

MINUTES OF THE 183rd MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC-2 CENTRAL ZONE), KERALA, HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2025, AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, SEIAA, KERALA THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The meeting commenced at 10.00 AM on 14.10.2025. Dr. Shibu Krishnan, the Chairman SEAC-2, Central Zone, Kerala chaired the meeting. The Committee discussed the agenda items in detail and took the following decisions:

PHYSICAL FILES

Item No. 182.01 **List of field inspection pending for nominating the Sub-committee, SEAC.**

The Committee verified the list of field inspection decided by the erstwhile SEAC, pending for want of inspection to assign the Sub-Committee of SEAC to perform field inspection and report. The SEAC nominated the following team to conduct the field inspection and report.

Sl. No	Proposal Details	Sub-Committee Nominated
1.	Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Khalid Abdul Saleem, for an area of 1.0308 Ha at Block No. 46, Re- Sy No. 210/1 in Chalavara Village, Ottappalam Taluk, Palakkad (SIA/KL/MIN/483142/2024)	Dr. CC Harilal, and Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair <i>(Field inspection and report)</i>
2.	Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Abraham Augustine in Re-Sy Nos. 157/2pt, 157/3pt, 157/4pt & 158/2-1pt (private land) at Alakode Village, Thodupuzha Taluk, Idukki. (SIA/KL/MIN/490987/2024)	Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair, and Dr. B.K. Bindhu <i>(Field inspection and report)</i>
3.	EC issued to the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Anshad E.P., Manging Partner, M/s Seas Rock Products at Re-Sy Nos. 426/3, 426/4, 426/5 in Neyyassery Village, Thodupuzha Taluk, Idukki - Complaint received from Sri.Manoj Kokkattu (File No.1641/EC3/2020/SEIAA)	Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair, and Dr. B.K. Bindhu <i>(Field inspection and report)</i>

All relevant details, other than those available in the PARIVESH portal, pertaining to the aforesaid files shall be provided to the Sub-Committee prior to the site visit. The Sub-Committee shall inform their convenient dates for inspection at least seven days in advance.

PARIVESH FILES (Ver-1)

PART-1

Item No.01 **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Jaisal M.P. for an area of 3.8323 Ha at Block No. 36 Sy Nos. 269/1-5, 269/1-2,269/1-3,269/1-4 in Nediirippu Village, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram.**
(SIA/KL/MIN/77965/2019, 1278/EC2/2019/SEIAA)

The Committee examined the proposal and took note of the observations recorded in the 152nd meeting of SEIAA, wherein a discrepancy was noted in the elevation details furnished in the Mining Plan, PFR, and the EIA Report of the project.

Pursuant to the said observations, the Project Proponent has submitted a revised Mining Plan dated 09.04.2025, along with the No Objection Certificate (NOC) issued by the District Level Crisis Management Group dated 28.04.2025, and the order regarding extension LoI dated 04.07.2025. As per the revised Mining Plan, the elevation of the project area ranges between 215 m AMSL and 145 m AMSL, and the mineable reserve is estimated as 12,26,600 metric tonnes with a projected mine life of 13 years.

Upon detailed discussion, the Committee was of the view that further technical scrutiny and verification of the revised submissions are necessary before placing the matter for consideration of SEIAA. In view of this, the Committee entrusted Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair, Member, SEAC, for evaluating the documents submitted by the Project Proponent and the revised EIA Report.

The SEIAA Secretariat was directed to provide all relevant documents to the designated member to facilitate critical evaluation and preparation of a comprehensive report.

PARIVESH FILES (Ver-2)

PART-1

Item No.01 **Application for Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry project of Sri. Rajesh K. S., for an area of 1.9942 Ha at Re-Sy Nos. 614, 615 & 628 in Perumbilavu Village, Kunnankulam Taluk, Thrissur.**
(SIA/KL/MIN/507495/2024)

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the project cost is stated to be ₹2.9 Crores, and as per the approved Mining Plan, the mineable reserve is assessed at 6,11,000 metric tonnes with a mine life of 5 years.

