

**MINUTES OF 37TH MEETING OF SEAC KERALA HELD ON 9TH & 10TH April 2015,
AT HARITHASREE HALL, DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
CHANGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

DAY - I (09.04.2015)

The 37th meeting of the SEAC (first meeting of the reconstituted SEAC) commenced at 9.30 AM with Sri. V Gopinathan, IFS (Rtd) in the chair. The Director, DoECC and the Secretary, SEAC welcomed the Committee. He gave a brief account of backlog of pendency of Environmental Clearance applications and requested the Committee to decide on the plan of action for expediting disposal of pending applications.

The Chairman in his introductory remarks highlighted the mandate of the Committee as set out in the EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments and office memoranda issued thereafter. He emphasised the need to switch over to online receipt and processing of Environmental Clearance applications from the existing manual processing. The Committee took up Environmental Clearance applications included in the agenda for appraisal and decision taken as given below

Item No. 37.00 General Discussions

The Committee discussed about the necessity of insisting personal attendance of proponents seeking Environmental Clearance for ordinary earth /brick earth at the SEAC meetings. It was decided that the personal attendance need be insisted in selected cases where it is found absolutely necessary.

**Item No. 37.01 Environmental Clearance for removal of earth in Sy. No. 172/1 at
Vattamkulam Village & Panchayath, Ponnani Taluk,
Malappuram District, Kerala by Mr.Vijaykrishnan.
(File No. 319/SEIAA/KL/1920/2014)**

After examining the records and site visit report, the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure I)**

**Item No. 37.02 Environmental Clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy. No.
38/2 at Kodyathoor Village and Panchayath, Kozhikode Taluk,
Kozhikode District, Kerala, by Manager, Calicut Tile Company.
(File No. 344/SEIAA/KL/2197/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the

condition mentioned in the appraisal report. (The appraisal report is attached as annexure II)

Item No. 37.03 **Environmental Clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy. No. 38/2 at Kodyathoor Village and Panchayath, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala by Sri. V.V. Shivan.**
(File No. 345/SEIAA/K/2198/2014)

Since the project proponent has not rectified the discrepancies the Committee decided to recommend for **REJECTION** of the application. (The appraisal report is attached as annexure III)

Item No. 37.04 **Environmental Clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy. No. 31/2 at Chelavoor Village, Kozhikode Corporation, Kozhikode Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala by Sri. V.V. Shivan.**
(File No. 346/SEIAA/KL/2199/2014)

Since the project proponent has not rectified the discrepancies the Committee decided to recommend for **REJECTION** of the application. (The appraisal report is attached as annexure IV)

Item No. 37.05 **Environmental Clearance application for removal of ordinary earth from Sy.Nos. 41/3.atKodumon Village & Panchayath, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Sri. P.G. Thomas.**
(File No. 428/SEIAA/KL/2988/2014)

After examining the required documents the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. (The appraisal report is attached as annexure V)

Item No. 37.06 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 60/2 at Pullipadam Village, Nilambur Taluk, Malappauram District, Kerala by Sri. V.P.Zakeer Hussain.**
(File No. 477/SEIAA/KL/3317/2014)

The Committee recommended the item for **REJECTION** since the item attracts *Kerala conservation of paddy and wetland (conservation) Act – 2008*. (The appraisal report is attached as annexure VI)

Item No. 37.07 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Re. Sy. Nos. 388/6-1, 13, 5 and 15 at Maadappally Village, Changanassery Taluk, Kottayam District, Kerala by Sri. E. K. K. Mohammed.**
(File No. 505/SEIAA/KL/3608/2014)

The Committee examined the errors in the column 10 and 11 of application form noted by former Committee and found correct. The details submitted by the project proponent are incomplete. Hence the Committee **DEFERRED** the item to call for complete documents / details from the project proponent.

Item No. 37.08 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 136/20-3, 136/20-4, 136/20-4-1, 136/20-5, 136/20-6 at Lalam Village, Meenachil Taluk, Kottayam District, Kerala by Sri. Suresh S. (File No.583/SEIAA/KL/4344/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. (**The appraisal report is attached as annexure VII**)

Item No. 37.09 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 126/5 and 126/6 at Vazhayoor Village, Kondotty, Malappuram, Kerala by Sri.Manoj. P (File No. 584/SEIAA/KL/4345/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item to produce an attested copy of the data bank under *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008* pertaining to the property. The project proponent also should correct the extent of area in the application by submitting an affidavit.

