compliance with the EC conditions. Most environmental safeguards including drainage arrangements, overburden management, bench formation, pollution control measures and CER commitments, were reported as complied. However, the quarry was also not operational during the inspection. The Committee noted that M/s Kannur Crushers and M/s Muliyan Crusher and Quarry have not complied with many of the EC conditions.

**After detailed deliberation, the Committee decided to submit the Field Inspection Report along with its observations on the compliance status of the EC conditions of the three quarries to SEIAA for further necessary action.**

**Item No. 189.05 Environmental Clearance issued to the Granite Building Stone Quarry project of Sri. Rajeevan P.V., for an area of 0.9936 Ha at Re. Sy. No. 5 in Thimiri Village, Thaliparamba Taluk, Kannur- Hon'ble NGT(SZ) Judgment dated 18-12-2024, in Appeal No. 55/2022, filed by Sri. Lukose K.T. Alias Luka (SIA/KL/MIN/173261/2020; File No. 1431/EC3/SEIAA/2019)**

The Committee examined the matter in detail along with the report submitted by the SEAC Sub-Committee. In compliance with the judgment dated 18.12.2024 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (SZ) in Appeal No. 55 of 2022, and the directions of the 152<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting, the Sub-Committee conducted a field inspection of the project site on 09.11.2025. The Field Inspection Report prepared by the Sub-Committee was considered in the SEAC meeting and on deliberations, the Committee noted that the PP has not seriously suppressed the factual situation of the project area. The EC/ToR application was appraised in 2020, by considering the well-documented field verification report, the form. 2, the PFR, EMP, Mining Plan and all other additional documents. By following the Hon'ble High Court's direction in the WP(C) filed by Sri. Ananthu Sunil to the EAC, MoEF&CC to consider the then existing DSR for appraisal, the SAEC completed the appraisal and recommended EC with site-specific conditions, including those for mitigation of air, water pollution, drainage, rainwater harvesting structures, etc. Considering these, the Committee, after reappraisal, observed that the EC issued to Sri. Rajeevan is tenable. **Nevertheless, by considering the recommendation of the Sub-committee after the field visit, the following additional conditions may also be included in the existing EC.**

- 1. The PP shall provide more number of siltation tanks to prevent water pollution.**

**2. The PP shall construct an additional rain water harvesting structure to enhance the hydrology around the project area.**

**The Committee decided to submit the field verification report to SEIAA with a recommendation to add the above conditions in the EC issued to Sri. Rajeevan.**

**PARIVESH FILES (Ver-1)**

**Item No.01            Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri.Manoharan Chandrambeth for an area of 2.3812 Ha at Re-Sy Block No: 88, Re-Sy Nos: 3/139, 3/140, 3/1251, 3/1252, 3/1273, 3/1532 in Kalliad Village, Iritty Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/428091/2023, 2357/EC4/2023/SEIAA)**

The Committee examined the application in detail along with the field inspection report dated 07.11.2025. The proposal is for a Granite Building Stone Quarry over an extent of 2.3812 ha with a total mineable reserve of 4,43,242 MT. The average annual production proposed is 36,936 TPA, with a maximum annual production of 40,181 TPA, resulting in a mine life of 12 years as per the approved Mining Plan. The total project cost is ₹462.8 lakh, and the cost proposed for Corporate Environment Responsibility is ₹10.15 lakh. The nearest built-up structure is a shed located at a distance of 94 m from the project boundary. As per the hazard zonation details, the project site itself falls within a Moderate Hazard Zone, while the High Hazard Zone is located at a distance of 2.29 km from the project area. The Committee observed that the proposed site for OB dump is not suitable and is to be shifted to the lower side and the upper plateau portion. The lower OB dump may require retaining wall with proper weep holes. After deliberations, the Committee noted that the following additional documents are required for further appraisal of the project;

1. Latest baseline monitoring data of air, water and noise quality parameters
2. OB dump management plan as mentioned above.
3. Latest NABET accreditation certificate of the consultant
4. Details of the source of water/ground water details
5. Latest survey map
6. Modified drainage plan showing the connection with the nearby stream and Valapattanam river with proper siltation ponds. Plan for developing proper drainage till the first/second order stream.
7. Evidence for the area identified for siltation ponds, which belongs to the Project proponent or a copy of the agreement if it belongs to another person.
8. Detailed compensatory afforestation plan with photographs, geo-coordinates of the proposed area and the consent of the land owner, if the land belongs to another person.
9. Assessment of sequestered Carbon and a plan for enhancing carbon accumulation are required

10. Energy management plan and a plan for harvesting renewable energy 10. Plan for rainwater harvesting
11. Detailed plan for the proposed road
12. EMP and CER have to be modified
13. NOC from the District Disaster Crisis Management Group
14. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003, as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024

**After deliberations, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a detailed presentation, and the presentation shall specifically include all the above 14 additional documents. Also, the PPT, along with clarifications/documents/plans for the above observations, shall be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.**

**Item No.02 Reappraisal of Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Sunny Jose, Managing Partner of M/s. Payyavoor Granites for an area of 4.7036 Ha at Re Survey Block No. 84, Re Survey Nos. 1/1 & 1/12121 in Payyavoor Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur District (SIA/KL/MIN/456129/2024, 2517/EC4/2024/SEIAA)**