Upon detailed verification, the Committee observed that the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Eco Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd. contains factual inaccuracies and inconsistencies. For instance, instead of Thrissur District, the EMP depicts the climate data of Thiruvananthapuram region; the spatial distribution of groundwater table in the project area is not scientifically supported by verifiable data. The water table depth mentioned in the EMP is not factually correct or supported by field data, and the ambient air quality monitoring locations are not clearly mapped or geographically referenced. Besides, several typos and false statements in the EMP.

Further, as per the Cluster Certificate dated 06.07.2024, an adjacent working quarry operated by M/s Canon Granites is located within a 500-metre radius of the project site. However, the extent of the said quarry area has not been specified in the certificate, rendering it incomplete for regulatory consideration.

In view of the discrepancies and deficiencies in the EMP and the improper Cluster Certificate submitted by the Project Proponent, the Committee recommends that SEIAA to return the application in its present form, with directions to rectify and resubmit the proposal along with a revised, factual, and scientifically substantiated EMP for further appraisal.

Item No.02 Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Abdul Nazar. N for an area of 0.8329 Ha at Block No.08, Re- Sy Nos. 180/1-4, and 180/1-12 in Pulikkal Village, Kondotty Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/484025/2024)

The Committee examined the proposal along with the EIA report and Public Hearing and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the ToR for conducting EIA study was approved vide letter No. SIA/KL/MIN/415566/2023, 2246/EC6/2023/SEIAA dated 26.08.2023. The elevation of the area varies between 175m AMSL to 135m AMSL. As per the Mining Plan dated 19.12.2022, the mineable reserve is estimated as 1,26,020 MT for a mine life of 5 years. As per the Form-1 the project cost is 2.5 Crores. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Dr. C. C. Harilal and Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair for the EIA evaluation to submit a report.**

Item No.03 Environmental Clearance for the Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Yasar Ali for an area of 0.5885 Ha in Block No.02, Survey No.390/22, 390/21-1in Kannamnagalam Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/514073/2024)

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the project cost is Rs. 19,43,000/-. As per the Google imagery, there are built structures within 50m radius. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 13.08.2024, there is no

authorised laterite quarries located within 500m radius. As per the Approved Mining Plan the quantity proposed for mining is provided as 64,734 MT for a mine life of 3 years. The depth to water table is reported as 8m below ground level at 108m AMSL. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to invite the Proponent for a presentation and the PPT shall be uploaded to the Parivesh portal along with drone video of the proposed site. The PP has to provide the clarification regarding the buildings within 50m radius along with its occupancy status.**

Item No.04 Amendment of the Environmental Clearance issued to the Granite Building Stone quarry project of Sri. Sainudheen C. K, M/s Yesco Granites LLP for an area of 0.9460 Ha at Survey No.202/2, in Elankur Village, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/523001/2025)

The Committee examined the EC Amendment application and discussed it in detail. The EC for the proposed project was issued vide Proposal No. SIA/KL/MIN/46586/2019 dated 27.08.2024 for a period of 5 years. As per the Older Mining Plan, the mineable resources are estimated as 3,52,995 MT with an annual production of 25,000 MT. But, the production plan is proposed to extract 1,25,000 MT for a period of 5 years. Accordingly, the EC was issued for a period of 5 years as per the production plan to extract 1,25,000 MT with a fourth specific condition by limiting the depth of mining at 85m above AMSL to prevent intersection with the groundwater table.

The PP also states that, even though the EC is granted by the SEIAA, the quarrying operations have not started yet, and the quarrying permit has not been executed till now. As per the KMMCR amendment, 2023, the maximum period for a quarrying permit shall be 3 years. In compliance with these conditions, a modified mining plan with Post Mine Closure Plan dated 04.02.2025 approved by Department of Mining and Geology which restricting mining activities to elevations above 85m Sea MSL with a mine life of 3 years. Consequently, the mineable reserve has been recalculated and reduced to 2,06,580 MT. The maximum annual production of minerals is proposed to be 80,000 metric tons per annum (MTA) for a period of 3 years.