Item No. 37.10 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Sri. A. C. Poullose. (File No. 589/SEIAA/KL/4505/2014)**

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.11 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Sri. A. C. Varghese. (File No. 590/SEIAA/KL/4506/2014)**

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.12 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Smt. Parukkutty .**
(File No. 591/SEIAA/KL/4507/2014)

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.13 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Sri. Varghese.**
(File No. 592/SEIAA/KL/4508/2014)

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008* .

Item No. 37.14 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos. 550/9-2 at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Sri. Eldho (File No. 593/SEIAA/KL/4509/2014)**

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.15 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Smt. MaluChettiyyar.**
(File No. 594/SEIAA/KL/4510/2014)

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.16 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Sri. A. V. Thomas and Smt. Bindu, V.J. (File No. 595/SEIAA/KL/4513/2014)**

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.17 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. Nos. 427/2A2B at Ambalavayal Village, SulthanBathery Taluk, Wayanad District, Kerala by Smt. Parukkutty, Smt. Bindu, Smt. Sindhu Mole and Sri. Vinod. (File No. 596/SEIAA/KL/4514/2014)**

The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.18 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 594/13,14,16,595/1,4 at Nooranadu Village, Mavelikkara Taluk, Nooranadu Panchayath, Alappuzha District, Kerala by Sri. John Thomas. (File No.597/SEIAA/KL/4515/14)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure VIII)**

Item No. 37.19 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 90/6A at Chalisserry Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Mr. Abdul Latheef. (File No. 599/SEIAA/KL/4602/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report.**(The appraisal report is attached as annexure IX)**

Item No. 37.20 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 12/1 at Chalisserry Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Sri.Kasim, A.C and M. Abdul Khader. (File No. 600/SEIAA/KL/4603/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the

condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure X)**

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Item No. 37.21 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.Nos.105/1 at Thekkumkara Village Vellangallur Panchayath, Mukundapuram Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. A. M. Kunjumuhammad. (File No. 605/SEIAA/KL/4632/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XI)**

Item No. 37.22 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 74/2 at Kooroppada Village and Panchayath, Kottayam Taluk, Kottayam District, Kerala by Manager & Mother Superior. (File No. 612/SEIAA/EC4/4766/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XII)**

Item No. 37.23 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No.719 at Amballoor Village Alagappanagar Panchayath, Mukundapuram Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. Pauly. (File No.614 /SEIAA/KL/4768/2014)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XIII)**

Item No. 37.24 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 412/4 at Akathiyoor Village and Porkulam Panchayath, Talappilly Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri Sreelal, Sreenath and Sreerag. (File No. 615/SEIAA/KL/4769/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XIV)**

Item No. 37.25 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 186/1-2 at Ikkaranadu South Village, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri. M.A. Saju and Babu. M. Abraham. (File No. 616/SEIAA/KL/4770/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item to submit consent from the land owners of adjacent property.

Item No. 37.26 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. B38-578/4 at Puthencruz Village, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri.P.M. Paul. (File No. 617/SEIAA/KL/4771/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XV)**

Item No. 37.27 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 53/5 at Elavally Village, Chavakkadu Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Smt. Draupathy. (File No.618/SEIAA/KL/4772/14)**

After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XVI).**

Item No. 37.28 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 237/5,243/1 at Kodassery Village and Chalakkudy Taluk, Kodassery Panchayath, Thrissur District, Kerala by Smt. Bohi. (File No. 619/SEIAA/KL/4773/14)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for site visit by the sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Jayson and Dr.Padmakumar to assess the ground reality.

Item No. 37.29 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 1056/1 at Edakkara Village, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri. Noorudheen (File No. 622/SEIAA/KL/4805/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearances Subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report.(**The appraisal report is attached as annexure XVII**).