The Committee discussed the field inspection report conducted on 08.11.2025 in detail. The Project Proponent has obtained EC from DEIAA vide No. 83/2018 dated 24.03.2018. Subsequently, the quarrying lease was executed on 23.04.2018 for 12 years from 23.04.2018 to 22.04.2030. The life of mine as per Mining Plan approved on 20.02.2018 is 16 years with mineable reserves of 22,42,840 MT. As per the Scheme of mining, the balance mineable reserve is 14,24,600 MT. It is also evident from the Scheme that the PP has extracted 4100 MT from the buffer zone. The 179<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting reviewed the presentation of the proposal. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 09.11.2023, there is lease-expired quarry owned by Sri. Shaju Jose for an area of 2.8500 Ha within a 500 m radius and the final mine closure plan for that was submitted. The Committee noted that the compliance status of the Environmental Clearance conditions, as verified during the field inspection conducted on 08.11.2025, indicates that most of the specific and general conditions have been complied with, including appointment of a qualified Mines Manager, implementation of health and safety measures, controlled blasting practices, fencing of the lease area, dust suppression, drainage and silt control measures, waste and overburden management, installation of signboards, and implementation of Corporate Environment Responsibility activities. Partial compliance was observed with respect to bench maintenance, formation of an independent Environmental Management Cell, monitoring of flow rates and green belt development. However, the RWH facility is not complied with. **After discussions, the Committee decided to direct the Project Proponent to submit the following additional documents for further appraisal:**

1. Modified EMP prepared by NABET accredited agency
2. Biodiversity assessment report
3. Mine closure details of nearby quarry and the mine closure certificate from the M & G Department
4. Recent Cluster Certificate
5. Details of wildlife clearance
6. Modified regressing proposal
7. Drainage plan for the drain at the downward side of the quarry site to the nearby stream
8. Plan for the Siltation Pond at the lower side
9. NOC from District Crisis Management Group
10. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
11. CCR from the IRO, MoEF & CC
12. Valid certificate issued by the Wildlife Warden of the Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary. The certificate must clearly state that the project area does not fall within the proposed ESZ or within 1 km of the Protected Area boundary and must specify the exact distance of the project site from the Protected Area boundary

### **PARIVESH FILES (Ver-2)**

**Item No.01      Environmental Clearance for the Expansion of the Existing Medical College Campus of DM Education and Research Foundation at Re. Sy No. 64/2, Muppainad Village, Vythiri Taluk, Wayanad (SIA/KL/INFRA2/503691/2024)**

The Committee discussed the Evaluation report of EIA along with the Field inspection report dated 09.11.2025. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent obtained EC from MoEF&CC for a built-up area of 1,24,771.18 sq. m. dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011. As per the Gazette Notification by MoEF&CC dated 22.12.2014, the educational institutions were exempted from EC and the construction of Pharmacy College and Nursing College of built-up area 4,762.99 m<sup>2</sup> and 3,600.48 m<sup>2</sup> respectively, were completed during this exemption period and hence that are exempted from EC. However, as per the OM vide F. No. 3-85-2016-IA-III dated 30.04.2024 the exemption for educational institutions has been revoked. As of now, devoid of 8,363.47 m<sup>2</sup>, the total built up area constructed with valid EC is 1,22,198.43 m<sup>2</sup>. The ToR for conducting EIA study was approved vide proposal No. SIA/KL/INFRA2/470196/2024 dated 01.06.2024. As per the application, the total plot area is 2,02,350 m<sup>2</sup> (50 Acres). The existing built-up area is given as 1,30,561.90 m<sup>2</sup> and the proposed built-up area for expansion is 90,238.79 m<sup>2</sup>. The maximum height of the existing building is given as 42.25 m and the Height of the proposed building is 26.50m. The water requirement during the operational phase is proposed as 1,806 KLD. The

project cost is given as 184.48 Crores. The Committee also noted the CCR dated 20.02.2025. The FIR ascertained that the proposed 5 buildings are in the medium hazard zone. The Committee observed that, as per EIA report the additional ToRs are complied. However, some non-compliances were observed regarding the execution of ToRs.

The Sub-Committee also suggested the following:

- a. Dispose of hazardous materials from demolition, if any e.g., asbestos, shall be done as per the standard protocols
- b. EMC should consist of an Environmental Science expert
- c. Solar panels shall be installed on the new car parking areas and over the bridge of the proposed single rooms cum bridge.

**In these circumstances, the Committee decided to call for presentation and also directed the Project Proponent to submit the following additional documents for further appraisal:**

1. Modified EIA report by incorporating the following;
  - a. Modified biodiversity report incorporating Biodiversity indices (ToR 4.2).
  - b. Provided the details of proposed buildings, such as the number of floors and sketches of each one, in the project description chapter of EIA (ToR 1.2)
  - c. Carbon footprint assessment and mitigation measures as per the observations in the field report (ToR 4.5)
  - d. Modified CER as per the guidelines given by SEIAA
  - e. Modified EMP by incorporating items (c) & (d)
3. NOC from District Crisis Management Committee

**The PP shall upload the above documents/details/plans along with the PPT through Parivesh Portal.**

**Item No.02 Environmental Clearance for the Building Construction Project (Science Park, Kannur) project at Re-Sy. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 (Eeradam Desom) and Re-Sy. Nos. 11 (Venmanal Desom), Paduvilai Village, Vengad Panchayat, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/INFRA2/545491/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail and noted that the total plot area proposed is 10.1171 ha (25 acres) and the total built-up area is 100,000 sq. m, comprising administrative, R&D, residential, convention centre, MLCP and allied service buildings with building heights ranging from ground to G+6 floors as per the conceptual plan submitted. There are native tree species existing at site (predominantly Rubber & Coconut trees) along with shrubs, herbs, grass & climbers. The expected project cost is 590 crores. The daily water demand during operation is estimated at 851 KLD (486 KLD fresh water and 365 KLD recycled water) supported by a detailed water balance study, with sources comprising stored rainwater, KWA supply, limited groundwater abstraction and reuse of treated wastewater. Wastewater management includes an STP of 335 KLD capacity (MBBR with UF and disinfection) and an