Considering the above, the Committee decided to recommend amendment of EC issued on 27.08.2024 for a mine life of 3 years with respect to the production plan as per the revised Mining Plan dated 04.02.2025 subject to all Specific and General conditions stipulated in the earlier EC.

Item No.05 **ToR for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Mohammed Nishad. P.P, Managing Partner, M/s Abas Mines for an area of 1.7283 Ha at Re Survey Block NO:P22, Re Survey Nos. 1012/99, 1012/98, 1012/81 in Melmuri Village, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/522134/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the Cluster certificate dated 15.01.2025, there are two authorised quarries found within 500m radius, altogether have an area more than 5 Ha. As per the Mining Plan, the elevation of the area varies between 270m AMSL to 350m AMSL. The total mineable reserve is estimated as 5,30,865 MT. The production plan is provided for period of 5 years with an annual production of 53,000 MT. **Based on discussions, the Committee decided to recommend Standard ToR under category 1 (a) *Mining of Minerals* with the following additional studies:**

- 1. Study on 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 maximum charge per delay.**
- 2. Comprehensive EMP considering all the adjacent quarries shall be a part of the EIA report.**

Item No.06 **ToR application for re-appraisal of EC issued by DEIAA, Thrissur, for the Granite Building Stone Quarry project of Sri. Shinto Abraham, for an area of 3.8717 Ha at Block No. 67, Sy Nos. 1799/2, 1804/2, 1807, 1808/1, 1809/2 & 1810/1 in Pazhayannur Village, Thalappilly Taluk, Thrissur (SIA/KL/MIN/525932/2025)**

The Committee considered the ToR application submitted by the Project Proponent for the reappraisal of the EC issued by DEIAA Thrissur. The EC from DEIAA Thrissur was obtained vide proceedings dated 29.05.2018 for a period of 5 years. The mine lease was executed for a period of 10 years from 29.04.2022 and ending on 28.04.2032.

The Committee also perused the complaints received from MoEF&CC on 15.01.2025 and the complaint filed by Sri. A.K. Ravi on 01.03.2025 against the proposed quarry. The Complaints alleging that the blasting was not following the stipulated timing, shortage of water, several drinking water resources, Irrigation canals and 4 drinking water tanks are found around these cluster of quarries. The continuous blasting exceeding the limits, causing structural damage, cracks in buildings, and risk of landslides. The quarrying generating noise distressing to vulnerable people, increasing respiratory and skin issues from dust, and illegal water discharge causing home flooding. Upon deliberation, the Committee noticed that as per EIA Notification, the PP has to conduct the EIA study and public hearing for the project under cluster condition. Therefore, the complainants may be presented their apprehensions

and/or averments during the public hearing that conducted under the Chairmanship of District Collector.

Based on discussions, the Committee decided to recommend Standard ToR under category 1 (a) *Mining of Minerals* with the following additional studies:

- 1. Study on 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 maximum charge per delay.**
- 2. Comprehensive EMP considering all the adjacent quarries shall be a part of the EIA report.**
- 3. The CCR from the IRO, MoEF&CC, Bangalore shall be submitted along with the EIA report.**

Item No.07 **ToR application for the Re-appraisal of EC issued by DEIAA, Thrissur, for the Granite Building Stone Quarry project, M/s Prestige Rock Products Pvt Ltd, for an area of 1.9783 ha at Re-Sy Nos. 1800, 1801, 1805 & 1806 in Pazhayannur Village, Thalappilly Taluk, Thrissur.**
(SIA/KL/MIN/525847/2025)

