

**MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2015, 9.15 A.M. IN THE CHAMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS) GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

Present:

1. Dr. K.P.Joy, Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr. J. Subhashini. Member, SEIAA
3. Sri. P. Mara Pandiyan. I.A.S, Principal Secretary to Government & Member Secretary SEIAA

The 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SEIAA and the eighth meeting of the Authority as constituted by Notification No. dated 19-3-2014 was held from 9.15a.m. onwards on 1-10-2015 in the chamber of the Principal Secretary to Government (Member Secretary, SEIAA).

Chairman welcomed the Members. By way of introduction Chairman raised the issue that SEIAA is being blamed through media for the delay in the processing of application, for no fault of SEIAA. As per rules, SEIAA can take decision only on applications as appraised by SEAC. SEAC should therefore meet more frequently and submit minutes within five days as per rule. The minutes of 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 11-12/09/2015 is not yet submitted with appraisal reports.

The Authority adverted to the acute shortage of manpower to process the applications and to prepare statement of facts in litigations. Government decision on the resolutions of SEIAA for minimum facilities to deal with the pending works is yet to be known. Member Secretary was requested to take up these two problems urgently for the smooth functioning of SEIAA.

(1) The Authority authorized the Administrator to engage supporting personnel such as data entry operators on daily wages and to purchase office requirements and other materials as may be required for the routine functioning of the Authority and to take all administrative actions for the smooth functioning. Payment to be made by the DoECC until further Government orders vide G.O (Rt) 92/2015/ Env. dated 21-5-2015.

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(2) Authority also noted that arrangements for processing of online applications have not yet started by Kerala SEIAA in spite of repeated requests and reminders and it is one among the very few states which has not yet started online processing. At the instance of the Member Secretary, Representatives of NIC, Thiruvananthapuram were called in for inputs for operationalizing the online process and hands on training for the staff. Physical requirements will also be assessed by NIC. It was decided to give formal request to NIC for the above purpose. Administrator was authorised to pursue the matters with NIC.

**Item No. 42.01 Confirmation of minutes of 40<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting**

Approved.

**Item No. 42.02 Action taken Report on minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.**

Noted.Site visit during the appraisal process may be conducted wherever the same is considered as necessary by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee as provided for in Para 7.IV (ii) of the EIA notification -2006.

**Item No. 42.03 SEIAA – Petitions on Environmental Clearance and general complaints on illegal quarries and other environmentally degrading activities (individual cases consolidated)**

Sl. No.	Petitioner and Address	Subject	Decision
1.	Smt. Sajeena Anwar, Farhana Manzil, Kurambala P.O. Pandalam.  File No. 157/ SEIAA/ 3421/ 2013	EC granted- Extension of period of validity	EC issued on 07.05.2014. and the matter was relooked by Authority in its 35 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 09.04.2015.extended validity up to 30.09.2015. But objection from public forced her to approach High Court and got a favourable judgement in WPC 21026/15 for police protection to remove O.E. Authority decided to extend the validity for six months more from 1-10-2015.
2.	K. K.Muhammad S/o KunjeenPilla, Karuvilli House, Vengola P.O. Perumani, Ernakulam-683556	Petition against illegal quarrying by Sri. P.V. Santhosh M/s S.N. rock products	No application for E.C received- General decision applicable

3	Sri. Ummer Velleri, Secretary, Muslim Youth League, Areecide Panchayat Committee, Chemrakattoor, Areecode, Malappuram-673639	Illegal check construction in Eranadtaluk, OorgattiriPanchayat, Vettilappara Village, Cheengannippali, Malappuram.	Application for E.C not received. General decision applicable
4	Sri. Francis, VazhappillyVeedu, Pazhavor, Thayyoor P.O., Erumapetti, Thrissur.	Illegal Quarrying of 3Star granites & P.V Jacob's Quarry in ThalappillyTaluk, Thrissur	Application for E.C not received. General decision applicable
5	Sri. C. Sankaran Nair, Soumya, T.C 4/957, Sri Chithra Nagar, Kowdiar P.O., Trivandrum-695003 Mob: 9645540972	Illegal mining of sand from near his property without his consent.	Application for E.C not received. General decision applicable
6	Sri. VeeranKutty, Kunnappully House, PazhayaLakkidi P.O., Akaloor, Palakkad- 679302	Complaint against metal crucher unit- Crecent Granites	E.C is not necessary for crusher unit. Application for E.C not received. General decision applicable.
7	Vincent Augustine, Muthuplackal, Pathenpara P.O. Alakode, Kannur- 670571	Complaint against the functioning of quarry owned by Sri.Alikunji in Sy No.292/1A at Narayankalluthattu in Vellad Village	Application for E.C not received. General decision applicable
8	Shaju, S/o ChoondakkattilDevassy Puthukkad Mukundapuram Thrissur-680301	Illegal quarrying operation of M/s Victory Granite metal quarry	Application for E.C not received. General decision applicable

**Item No. 42.04      Removal of Ordinary earth/Brick earth Environmental Clearance issued-Applications for extension of period of validity of Environmental Clearance.**

Authority decided to extend the validity of the E.C granted in the three cases for six months more from the respective dates of expiry of the period of validity as granted by the Authority.