ETP of 140 KLD for laboratory effluents. The site is not within 10 km of any Protected Area. The Committee also observed that an irrigation canal passes through the South-East side of the proposed site. The Committee noted that no NABL accreditation certificate for the laboratory has been furnished; only the accreditation certificate of the consultancy organization has been submitted. **After discussion, the Committee decided to entrust the Subcommittee comprising Dr. Mahesh Mohan and Sri. Anil Kumar SS to conduct a field inspection of the project site.**

**Item No.03 Environmental Clearance for the Proposed I.T. Park Building construction project at Re-Sy. No. 10, Paduvilayi Village, Vengad Panchayat, Thalassery Taluk & Kannur (SIA/KL/INFRA2/555626/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail. The total plot area is 2.0 ha (20,001.40 sq.m) with a total built-up area of 53,795 sq. m, comprising an I.T. office building with Podium– 2 + Ground + 6 floors and supporting infrastructure, as per the conceptual plan submitted. The EMP details were examined along with the Form-1, Form-1A and Conceptual Plan. The daily water demand at full occupancy is estimated at 216 KLD, comprising 94 KLD of fresh water and 122 KLD of recycled water, supported by an integrated water management scheme with rainwater harvesting tanks of 525 KL capacity and an STP of 200 KLD capacity based on MBBR technology with reuse for flushing, landscaping and HVAC make-up water. Solid waste management includes an Organic Waste Converter of 300 kg/day capacity, segregation at source, and disposal through Harithakarma Sena, while construction and demolition waste is proposed to be managed as per applicable rules. The Anjarakkandy River is about 0.5 km. The Committee also noted that no Protected Area lies within a 10 km radius of the project site. The Committee noted that the application does not include a NABL accreditation certificate; only the consultancy accreditation certificate has been submitted. **After discussion, the Committee decided to entrust the Subcommittee comprising Dr. Mahesh Mohan and Sri. Anil Kumar SS to conduct a field inspection of the project site.**

**Item No.04 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Laterite building stone quarry of Smt. Fathimath Suhara, for an area of 0.4430 Ha, at Re-SurveyNo19/721,19/720, 19/64,19/613, 19/612, 19/611,19/723 in Koodathai Village, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/515008/2025)**

As invited, Mr. Abdul Majeed (authorized person), and the RQP Sri. D. P. Sreekumar were present in the meeting. The RQP made the presentation. The Committee verified the documents submitted by the Project Proponent. The Project Proponent had submitted the application in Form 1, along with the Mining Plan, Pre-Feasibility Report, Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and other details. The total project cost is Rs. 18 Lakhs of which Rs. 3,50,000/- is allocated for the EMP. The targeted production of mine will be 66,450 MT. The

expected life of mine is 1 Year. The highest elevation within the permit area is 228 meters above mean sea level (MSL), and the lowest is 221 meters above MSL. The ultimate mining depth is at 221m AMSL (the lowest elevation of the permit area). Additionally, the Cluster Certificate dated 09.09.2024 confirms that two other quarries are in operation within a 500-meter radius: one operated by Saji Jose (3.1052 Ha for Granite Building Stone) and another by Subair Chakkingal (0.668617 Ha for Laterite Building Stone), both working with a concession. **After discussion, the Committee decided to direct the Project Proponent to submit the following additional documents for further appraisal;**

1. Drone video of the project site and surrounding areas within 500 m radius as per the Guidelines uploaded in the SEIAA website. The video shall also include the drainage pattern.
2. Modified CER proposal (Rainwater harvesting system with a filter unit)

**Item No.05 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Haridasan. T, Managing Director, M/s Big Rock Quarry & Crusher Pvt Ltd for an area of 1.9216 Ha at Block No. 001, Re-Survey Nos. 5/31, 5/30, 5/1, 8/1BC, 8/10, 8/9, 8/7, 8/4, 8/11, 8/1C in Sivapuram Village, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/524610/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the Mining Plan, the life of mine is 5 years, and the mineable reserve is 5,65,826.59 MT. As per the application, the elevation of the area varies between 137.342 m AMSL to 112.173m AMSL. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 17.01.2025 states that there is no quarry in operation with a 500-meter radius of the proposed area. The project cost is Rs. 2,56,31,280/-. The Committee noted that there are buildings within 50-meter radius of the proposed site. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent haven't furnished NABET accredited EMP. Also, NOC from the Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024 is required to be produced. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to entrust the Subcommittee comprising Dr. Mahesh Mohan and Sri. Anil Kumar SS to conduct a field inspection of the project site.**