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the EC from DEIAA Thrissur was obtained vide proceedings dated 29.05.2018 for a period of 5 years. The mine lease for the project was executed for a period of 10 years from 29.04.2022 and ending on 28.04.2032. The highest elevation of the lease area is 100m AMSL and lowest elevation is 84m AMSL. As per the Form-1 the project cost is provided as 2crores. As per the Complaint of Sri. A.K. Ravi received on 01.03.2025, addressed serious concerns against the quarries located within the Cluster. The Committee noticed that the MoEF&CC on 15.01.2025 had forwarded complaints regarding the functioning of quarries in the locality and Sri. A.K. Ravi vide his email on 01.03.2025, filed compliant against the quarry functioning. The Committee noticed that as per EIA Notification, the PP has to conduct the EIA study and public hearing for the project under cluster condition. Therefore, the complainants may be presented their apprehensions and/or averments during the public hearing that conducted under the Chairmanship of District Collector.

Based on discussions, the Committee decided to recommend Standard ToR under category 1 (a) *Mining of Minerals* with the following additional studies:

- 1. Study on 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 maximum charge per delay.**
- 2. Comprehensive EMP considering all the adjacent quarries shall be a part of the EIA report.**

3. The CCR from the IRO, MoEF&CC, Bangalore shall be submitted along with the EIA report

Item No.08 **ToR for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Manoj. K for an area of 0.6565 Ha at Survey No. 98/2-6 in Kannamangalam village, Thirurangadi Taluk Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/522351/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the mineable reserve is provided as 1,51,167.18 MT for a mine life of 3 years. The elevation of the area varies between 125m AMSL and 80m AMSL. The Cluster Certificate dated 30.07.2024 indicates the presence of quarries Sri. Abdul Hameed (3.1479 Ha), Sri. M/S.Super Sands (4.9072 Ha), Sri. V. Moitheen (4.9072 Ha) and Sri. Abdussalam. P (3.7352 Ha) within 500m radius. **Based on discussions, the Committee decided to recommend Standard ToR under category 1 (a) *Mining of Minerals*. The PP shall submit the Comprehensive EMP considering all the adjacent quarries part of the EIA report.**

Item No.09 **ToR for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Kunhalavi. N, Managing Director, M/s. Noorakkad Granite Private Limited for an area of 2.1232 Ha at Block No: 37, Re-Sy Nos. 307/3, 307/5-7, 307/5, 307/5-4, 307/5-6, 307/5-2, 307/5-3 & 256/1-1 in Oorakam Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/543158/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the Cluster certificate dated 06.062025, the quarry of M/s Black Diamond Metals (4.2799 Ha) and quarry of Sri. Ilyas M (0.9173 Ha) is located within 500m radius. The general decision of 177th SEAC meeting, determined that the Oorakam Village is highly exploited and the desirability of conducting Environmental Carrying Capacity Study is necessary for facilitating issuance of ECs and comprehensive Eco restoration in future. **Based on discussions, the Committee decided to recommend Standard ToR under category 1 (a) *Mining of Minerals*. The PP shall submit the Comprehensive EMP considering all the adjacent quarries part of the EIA report.**

Item No.10 **ToR Application for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Jimmy Jose, Managing Partner, M/s Global Granites for an area of 2.1220 ha at Block no. 39, Re-Survey no 397/3, Kizhakkanchery II Village, Alathur Taluk, Palakkad (SIA/KL/MIN/553304/2025)**

The Committee examined the proposal and discussed it in detail. As per the application, the project cost is provided as Rs. 2.50 crore. The mineable reserve is provided as 6,68,182.5 MT for a period of 7 years. The elevation of the area varies between 80m AMSL and 125m AMSL. As per the Cluster Certificate dated 17.05.2025, state that the quarry of M/s. Penta Granites for an area of 4.1371 Ha is located within 500m radius. As per the hazard zonation map of GSI about 50% of the proposed area is in the Medium hazard zone. The High Hazard Zone is at a distance of about 24m from the project boundary.

