

Minutes of the 142nd meeting of Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (Goa-SEAC) held on the 24th November 2021 at 03.30 p.m. in the conference hall, 4th Floor, Dempo Towers, Patto - Panaji, Goa.

The 142nd meeting of the Goa-SEAC was held on 24th November 2021 in the Conference room 4th floor of the Dempo Towers, Patto-Panaji at 03.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Shri. Gautam Desai. The list of members who attended the meeting is at "Annexure – 1".

The Chairman welcomed the members and requested Secretary, SEAC to proceed as per the agenda items (refer Annexure – 2).

1. To decide on proposed Laterite Quarry of Sushant Gaonkar in Survey No. 63/2-A of Codar Village Taluka Ponda Goa.

The Committee inspected the site on 15/09/2021 and noted that the proposed project is a laterite quarry.

After scrutinizing the application and documents submitted by the Project Proponent, the Committee recommended the said proposal for grant of Environment Clearance (EC) to the Goa SEIAA with following conditions. The Committee also recommended the plantation of bamboo and kokum trees along the main road to control dust pollution.

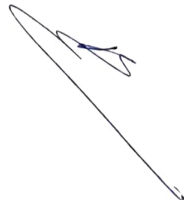
1. '**Goa Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012**' notified by the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) and published in Official Gazette Series-I, No. 24 dated 17th September 2012.
2. Submission of '**approved quarrying plan**' by the competent officer as per Sub-rule (7) as well as specific compliance to Sub-rules 7(A) to 7(D) of the above-referred Rules, as applicable.
3. Office Memorandum (O. M.) issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) dated 20th December 2013 regarding '**High Level Working Group Report on Western Ghats**' vis-a-vis compliance to the conditions mentioned therein w.r.t. activities prohibited in the identified Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs').
4. Notification S. O. 733 (E) dated 10th March 2014 issued by the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 624, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 10th March 2014 **specifying the list of villages categorized as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) in the State of Goa** (i.e. 1,461 sq.kms.) vis-a-vis list of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.
5. Notification S. O. 221 (E) dated 23rd January 2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 155, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 23rd

January 2015 **specifying the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone – ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) of 1 kms.** of land or a water body whichever is nearer to the boundary **of the Bhagvan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park within the State of Goa vis-a-vis list of sixteen villages** falling partially within ESZ boundary as well as details of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.

6. Notification S. O. 615 (E) dated 25th January 2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (*MoEF&CC*) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 445, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 25th January 2015 **specifying the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone – ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) of 1 kms.** of land or a water body whichever is nearer to the boundary **of the Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary within the State of Goa vis-a-vis list of six villages** falling partially within such ESZ boundary as well as details of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.
 7. Notification S. O. 608 (E) dated 24th February 2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (*MoEF&CC*) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 438, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 24th February 2015 **specifying the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone – ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) of 1 kms.** of land or a water body whichever is nearer to the boundary **of the Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary within the State of Goa vis-a-vis list of three villages** falling partially within ESZ boundary as well as details of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.
 8. Notification S. O. 607 (E) dated 24th February 2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (*MoEF&CC*) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 437, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 24th February 2015 **specifying the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone – ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) upto the river bank abutting the sanctuary of the three sides of Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary and to the extent of 100 mts. on the eastern side towards Chorao village** in the State of Goa vis-a-vis Chorao village (*partially*) falling within ESZ boundary as well as details of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.
 9. Notification S. O. 616 (E) dated 25th February 2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (*MoEF&CC*) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 446, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 25th February 2015 **specifying the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone – ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) of 1 kms.** of land or a water body whichever is nearer to the boundary **of the Madei Wildlife Sanctuary within the State of Goa vis-a-vis list of Rivem village (01 no.)** falling completely and list of **thirty-five villages** falling partially within ESZ boundary as well as details of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.
 10. Notification S. O. 555 (E) dated 17th February 2015 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (*MoEF&CC*) and published in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary, No. 395, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 17th February 2015 **specifying the extent of Eco-Sensitive Zone – ESZ (i.e. buffer zone) of 1 kms.** of land or a water body whichever is nearer to the boundary **of the Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary within the State of Goa vis-a-vis list of sixteen villages** falling partially within ESZ boundary as well as details of projects and activities prohibited / regulated therein.
 11. Notification S.O 3977 (E) dated 14th August 2018 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (*MoEF&CC*) issued under sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986.
2. Further, the project proponent (*i.e. minor mineral quarry lease holder*) is required to mandatorily comply with the following ‘**General conditions**’:-