**Item No.06**      **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Shri. Hamza. for an area of 3.0444 Ha at Block No. 42, Re-Survey Nos. 120/105, 120/110, 120/115, 120/116, 120/pt, 122/102 & 122/103 of Peringome Village, Payyannur Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/524839/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. The topography of the area varies between 275m AMSL to 205m AMSL. The mineable reserve is reported as 7,96,250 MT for a mine life of 7 years. As per the application, the project cost is 426.40 Lakhs. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 08.01.2025 there is another quarry of Sri. B Musthafa, for an area of 1.4136 Ha is found within 500 m radius. As per the Google Imagery, there is another ToR issued proposal No. SIA/KL/MIN/426310/2023 2257/EC4/2023/SEIAA of M/s Ellora Stones (3.9001 Ha) is located within the 500 m radius. M/s Ellora stone has completed their EIA study and applied for EC vide proposal no. SIA/KL/MIN/457313/2024 and is under consideration of SEAC. However, the Committee observed that the EIA study report of M/s Ellora stones does not cover this proposed project. Altogether the area exceeds 5ha (3.044+1.4136+3.9001). **In these Circumstances, considering the Cluster conditions the Committee decided to reject the application and direct the project proponent to apply for ToR for conducting EIA study and Public consultation, by providing an opportunity to the PP for hearing in the next SEAC meeting.**

**Item No.07**      **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Shri. Vasundharan. K., for an area of 3.2314 Ha.at Block No. 064, Survey Nos. 100/9049, 100/9053, 100/299, 100/1434, 100/9406, 100/1825 & 100/9034 at Thimiri Village, Thalipparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/525594/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed in detail. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 12.02.2025, there is no working quarry is located within 500 m radius. As per the approved Mining Plan dated 12/02/2025, the mineable reserve is 8,20,512.50 T for a mine life of 7 years. As per the application, the elevation of the area varies between 250 m AMSL and 135 m AMSL. However, as per Google Earth imagery, the highest and lowest elevations of the project site appear to be approximately 277 m AMSL and 174 m AMSL, respectively. Therefore, clarification is required regarding the discrepancy in the elevation profile. Also, NOC from the Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024 is required to be produced. **After discussion, the Committee decided to entrust the Subcommittee comprising Dr. Mahesh Mohan and Sri. Anil Kumar SS to conduct a field inspection of the project site.**

**Item No.08**      **Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Haridasan. T for an area of 1.4712 Ha, at Block No. 3, Re-Survey No. 71/2 in Kinalur Village, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/527139/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. The cluster certificate dated 17.01.2025, confirms the presence of a working quarry within a 500 m radius of the proposed site. As per the approved mining plan the elevation of the site varies from 89m MSL to 49m MSL. The life of mine is 5 years. The total mineable reserve is 352471.15MT with a targeted annual production of 70494.23 MTA. The proposed area is a hillock and the drainage is towards SE. The ground level of the nearest well is at 41m AMSL. The Committee observed that about 12214 cu.m of OB will be generated throughout the mine life. There are no houses within 50m radius of the proposed site. The project site is located within 10km of Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Project Proponent has submitted the proof of application for wildlife clearance. The application lacks a site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited agency. Also, NOC from the Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40(2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024 is required to be produced. **After discussion, the Committee decided to entrust the Subcommittee comprising Dr. Mahesh Mohan and Sri. Anil Kumar SS to conduct a field inspection of the project site.**

**Item No.09**      **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Moosankutty K.T, M/s. Vellora Industries Limited Liability Partnership, for an area of 2.9314 Ha, at Block No. 037, Re Survey NoS-252/258, 252/145, 252/143, 252/144, 252/254, 250/104, 250/103 in Kuttur Village, Payyannur Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/532585/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed in detail. The life of mine proposed is 10 years with annual average production 98,488.661 MTA. The expected project cost is 2,78,33,006/- According to the cluster certificate dated 28.03.2025, there are no operational quarries with a valid quarrying permit within a 500-meter radius of the site. As per the application, there are no built-up structures within 50m radius of the project site. The CER commitment is Rs. 1500000, earmarked for providing solar system to the Kannur Government Medical College, with the beneficiary letter submitted. The ground level of the nearest well is at 112 m AMSL. The highest elevation of the lease area is 172.558m MSL and lowest is 130.553m MSL. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal along with the following additional documents.**

1. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40(2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
2. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited consultancy
3. Recent Hazard zonation map as per GSI Bhukosh

**Item No.10 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Haridasan T for an area of 0.9872 Ha at Block No. 002, Re-survey Nos. 78/5, 78/6, 78/7, 77/9, 77/7 in Meppayur Village, Koyilandy Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/537008/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail and noted that the mine life proposed is 3 years with a targeted production of 1,81,163 Tons. The highest elevation in the area is 68m. RL and lowest elevation is 42 m. RL. The groundwater level measured from the nearest well is about 5m below the ground level. As per the cluster certificate dated 19.03.2025, there is another quarry of the same Project Proponent within 500m radius. The BP8, BP9&BP10 of the present project share the boundary with the existing quarry. The nearest house is located at a distance of 80.4m from BP7 and no protected areas within 10km radius. The project proponent submitted Pre- Feasibility Report, Form 1, Bio-diversity report, latest baseline monitoring data and other documents for appraisal. After verification of documents, the Committee observed that the following additional documents are required for further appraisal.