Based on discussions, the Committee decided to recommend Standard ToR under category 1 (a) Mining of Minerals with the following additional studies:

- 1. Study on 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 maximum charge per delay.**
- 2. Comprehensive EMP considering all the adjacent quarries shall be a part of the EIA report.**

Item No.11 **Environmental Clearance for Granite Building stone quarry of Sri. N. Suresh for an area of 0.5889 Ha. at Block No. 21, Re-Survey Nos. 112/10, 112/11 & 112/20 in Erimayur-1 Village, Alathur Taluk, Palakkad. (SIA/KL/MIN/463613/2024)**

The Committee examined the Proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent dated 12.02.2025 as sought by the SEAC in its 166th meeting after hearing the presentation. Along with the documents, the PP intimated that he has submitted an application for obtaining an NOC from the irrigation department and is currently being processed by the concerned department. The Project Proponent also submitted a Compensatory afforestation plan along with a slope map of the area. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Dr. C. C. Harilal with the evaluation of the documents and submit a report.**

Item No.12 **Environmental Clearance for the proposed Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Mohammed Iqbal. N for an area of 0.8516 Ha at Block no: 001 Re-Survey Nos.210/1A-164, 210/1A-166 in Irimbilayam Village, Tirur Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/490224/2024)**

The Committee examined the proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent as sought by the SEAC in its 175th meeting after hearing the presentation. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair with evaluation of the Comprehensive EMP and Compensatory afforestation plan, and submit a report.**

Item No.13 **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Umerali. N for an area of 0.8985 Ha at Re. Survey Nos. 1169/162, 1169/161, 1169/108 in Melmuri Village, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/463740/2024)**

The Committee examined the Proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent after hearing the presentation in the earlier meeting of SEAC. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair with evaluation of the Comprehensive EMP and submit a report.**

Item No.14 **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. K. I. Arumughan, Managing Director, M/s. Marath Enterprises & Crushers Pvt. Ltd. for an area of 4.1030 ha at Re-Survey No: 197/5, 197/6, 197/2, 369/1-2, 194/11-1, 194/4, 194/11, 194/14-2, 194/12, 194/10-1, 194/13, 369/1-1 in Koppam Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District. (SIA/KL/MIN/478503/2024)**

The Committee examined the Proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent. The Committee also noticed a complaint received from Sri. M. K. Joseph, Managing Partner of Malabar Granites, alleging that the Project Proponent concealed facts regarding the land documents. The Complainant also states that he has 8.1 Ares of land in the survey No. 368/1-2(Previously surveyed as No. 134/4), in Koppam Village and the land is classified as *Nilam* (Paddy Land). The Complainant also asserted that the Survey No. 194 is classified as *Nilam* (Paddy land). The Committee on primary verification of the proof of land documents and other details noted that even though there are land comprised as *Nilam* in the Sy. No. 194, the survey numbers of the proposed quarry are certified as '*Purayidam*'. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair and Dr. B.K. Bindhu with evaluation of the additional documents and submit a report. The Sub-committee shall also verify the nature of land proposed with the submitted documents.**

Item No.15 **Environmental Clearance for the proposed Laterite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri. Abdulla Maliyekkal, for an area of 0.9884 Ha at Block No. 18, Re- Sy No. 479/2-1 in Vazhakkad Village, Kondotty Taluk, Malappuram - ADS Received.**
(SIA/KL/MIN/476637/2024)

The Committee examined the proposals and scrutinized the revised EMP submitted by the Project Proponent along with the Interim Relief granted by the Hon'ble High Court on 16th September 2025 in WP(C) No.34452/2025. The Writ Petition was filed by Sri. Anvar Shareef against another Project Proponent in the Mudakoimala region by stating that the quarrying in this area would adversely affect the inhabitants and prayed to direct the respondents 1 to 9 to take steps to stop the quarrying in Mudakoimala (SEIAA is the 8th Respondent in the WP(C)). The present application also comes within the Mudakoimala region, and the 170th SEAC had made serious observations regarding the haulage road and comprehensive drainage system, along with several illegal quarrying activities. **Considering the direction of the Hon'ble court and the observations of SEAC in File No. 2897/EC1/2023/SEIAA, the Committee decided to defer the proposal for further scrutiny.**