**Item No. 42.05**      **Environmental clearance for removal of brick earth in Sy. No. 67/2 at Amballoor Village, AlagappanagarPanchayath, MukundapuramTaluk, Thrissur District, Kerala by Sri. M.A. Chandran (File No. 265/SEIAA/EC1/1214/2014)**

Approved for issuance of Environmental clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ ordinary earth stipulated in O.M No. L.11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 24-6-2013 of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 500 m<sup>3</sup> as per specific conditions recommended by SEAC in the appraisal report.

Clearance under the Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act 2008 shall be obtained.

**Item No. 42.06**      **Environmental clearance for laterite stone cutting in Sy.No. 556/11 at Thamarakkulam Village, MavelikkaraTaluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala by Sri.Sureshkumar(File No. 266/SEIAA/EC3/1215/2014)**

Approved for issuance of Environmental clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ ordinary earth stipulated in O.M No. L.11011/47/2011-IA.II (M) dated 24-6-2013 of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 3000 m<sup>3</sup> as per specific conditions recommended by SEAC in the appraisal report.

**Item No. 42.07**      **Request for modification of environmental clearance for the removal of 1600 m<sup>3</sup> of OE from Sy. No.1006/1P at Ollukkara Village, ThrissurTaluk, Thrissur District by Fr. Sunny Kuttikottayil (File No. 445/SEIAA/KL/3117/2014)**

Permitted to transport the excess O.E of 400m<sup>3</sup> available at the site vide E.C. No. 445/SEIAA/KL/3117/2014 dated 18.04.2015 out of 1600m<sup>3</sup> sanctioned to be removed, to be used for the purpose of the College of Dairy & Food Technology for filling the plinth areas of the Varghese Kurian Institute of Dairy & Food Technology, under faculty of Dairy Science at Mannuthy, Thrissur.

**Item 42.08**      **Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 26/1A 32 at Enanalloor Village, AyavanaPanchayath, MuvattupuzhaTaluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri. P.S. Moosa (File No. 549/SEIAA/KL/4030/2014)**

Approved for issuance of Environmental clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ ordinary earth stipulated in O.M No. L.11011/47/2011-IA.II (M) dated 24-6-2013

of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 1500 m<sup>3</sup> as per specific conditions recommended by SEAC in the appraisal report.

**Item No. 42.09**      **Environmental Clearance for Laterite mining in Re Sy.nos.249, 250 at Kothanellor Village, ManjoorPanchayath, VaikomTaluk, Kottayam District, Kerala by Sri. K.M. Mathew (File No.667/SEIAA/EC4/5135/2014)**

As per the general decision taken by 38<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Brick Earth and laterite stone excavation do not require Mining Plan. Those will be considered for E.C in the same manner as Ordinary Earth. The Committee felt that the functioning of SEAC in this regard is guided by the OM issued by the MoEF on 24-12-2013. Therefore Committee is of the view that there is no need to change the decision taken in its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting to have mining plan and PFR.

Neither any O.Ms of MoEF nor the EIA notification speaks of laterite, as a minor mineral. As per the proviso to Rule 12 of the KMMLC Rules 2015, approved Mining Plan and environmental clearance shall not be insisted for the issuance and renewal of permits in the case of laterite building stone. The rule position may be intimated to the applicant.

**Item No. 42.10**      **Environmental Clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy. No. 197/11, 197/16, 197/2 at Ikkaranadu South Village, KunnathunaduTaluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri. Skaria S/O Varkey and Saramma (File No. 741/SEIAA/KL/083/2015)**

Approved for issuance of Environmental clearance on usual conditions for mining of brick earth/ ordinary earth stipulated in O.M No. L.11011/47/2011-IA.II (M) dated 24-6-2013 of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for removal of ordinary earth not exceeding 35000 m<sup>3</sup> as per specific conditions recommended by SEAC in the appraisal report.

**Item No. 42.11**      **Environmental clearance for removal of ordinary earth in Sy.no. 58/9-44, 58/10-5, 58/1-12, 58/1-13 at Pathanamthitta Village and Pathanamthitta Municipality, KozhencheryTaluk, Pathanamthitta District by Sri. Umasankar (File No. 782/SEIAA/EC4/1165/15)**

The Committee found that there is potential threat to the environment and hence does not recommend the project. Authority accepted the recommendation.