1. Specific details for CER as per guidelines published on the SEIAA website
2. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited agency
3. Clarification regarding the splitting of the project area belongs to the same project proponent
4. Recent Hazard zonation map as per GSI Map
5. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40(2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024

**Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal along with the above 5 additional documents.**

**Item No.11**      **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Vichithran. T. P., for an area of 2.0364 Ha. at Block No. 199, Re-Survey Nos. 275/1157, 275/218, 275/520, 275/1192, 270/106, 275/1021, 275/1193, 270/108, 270/103, 270/102, 270/105, 270/107, 275/1194, 270/109, 270/110 & 270/111 Thrippangottur Village, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/537991/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail and verified the documents. The Cluster Certificate dated 25.04.2025 issued by the Department of Mining and Geology, Kannur, certifies that three quarries are located within a 500 m radius of the proposed quarry. These include (i) a quarry owned by Sri. Sudarsan C.K., having an extent of 2.1558 ha, which is presently working with a valid quarrying lease; (ii) a quarry owned by Sri. Sunil Babu T.P. over an extent of 2.3066 ha, which is presently not operational as the mineable quantity has been exhausted; and (iii) a quarry owned by Sri. Pushparajan T. has an extent of 0.9155 ha, which is not operational as the quarrying permit has expired. The Committee observed that the cumulative area of the quarries exceeds 5 ha, thereby attracting cluster conditions, if the adjacent quarries are not formally closed in accordance with the procedures prescribed under the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules (KMMC Rules). **The Committee therefore decided to direct the Project Proponent to submit proof of implementation of mine closure for the adjacent quarries.**

**Item No.12**      **Reappraisal Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of M. Prasad, Managing Partner M/s. Muliyan Crusher, for an area of 3.6221Ha, at re-survey nos. 25/1A of Nediya Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/538640/2025)**

The Committee examined the application submitted by M/s Muliyan Crusher and Quarry for reappraisal of the Environmental Clearance issued by the erstwhile DEIAA, Kannur, vide EC No. 16/KNR/2016/DEIAA dated 01.07.2017, for a Granite Building Stone Quarry over an extent of 3.6221 ha. The Committee noted that the earlier EC was granted based on the Mining Plan approved on 24.03.2017, and that the project was one among the three quarries reported by the Secretary, Sreekandapuram Municipality, for violations of EC conditions. Pursuant to the directions of SEIAA, a field inspection was conducted by the SEAC Sub-Committee on 08.11.2025, and the inspection report recorded multiple instances of non-compliance. The Committee recalled that, among the three quarries inspected, M/s Muliyan Crusher and Quarry exhibited the highest degree of non-compliance, including repeated violations of EC conditions, non-scientific mining not in accordance with the approved Mining Plan, improper bench formation on steep slopes, deficient drainage and siltation control measures, improper overburden management, non-installation of rainwater harvesting structures, non-formation of an Environmental Monitoring Cell, inadequate green belt development, and non-implementation of CER commitments. The Committee further noted that the quarry is located on a steep hill slope,

and that the deficiencies observed raise serious concerns with respect to slope stability, environmental safety, and the overall feasibility of future quarry operations at the site. The access road is not much safe and the accessibility to the project site is very much congested. The Committee observed that the present reappraisal application has been submitted despite the above non-compliances and that several mandatory supporting documents required as per the applicable checklist have not been furnished. In view of the compliance history and site-specific constraints, the Committee was of the considered view that the proposal is not readily amenable for grant of Environmental Clearance.

However, the Committee noted that, as per the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 22463 of 2024 (in the matter of Kottiyoor Metals), which mandates that the Project Proponent shall be afforded an opportunity of being heard by the SEAC in terms of Clause 7(i).IV of the EIA Notification, 2006, before finalising recommendations, an opportunity of hearing is required to be provided.

**Accordingly, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and the principles of natural justice, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a hearing in the next meeting to explain the non-compliances observed and to submit clarifications, without prejudice to the serious deficiencies and environmental risks already recorded in respect of the project.**

**Item No.13      Environmental Clearance for the Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Anas P., for an area of 0.0972 Ha at Block No. 46, Re-Survey No. 14/1034 in Pariyaram Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/543268/2025)**

As invited, Sri. Anas P, the Project Proponent and his RQP V. K. Roy were present in the meeting. The RQP made the presentation and showed the drone video of the project area. The Committee verified the documents submitted by the Project Proponent. During the presentation, the Committee noted that the project cost has been enhanced from ₹2,89,400 to ₹3,34,400 consequent to an increase in the budget allocated for the Environment Management Plan. The revised EMP cost is ₹1,05,000 and the CER cost is ₹15,000. As per the cluster certificate dated 11.04.2025 there is one quarry located within 500m radius. The High hazard zone is at 12.29 km away from the project boundary as per GSI Bhukosh. There are no built up structures within 50m radius of the project area. The total recoverable quantity of production proposed is 5443.2 MT. The expected life of mine is estimated to be about 1 Year. The highest elevation within the permit area is 95 meters above mean sea level (MSL), and the lowest is 93 meters above MSL. The ultimate mining depth is 4m (based on the average thickness of laterite to be mined). **After discussion the Committee decided to direct the Project Proponent to submit the land reclamation plan with the consent of land owner of the proposed project.**

**Item No.14 Environmental Clearance for the Ordinary Earth Project of Sri. Prakashan KV, for an area of 0.6028 Ha at Block No. 8 Re-Survey Nos 23/103, 27/101, 27/120, 27/121, 27/129, 27/135 in Koodali Village Koodali Gramapanchayath of Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/553101/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail and observed that the proposal is for ordinary earth mining from an extent of 0.6028 ha. The quantity of ordinary earth proposed to be mined out is 18,946 MT. The highest elevation of the permit area is 64 m MSL and lowest is 48 m MSL. The Committee noted that the proposed extraction of ordinary earth is for the construction of 'Six Laning of Thaliparambha - Muzhapilangad Section of NH-17 (New NH-66)'. The Committee noted that, as per the google imagery and survey map, there are several houses in the adjacent area, and the proposed site is highly vegetated. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal and shall also include the drone video detailing 500 m radius and the consent from adjacent land owners/inhabitants.**