1. The lease holder should ascertain on-site demarcation and construction of lease boundary with cement poles / bio-fencing / barbed wire for the proposed leased area in question. The lease boundary may be subsequently geo-referenced for precise positioning and ground-truth verification. As such, the lease holder should ensure that minor mineral quarrying operations are restricted within the prescribed lease boundary.
2. The lease holder should ensure construction of approach road / proper access to enable transportation of quarried material from site to desired destination and/or crushing unit, as applicable. Transportation of quarried material shall be done by covering the trucks with tarpaulin so that no spillage of material / dust takes place on route.
3. The lease holder should comply with the proposed plan of action / modus operandi for extraction of basalt / laterite stones within the available lease boundary limits in terms of provisions of Mines and Safety Rules / Guidelines, as applicable. In addition, safety gadgets and health-care facilities should be provided to workers vis-a-vis maintaining hygiene surrounding the proposed lease boundary.
4. The lease holder shall undertake adequate safeguard measures during extraction of basalt stone and ensure that due to this activity, the hydro-geological regime of the surrounding area shall not be affected / altered / polluted. Quarrying operations should be limited to **day-hours time** (06 a.m. to 06 p.m. only) with specified time reserved for 'blasting'. Regular monitoring of groundwater levels and its physico-chemical quality parameters shall be carried out around the quarry lease area (for minimum two locations of permanent water sources / open well / borewell). If there are no groundwater sources, then nearest perennial surface water sources (*i.e. stream / river / pond / lake / reservoir / irrigational canal*) should be monitored for similar parameters on quarterly basis and/or seasonally (*i.e. pre-monsoon / monsoon and post-monsoon*).
5. No quarrying be carried out within the safety zone of any bridge and/or embankment as well as within the vicinity of natural / man-made archaeological site(s).
6. The lease holder shall implement air pollution control measures / dust minimizing initiatives / noise control measures, wherever applicable, within the lease area as well as establish adequate buffer zone around the lease boundary to minimize such pollution hazards. It should be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) parameters (*to be measures in January, April and November every-year*) as well as Noise parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Noise Pollution (Control) Rules, 2000 respectively.
7. Green belt development shall be carried out considering CPCB guidelines including selection of plant species in consultation with Forest Department / Zonal Agricultural Office, as applicable.
8. The lease holder shall obtain necessary prior permission (NOC) from the Groundwater Cell of the Water Resources Department (WRD) for drawl of surface / groundwater from within the lease area.
9. Waste water / effluents, if any, shall be properly collected, treated and monitored so as to conform to the standards prescribed by the MoEF / CPCB.
10. Environmental clearance (EC) is subject to obtaining clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 from the competent Authority, if applicable.
11. The mining officer / in-charge of quarrying operations on-site shall submit six-monthly report in hard and soft copy formats w.r.t. specifying the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions (*i.e. Specific and General conditions*) to the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG), Goa, this Authority as well as Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB).

12. Any change (*i.e. modification / expansion / alteration*) in lease area / quarrying operations / extraction capacity / modernization / scope of working / environment management plan (EMP) shall require re-appraisal by this Authority as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 (*as amended till date*).
 13. All necessary statutory clearances from relevant Authorities concerned shall be obtained before start of quarrying operations.
 14. The Authority reserves the right to add any stringent conditions or to revoke the EC, if conditions stipulated are not implemented / complied with to the satisfaction of the Authority or for that matter, for any other administrative reasons.
 15. Any appeal against this prior environmental clearance shall lie before the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (*Central Act 19 of 2010*).
3. In addition, the PP needs to comply with the following '**Specific conditions**' –
1. The Authority reserves the right to add any stringent conditions or to revoke the EC, if conditions stipulated are not implemented / complied with to the satisfaction of the Authority or for that matter, for any other administrative reasons.
 2. Any appeal against this prior environmental clearance shall lie before the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (*Central Act 19 of 2010*).
 3. The proposed extraction capacity of minor mineral (laterite stone) from the said leases (*i.e. from 1000sq mts*) shall not exceed **1000M³/annum**.
 4. As referred to in the Environment Management Plan (EMP), dust suppression measures (*i.e. water sprinklers*) to be undertaken regularly at specific interval during the daytime / quarry-operations.
4. **In addition**, the following conditions shall be specifically complied with:
1. **Validity of the Environmental Clearance (EC) accorded shall be for a period of 07 (seven) years from the date of its issue.**
 2. Project proponent shall advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated in the region around the project, one of which shall be in the Konkani or Marathi language within **seven days** of receipt of this communication, informing that the proposed project has been accorded prior Environmental Clearance (EC) and the copies of the clearance letter will be available on the PP website.
 3. These stipulations would be enforced among others under the provisions of Water (*Prevention and Control of Pollution*) Act, 1974, the Air (*Prevention and Control of Pollution*) Act 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Public Liability (Insurance) Act, 1991 and EIA Notification, 2006.
 4. In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, the project would require a fresh appraisal by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority.



2. To decide on application for Environmental Clearance for sand extraction in Chapora river Zone 3 (Part-1 & Part-2) and Zone 4 received from District Collector, North Goa.

After considering the Authority decision the Committee decided to sought for compliance to the order passed by the Hon'ble NGT in the matter filed by Saidas Khorjuvekar versus Directorate of Mines and Geology.

3. To decide on re-validation of the project Marvel Resorts Private Limited dated 30th March 2021 received on Parivesh (website of MoEF).

As per the EIA Notification dated 26th November, 2018 released by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), the six monthly compliance report should be submitted by the Project Proponent but its being observed that the six monthly compliance reports are not being submitted. After discussion and considering the decision of the Authority, the Committee has decided to recommend for re-validation and to call Project Proponent for examination of violation case.

4. To decide on illegal mining activity of Laterite Stone & Murrum at Verna Goa.


The Committee inspected the site on 19/11/2021 based on complaint received. During the said inspection the Committee observed that illegal mining and transportation of laterite stone and murrum is being carried out. It is decided to identify the survey number of the property where mining is being carried out and examine, appraise the case.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


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Place: Patto-Panaji

Date: 24th November 2021