Item No.16 **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Unnikrishnan K. for an area of 0.9166 Ha at Re Survey No. 105/1A-16 in Thachanattukkara-II Village, Mannarkkad Taluk, Palakkad.**
(SIA/KL/MIN/467537/2024)

The Committee examined the proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent. **Based on the discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Sri. A.V. Santhoshkumar for the evaluation of the additional documents and submit a report.**

Item No.17 **Environmental Clearance for the Granite Building Stone Quarry of Sri. Sukumaran K, President, Ottappalam Taluk Karinkal Quarry Operators Industrial Co-Operative Society Ltd. for an area of 0.9287 Ha at Re-Block No. 33, Re-Survey No. 367/1-1 in Ongallur 2 Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad.**
(SIA/KL/MIN/466574/2024)

The Committee examined the proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent as sought by SEAC in its 172nd meeting after hearing the presentation. **Based on discussion, the Committee decided to entrust Dr. B.K. Bindhu with evaluation of the additional documents and submit a report.**

Item No.18 Environmental Clearance for the proposed Granite Building Stone Quarry Project of Sri Muhammed Ali for an area of 4.9876 ha at Block no. 37, Re-Sy. No. 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/4-2, 9/4-3, 9/5, 9/6, 10/1-1, 10/1-2, 10/1-3, 10/2-1, 10/3-1 in Oorakam Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram. (SIA/KL/MIN/460888/2024)

The Committee examined the proposal and scrutinised the additional documents submitted by the Project Proponent. As per the document submitted the Project Proponent seeking exemption in case of NOC from the District Level Crisis Management Group as project site is not falling within any of the category of landslide susceptibility as per the Landslide Zonation Map published by KSDMA. It is asserted that the project site is located in the Safe Zone and nearest Medium Hazard Zone (moderate zone) is located at 110 meters in NE direction and 190 meters in SW direction from the periphery of the proposed mine lease area. Under the provision 3.21.1 of Kerala State Disaster Management Plan, 2016 as well as the practice followed by SEIAA & SEAC Kerala, the requirement of approval from District Level Crisis Management Group is required only for the projects located within moderate hazard zone and the project proponent submitted the certified copy of the Village Officer stating that no reported incidents of landslide in the area for the last 10 years. The Committee noticed that, as per the recent landslide susceptibility map of GSI published by KSDMA, the proposed project area is not in the landslide susceptibility zone. Therefore, the request of the project proponent is acceptable.

In the case of the NOC from the Irrigation Department, the project proponent stated that, as per G.O. (Ms) No. 39/2025/WRD dated 22.05.2025, no NOC is required from the Irrigation Department since the irrigation structures are located more than 50 meters from the periphery of the mine lease area. In the present proposal, no irrigation structures are situated within 50 meters of the proposed mine lease area. However, the Committee observed that the self-certification provided by the project proponent is not sufficient to exempt him from obtaining the NOC from the Irrigation Officer.

Under these Circumstances, the Committee decided the following.

- 1. The PP has to submit 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.**
- 2. Entrusted Sri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair with evaluation of the additional documents and submit a report.**

The meeting concluded at 1.00 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair

The Committee decided to convene its 187th SEAC-2 meeting tentatively on 21st and 22nd November 2025.

Sd/-
Dr. Shibu Krishnan
Chairman, SEAC

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Sri. Harshil R Meena IAS
Member Secretary, SEAC

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

Sl.No.	Name	14.10.2025
1.	Dr. Shibu Krishnan (Chairman)	✓
2.	Shri. R. Radhakrishnan Nair	✓
3.	Dr. A.V. Santhoshkumar	✓
4.	Dr. C.C. Harilal	✓
5.	Dr. B.K. Bindhu	✓
6.	Sri. Harshil R Meena IAS (Secretary)	✓