**Item No.15 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Ussain for an area of 0.6159 Ha, at Re-Survey Nos. 31/169,31/113, (31/1) in Puthoor Village, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/553124/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. The proposed life of mine is 3 years and the targeted annual production is about 35014 MT for first 2 years and 35012 MT for last year. The Medium Hazard Zone is at 4.08 km away from the project area as per Bhukosh map. As per the details provided, the depth of water table is 8m BGL and the ultimate depth of mining is 155 m. The highest and lowest elevations are 200 AMSL and 155 AMSL respectively. After observing the project site through google earth, the Committee found that the site is located at the top of a hilly terrain having thick natural vegetation. There are no built structures within 50m radius of the proposed site. It is noted that About 6159 MT tons of topsoil and 5252 MT tons of waste will be generated during the life of mine. Expected cost of the Project is 1 crore. The EMP cost proposed is 32,64,685/- out of which 2,50,000/- is earmarked for CER activities. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal and shall also include the following additional documents.**

1. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40(2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
2. Drone video of the project site and surrounding areas within 500m radius as per the Guidelines uploaded in the SEIAA website.

**Item No.16 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Smt. Thahira Sidhik, for an area of 0.7250 Ha, at Block No. 66, Re Survey NoS-215/113 and 225/161 in New Naduvil Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/553859/2025)**

The Committee scrutinized the documents submitted by the Project proponent and observed that the proposed life of mine is 2 years and the total mineable reserve is about 79,290 MT. The topography of the permit area lies at the side slope portion of a hilly terrain. The highest elevation is in the North-West portion (Near Boundary pillar 3 and Boundary pillar 4) with an elevation of 290 meters AMSL and lowest elevation is near the South part of the area (Near Boundary pillar 6 and Boundary pillar 7) with an elevation of 250 meters AMSL. The bottom most level of mining is at 245m AMSL. The total project cost is 1.5 crore. The proposed CER cost is 6.5 lakhs. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal along with the clarification/plans/documents for the following.**

1. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited agency
2. Recent Hazard zonation map as per GSI Bhukosh
3. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
4. Drone video of the project site and surrounding areas within 500m radius as per the Guidelines uploaded in the SEIAA website.

**Item No.17 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Eldho Kuruvilla, Managing Partner, M/s Tulunad Granites. for an area of 7.0665 Ha. at Block No. 74, Survey Nos. 85 Pt 107, 85 Pt 92, 85 Pt 105, 85 Pt 104, 85 Pt 87, 85 Pt 88, 85 Pt 89, 87/3 Pt 3, 87/3 Pt 10, 87/3 Pt 4, 87/3 Pt 11, 88/1A Pt 10 and 88/1B in Bedadka Village & Panchayat, Kasaragod Taluk, Kasaragod (SIA/KL/MIN/554077/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail and observed that standard ToR was issued to the project on 10.12.2024. Now, the Project Proponent completed the EIA Study and public consultation and applied for Environmental clearance. The proposed life of mine is 10 years with an average annual production of 3,60,000 MTA. It is observed that there is no Ecological Sensitive Area (ESA)/ Ecological Sensitive Zone (ESZ) located within 10 kms from the periphery of the project area. The nearest house/ building is located at about 112.8 meters (near BP 5, N direction) & own office building is located at 81.5 meters (near BP 5, N direction). The highest and lowest elevations of the proposed area are 175 m AMSL (SW) (near BP1) & 45 m AMSL (NE) (near BP7) respectively. The ultimate depth of mining is 40m AMSL. **Based on discussion, the committee entrusted Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj, Dr. Anil Kumar S. S, Dr.**

**Anu Gopinath, Environmental Scientist and Environmental Officer-1 to conduct a field inspection and to evaluate the EIA report.**

**Item No.18 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Abdul Hameed. P for an area of 0.9849 Ha, at Re-Survey No: 1/5792, 1/5793 in Puthupadi Village, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/554254/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. The Project Proponent submitted a non-cluster certificate dated 24.09.2025. The highest elevation of the permit area is 142.93m MSL and lowest is 119.22m MSL. The mine life is 3 years with total mineable reserve 254479.95MT. There are no built-up structures within 50m distances. The Committee observed that Malabar Wild Life Sanctuary is within 10 km radius and the site falls within reserved forest boundary. Topography of the permit area is hilly terrain with Highest elevation of the permit Area is 142.93 m above MSL and lowest is 119.22m above MSL. **Based on discussion the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal and also include the clarification/plans/documents for, the following.**

1. Furnish a valid certificate issued by the Wildlife Warden of the Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary. The certificate must clearly state that the project area does not fall within the proposed ESZ or within 1 km of the Protected Area boundary and must specify the exact distance of the project site from the Protected Area boundary
2. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited agency
3. Recent Hazard zonation map as per GSI Bhukosh and NOC from the District Level Crisis Management Group if the site falls in hazard zone.
4. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
5. Drone video of the project site and surrounding areas within 500m radius as per the Guidelines uploaded in the SEIAA website.

