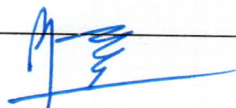


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98-04 F. 6468/2017	Proposal for issue of Environmental Clearance for the proposed Sand Quarrying in River Palar in Upper Palar Basin Division over an extent of 7.20.0 ha at S.F. No. 3(P), Navlak Village, Walajah Taluk, Vellore District - Regarding.
	<p>The project proponent has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed Sand Quarrying in River Palar in Upper Palar Basin Division over an extent of 7.20.0 ha at S.F. No. 3(P), Navlak Village, Walajah Taluk, Vellore District on 16.11.2017.</p> <p>They are requesting for only 100% manual operation for sand mining.</p> <p>The subject was placed before the 98th SEAC Meeting held on 27.11.2017. In the meeting, the Executive Engineer, PWD was requested to make a presentation on the proposals of the PWD. The Committee noted that 72000 cu.m of Sand is to be mined in 1 year. The committee accordingly decided to permit 100% manual mining within a lease period of 1 year at the project site.</p> <p>Based on the presentation the SEAC decided to recommend the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance subject to following conditions in addition to the normal conditions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wherever irrigation channels take off from the river within the boundary of the mining project, the mining operation should not affect the flow of water in the irrigation channels.2. The entire sand mining operation should be as per the guidelines for sustainable sand mining issued in 2016 by the MoEF & CC, GOI, New Delhi.3. Around all the sand mining projects agricultural activities are seen. In addition the surroundings present thick greeneries. The mining operation should not affect the greeneries and the agricultural activities.

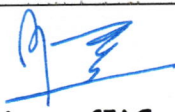

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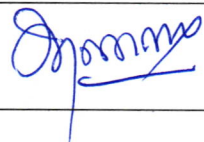
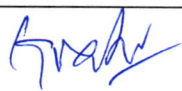
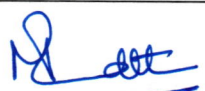

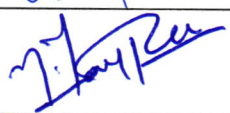
	<p>4. It is reported that Navlak Village is at 900 m and Rasathipuram, Veppur and Melvisharam Villages are located at 1.5km. It is reported that there are no bore wells/wells closer to the sand mining site.</p> <p>5. The approach road and loading of the sand in the vehicles, movement of the vehicle should be planned and implemented in such a way that there is no noise and dust pollution in the nearby habitation. We recommend that PWD should maintain at least a safe distance of 300m from the habitations while planning the approach road and the loading operation. Wherever necessary and near the habitation in particular dust suppression measures to be adopted. While the loaded vehicle move on the road that should be fully covered with tarpaulin.</p> <p>6. The mining operation should be above the ground water table.</p> <p>7. The conditions stipulated above need to be monitored and reviewed on fortnightly basis by the Taluk Level Task Force headed by Tahsildhar. At least two representatives from reputed research organizations like NIT, Trichy, Anna University department, Trichy, Annamalai University and Bharathidasan University should be included in the task force. The committee should send the monthly monitoring report to SEIAA which will be scrutinized by SEAC.</p> <p>8. Adequate statutory manpower to be deployed for complying with the provisions as per Mines Safety Regulations (MCDR, 2017 & MMR, 1961).</p> <p>9. Special Conditions:</p> <p>(i) The proponent shall fix flag posts at boundaries for the proposed mining area covering an extent of 240m X 300m X 1m or 7.20.0 ha. There should be no deviation/ violation with respect to the area</p>
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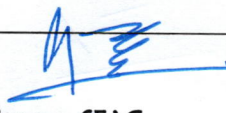

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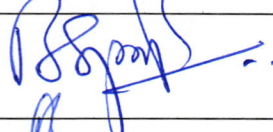
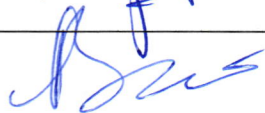
	<p>demarcated for quarrying.</p> <p>(ii) To prevent dust pollution, suitable working methodology needs to be adopted taking wind direction into consideration.</p> <p>(iii) At no cost the impact of sand mining should interfere with the habitation and cultivation in the nearby area along the river bed.</p> <p>(iv) The mining area must be demarcated leaving atleast 50m from the river embankment on either side.</p> <p>(v) Contouring of the river bed has to be taken to ascertain the relative levels of sand in the river and also to suggest the depth of sand mining.</p> <p>(vi) To ensure safety measures along the boundary of the quarry site, security guards are to be engaged during the entire period of mining operation.</p> <p>10. During the sand mining work, appropriate progressive mine closure activities must be implemented to restore the river bed to its original status for ensuring the free flow.</p>
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