Item No. 37.30 **Environmental Clearance for removal of Brick earth in Sy.No.690, 696,700/1, 702/3,703/2 at Padinjare Chalakkudy Village Chalakkudy Municipality, Chalakkudy Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Smt. Shaly Thomas.(File No.629 /SEIAA/KL/4855/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.31 **Environmental Clearance for removal of Brick earth in Sy.No.538 at Annallor Village Mala Panchayath, Chalakkudy Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri.K C Thomas. (File No.630 /SEIAA/KL/4856/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.32 **Environmental Clearance for removal of Brick earth in Sy.No. 525/2 at Annallor Village, Mala Panchayath, Chalakkudy Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. K C Thomas. (File No.631 /SEIAA/KL/4857/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.33 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. Nos. 126/p, 127/2,127/1,127/3, 127/4, 128/p, 170/p at Ayyanthole Village, Thrissur Corporation, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. P.A. Abubakker. (File No. 632/SEIAA/KL/4858/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. Since the project has already been cleared by SEIAA on its 2nd meeting held on 23-04-2012 under category 8(b) subjected to certain conditions, the Committee is of the view that no further Environmental Clearance need be given for an inbuilt ancillary component for the same project and hence it is recommended to be **REJECTED**. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XVIII)**

Item No. 37.34 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 530/1 at Annallur Village, Mala Panchayat, Chalakkudi Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. K.C. Thomas. (File No. 633/SEIAA/KL/4860/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item for submitting a certificate from the revenue official, who recommended the application, exempting the land from the preview of *Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act – 2008*.

Item No. 37.35 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 454/8 at Neduvathur Village, Kottarakkara Taluk, Kollam District, Kerala by Sri. Fr. Augustine. (File No. 634/SEIAA/KL/4861/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XIX)**

Item No. 37.36 **Environmental Clearance application for removal of ordinary earth from Sy. No. 225/14 at Puzhakkal Village, Adattu Panchayat, Thrissur District by Sri. Mohamed Rafi K.A. File No. 636/SEIAA/KL/4907/2014).**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XX)**

Item No. 37.37 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth (Red Earth) in Sy.No. 209/5 at Panacherry Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur Panchayath, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. Sunny Mathew . (File No. 639/SEIAA/KL/4935/14)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report.**(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XXI)**

Item No. 37.38 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 219/2 at Kappoor Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Sri. Sulaiman. (File No. 640/SEIAA/EC1/4936/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. The Committee **DEFERRED** the item to provide consents from the owners of the adjacent properties.

Item No. 37.39 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 355/12 at Pananjerry Village and Panchayath, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Smt. Annamma Baby. (File No.641 /SEIAA/KL/4937/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XXII)**

Item No. 37.40 **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.No. 356/1 at Pananjerry Village and Panchayath, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. Roy and Smt. Jancy Roy. (File No.642 /SEIAA/KL/4938/2014)**

Further to intimation of SEAC the proponent has attended the meeting. After examining the records the Committee appraised the proposal and decided to **RECOMMEND** the application for issuance of Environmental Clearance subject to the condition mentioned in the appraisal report. **(The appraisal report is attached as annexure XXIII)**

Item No.37.41 **Court cases**

With respect to WPC 34771/14 the Committee was informed about the difficulty in conducting field visits to Mukkunni mala area. But proper field inspection is a *sine qua non* for the appraisals of applications received from the area. It is the responsibility of the proponents to facilitate the field visits. Hence it was decided that a sub-Committee consisting of Sri. Yalakki, Sri. John Mathai and Sri. Sreekumaran Nair would undertake a field inspection with adequate notice to the proponents.

Item No .37.42 **Organising inspections where field visits are pending**

After considering the fact that a large number of proposals involving ordinary earth excavation are pending for want of field inspection reports, the Committee felt that field visits need be undertaken only if the proposals are complex and field inspections area absolutely essential for the appraisal of the applications. The Committee decided to take a relook at the pending cases individually during the next meeting and take a final decision in each such case.

Item No .37.43 **Any other items**

After appraising all the applications, the Committee decided to recommend a general condition to be incorporated in future which can be phrased as ‘violation of any of the conditions if noticed, will invite immediate initiation of steps for the cancellation of Environmental Clearance’.

Sri. C.S. Yalakki IFS
(Secretary SEAC)

V Gopinathan IFS (Rtd)
(Chairman SEAC)

List of participants

1. Sri. V Gopinathan IFS (Rtd)
2. Sri. C S Yalakki IFS
3. Dr. P S Harikumar
4. Dr. Oommen V Oommen
5. Sri. John Mathai
6. Dr. Hari Krishnan
7. Sri. P Sreekumaran Nair
8. Dr. Khaleel Chovva
9. Dr. K G Padmakumar
10. Dr. E A Jayson
11. Dr. Kesav Mohan
12. Sri. S Ajayakumar