**Item No.19 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Dhyan Krishna. M. V, for an area of 0.8500 Ha, at Block No. 83, re survey nos. 5/762, 5/1350 of Eruvassi Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/554551/2025)**

The Committee scrutinized the documents submitted by the Project Proponent and observed that the life of mine of the quarry is 2 years with an average annual production of 82165 MTA. The Highest and lowest elevations of the proposed site are 345m AMSL and 310m AMSL, respectively. The topography of the applied area is elevated terrain and is covered with

native trees, shrubs, climbers etc. The project cost is 1.45 crore. The average soil & overburden thickness is 1.3m and 0.7m respectively. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 25.08.2025 there are no authorized quarries within 500m radius. There are no built-up structures within 50 distance of the project area. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal and also include the clarification/plans/documents for the following.**

1. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited agency
2. Revised CER proposal as per the guidelines published on the SEIAA website
3. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
4. Drone video of the project site and surrounding areas within 500m radius as per the Guidelines uploaded in the SEIAA website.
5. Challan receipt for the remittance of the processing fee.

**Item No.20 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Rajan P. P, Managing Partner, M/s. Diamond Crushers, for an area of 1.4800 Ha, at Block No. 199, Re-Survey Nos. 275/587, 275/584, 275/583 in Thrippangottur Village, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/554650/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. The Committee noted that the life of mine is 6 years with an average annual production of 60000 MTA. As per the cluster certificate dated 06.10.2025, there is another quarry owned by M/s Chendayad Granites Pvt Ltd. (1.5176 Ha.) is situated within 500 m radius. The proposed area is a Hilly terrain. The highest elevation of the proposed site is 150m AMSL and lowest elevation is at 105m AMSL. The average slope of the applied mining lease area is between 11° to 26°. The proposed lease area is found to be a virgin land covered with trees & bushes. The Committee noted that the Kannothe Reserve Forest is at a distance 1.40 km from the project area. The Committee observed that the Project Proponent submitted the EMP prepared by NABET accredited consultant, which includes Green belt development, Risk management plan, Environmental Monitoring, Water Sprinkling for dust suppression etc. The Project Proponent submitted that under the afforestation program 1000 saplings will be planted in both the greenbelt area and haulage roads. **In these circumstances, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The PPT shall be uploaded to the PARIVESH portal, and also the clarification/plans/documents for the following.**

1. Challan receipt for the remittance of the processing fee
2. Revised CER proposal as per the guidelines published on the SEIAA website

**Item No.21 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Manoharan, for an area of 2.6332 Ha, at Block No. 34, Re. Sy Nos 163/149, 163/150, 164/2-100, 164/2-101, 164/3, 164/164-2, 173/119, 173/205, 173/206, 173/207, 173/208, 173/209, 173/210, 173/211, 173/212, 173/213, 173/246,173/247, 173/248 in Keezhur Village, Iritty Municipality, Iritty Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/555518/2025)**

The Committee examined the Proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the project cost is Rs. 375.10 Lakhs. The elevation of the proposed area varies between 215m AMSL to 140m AMSL. As per the approved mining plan, the proposed area is a Hilly terrain. The slope of the proposed lease area is dipping towards South West direction. The mineable reserve is estimated as 5,71,457.50 T for a mine life of 7 years. The Baveli river is situated at a distance of 1.65km from the proposed site. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 09.10.2025, there is no working quarry within 500m of the proposed quarry. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent has not submitted CER for the proposed project. **Based on discussions, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a presentation. The presentation (PPT) shall be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal and shall also the following additional documents;**

1. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited consultancy
2. CER details
3. Recent Hazard zonation map as per GSI Bhukosh
4. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40(2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024

**Item No.22 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Sreeshan. K., for an area of 1.5761 Ha at Block No. 199, Re-Survey Nos. 275/714, 275/527, 275/958, 275/1263, 275/464, 275/934 & 275/126 in Thrippangottur Village, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/556061/2025)**

The Committee examined the Proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the project cost is Rs. 344.05 Lakhs. The elevation of the proposed area varies between 270m AMSL to 205m AMSL. As per the approved mining plan, the proposed area is a Hilly terrain i.e. Land with rolling or gently undulating hills, which are less steep than mountainous regions. The slope of the proposed lease area is gently dipping towards North West direction. The mineable reserve is estimated as 3,66,930 T for a mine life of 6 years. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 08.09.2025, there is no working quarry within 500 m distance of the proposed quarry. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent has not submitted CER for the proposed project. **Based on discussions, the Committee decided to invite the Project Proponent for a**

**presentation. The presentation (PPT) shall be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal and shall also the following additional documents;**

1. Site-specific EMP prepared by NABET Accredited consultancy
2. Revised CER proposal as per the guideline published on the SEIAA website
3. Recent Hazard zonation map as per GSI Bhukosh
4. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024

**Item No.23 Environmental Clearance for the Ordinary Clay Project of Sri. T Premanad, Director, M/S Baliapatam Tiles & Business Ventures Ltd, for an area of 0.1372 Ha at Block No79, Survey Nos. 7/1, 7/8, 7/9 in Pariyaram Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/556166/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. The proposed quantity of mining is 5488MT. The highest elevation of the permit area is 100.8 m MSL and lowest is 100.3 m MSL. During scrutiny of documents, the Committee noticed that the project site is located in a paddy field as per land tax receipt and as per the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008, the conversion of paddy field needs NOC from designated authorities. **Hence, the Committee decided to seek the required NOC of the designated authority from the Project Proponent in this regard.**

**Item No.24 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Mirshad C.K for an area of 1.4145 ha, at Block No.1, Re-Survey Nos. 67/258, 67/259, 67/89, 67/90, 67/84, 67/92, in Kakkad Village, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode (SIA/KL/MIN/557059/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal in detail and observed that ToR was issued on 02.03.2025 (Proposal No.SIA/KL/MIN/513608/2024). Consequently, the project proponent conducted EIA study and public consultation. The highest elevation of the project site is about 270m MSL and lowest is 240m MSL with an average slope of 16<sup>0</sup>. The total project cost is 2,83,20,906/-. As per application, there is no ecologically sensitive zones within 10 km radius. The life of mine proposed is 5 years with targeted annual production 61,459 MTA. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to entrust the Subcommittee comprising Dr. Mahesh Mohan and Sri. Anil Kumar SS to evaluate the EIA report and to conduct a field inspection of the project site.**

**Item No.25 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Vivek Vijayan, Kabani Blue Metals PVT. LTD. for an area of 4.0712 Ha at Survey Nos. 127/1 of Pulingome village, Taliparamba taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/558251/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and observed that the project was earlier issued EC by the DEIAA Kannur. The Committee noted that the Project Proponent has uploaded only a limited number of documents and has merely submitted the application without furnishing the requisite supporting documents. The Committee observed that the application lacks the following necessary documents.

1. Copy of DEIAA issued EC
2. Site specific EMP prepared by a NABET accredited agency.
3. Recent Cluster Certificate from the M&G Department.
4. Approved mining plan and scheme of mining
5. Biodiversity Assessment report
6. Prefeasibility report
7. Compensatory afforestation plan
8. Hazard zonation map
9. NOC from Irrigation Department in compliance with Section 40 (2) of the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation Act, 2003 as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 30737 of 2022 and 4655 of 2024 dated 19.04.2024
10. CCR from the IRO, MoEF & CC
11. All the documents as per check-list of O.M dated 28.04.2023 of MoEF&CC

**Since the project proponent submitted an incomplete application, the Committee decided to recommend rejection of the proposal by providing an opportunity to the PP for hearing in the next SEAC meeting.**

**Item No.26 Environmental Clearance for the Laterite Building Stone quarry project of Sri. Joshy A. T. for an area of 0.1619 Ha at Block no. 84 Re-Survey Nos. 1/2648, in Payyavoor Village, Taliparamba Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/503783/2024)**

As invited, Sri. Joshy A T, the Project Proponent and the RQP V. K. Roy were present in the meeting. The RQP made the presentation and showed the drone video of the project area. The Committee verified the documents submitted by the Project Proponent. The Project Proponent had submitted the application in Form 1, along with the Mining Plan, Pre-Feasibility Report, Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and other details. The revised project cost is Rs. 728,080/- of which Rs. 171,000/- is allocated for the EMP. The targeted production of mine will be 28,766 MT and total recoverable quantity of laterite for 2 years is 20136 MT. The expected life of mine estimated is to be about Two Years. The highest elevation within the permit area is

272m meters above mean sea level (MSL), and the lowest is 267m meters above MSL. The ultimate mining depth is 264 m AMSL, and the water table is at 260m AMSL. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided that further consideration of the proposal shall be undertaken only after the finalisation of the revised DSR prepared in accordance with the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC dated 25.07.2018.**

**Item No.27 Environmental Clearance for the Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Mohammed Sulaiman, for an area of 0.5047 Ha at Block No. 87, Re-Survey No. 35/1636, 35/1637 of Nuchiyad Village, Iritty Taluk, Kannur (SIA/KL/MIN/524067/2025)**

As invited, Sri. Mohammed Sulaiman, the Project Proponent and the RQP V. K. Roy were present and the RQP made the presentation. The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent. The cost for comprehensive EMP is Rs. 13,75,000/- and accordingly the revised project cost for his individual project is 13,92,602/- As per the Mining Plan there are no built structures found within 50m radius. The depth to the water table is provided as 9m below ground level. The elevation of the area varies between 232 AMSL to 231m AMSL. The total quantity proposed for mining is given as 38,862 MT for a mine life of 2 years. The depth of mining is given as 6m below ground level. The Cluster Certificate dated 17.02.2025 confirms that one working quarry of the same Project Proponent (SIA/KL/MIN/476269/2024) having an extent of 0.311 ha lies within 500 m of the proposed site. The Committee further observed that another proposal of the same PP (SIA/KL/MIN/552591/2025) is under consideration of SEAC and that the Project Proponent has further submitted a fresh application (SIA/KL/MIN/552741/2025) for a laterite quarry in the same area, which is presently under verification stage. During the presentation the Committee observed that the drone video presented was not as per the guidelines. Also, habitations are located downstream of the proposed drainage alignment, and any increase in runoff velocity or sediment load from the project area may directly impact these settlements. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to direct the Project Proponent to submit the following additional documents;**

1. Revised drainage plan
2. Drone video of the project site and surrounding areas within a 500m radius as per the Guidelines uploaded on the SEIAA website, along with drainage details and access road details.
3. Detailed affidavit for land reclamation after mining from the owner of the land

**General Decision:**

In order to avoid delays in processing applications, the Committee decided that applications for Environmental Clearance for Granite Building Stone quarries and Construction projects, with all requisite documents as per the prescribed checklist, shall be called for

presentation in the first meeting itself. This practice has already been adopted for Laterite mining projects, and the Committee resolved that the same modus operandi shall henceforth be followed for Granite Building Stone quarries where EIA study is not applicable, and construction projects as well.

The SEIAA Secretariat shall scrutinise the proposals based on the checklist and place them before the committee after all essential documents are submitted, with the approval of MS, SEAC.

**The Committee decided to convene its next meeting (SEAC Zone-3) on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 through online mode.**

Sd/-  
**Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj IFS (Retd)**  
Chairman, SEAC

Sd/-  
**Suneel Pamidi, IFS**  
Member Secretary, SEAC

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