**Item No.42.12**      **Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 23/2, 23/2-1, 24, 24/1, 24/2 and 24/3 at Moonilavu Village,**

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**MoonilavuPanchayath, MeenachilTaluk, Kottayam district, by  
M/s P.V. Granites.(File No. 73/SEIAA/EC4/168/2013)**

Sri.Kuttichan was heard by Chairman and Member SEIAA on 10/08/2015.Chairman wanted him to produce evidence for the statements made in the hearing within one month from 10/08/2015, or else the petition would be dismissed as baseless. He agreed thereto.As per letter dated 20/08/2015, Sri.Kuttichan was informed of the decision in the hearing and asked to produce evidence before 09/09/2015.

Meanwhile the project proponent complained in writing that Sri. Kuttichan is pressurising to purchase his land at exorbitant price, and that he makes such complaints before other authorities to prevent issue of permits to the quarry. On 11/11/2015, Sri.JoshyJoshuva, Managing Partner, P.V. Granites informed that he belongs to Malayaraya (ST) community and the land belongs to him. He stated that nobody can challenge his right to conduct quarry in his property. Sri.Kuttichan is filing frivolous complaints as they are not amenable to his illegal demand to purchase his property at exorbitant price. Any attempt to prevent him from conducting the quarry in his property will attract penal consequences Under Section 3 (1) (v), 3 (1) (viii) and 3 (1) (ix) of the Prevention of Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes Act – 1989.

The Authority examined the statements and documents received for and against the quarry. In view of the incessant complaints, and directions of the Hon; High Court the Authority decided to visit the site for first-hand information and thereafter to give E.C. if found eligible.

**Item No. 42.13      Environmental clearance for Granite situated in ESA villages as per direction under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 issued by MoEF review petition submitted by Wimrock Granite Pvt Ltd. (File No. 104/SEIAA/EC4/1689/2013)**

Sri.Raju K. Thomashas applied for obtaining Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification dated 14-09-2006 for the quarry project at Vadasserikkara Village, RanniTaluk, Pathanamthitta district, Kerala for an area of 9.6436 ha.

39<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 14/05/2015 appraised the case in the light of the decision on HLWG (Kasturirangan Committee) and noted that the 26<sup>th</sup> SEAC had deferred decision in this proposal as the mining area was noted as arable forest land and it is also an

ESA. The case was deferred for the final notification on ESAs. In the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 3/4-08-2015 a general decision on application in which the quarry sites fall in notified ESA Villages was taken to the effect that as per Direction of MoEF under Section 5 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986, such Applications (13 nos) may be deferred pending final notification of ESAs by MoEF.

M/s Wimrock Granites Pvt. Ltd, Vadesserikkara, Pathanamthitta District, an affected applicant, represented that he had submitted application in the first instance on 05/12/2012, which had certain defects, whereby new application was submitted. He wants to reckon seniority of his case w.e.f 05/12/2012, the date on which the first application was made.

On intimation of defects in the first application with notice that in case the defects are not rectified within 60 days from 20/12/2012, the proposal will be delisted and he will have to apply afresh, the applicant opted for submission of new application with more mining area. The fresh application was received on 18/06/2013. The earlier were two applications for total area of 4.299 hectores whereas the new one was for 9.6436 hectores (single). It is not a revised application with defects rectified. From 6/2013 till now it is being processed as a new one. The other files have been closed. The proposal cannot be considered as one pending as on 17/04/2013. The Direction dated 13/11/2013 applies in this case. Authority decided to wait for the final decision of MoEF.

**Item No. 42.14      Environmental clearance for the Building stone quarry project in Sy. Nos. 781/1-23-1 & 781/1-23-2 at Athikkayam Village, Ranni Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Sri.Tomy Abraham (File No. 121/SEIAA/EC4/2200/2013)**

The 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC recommended the long standing case subject to specific conditions. Authority decided whether the recommendation is acceptable after a site visit to ascertain the ground situation, as there are complaints as well as previous recommendations about of B1 and B2 categorization.

**Item No. 42.15      Environmental clearance for quarries situated in ESA Villages, per direction Under Section 5 of E(P) Act - Cases deferred - Quarries in areas exempted from ESAs - Representation of Sri. Thomas Philip, M.D, Delta Aggregates, Chittar, Pathanamthitta (File No. 239/SEIAA/EC4/2014)**

The proponent filed W.P. 19618/15 contending that certain areas have been excluded from ESAs and Sy. No. 946/2 of Chittar Village where the proposed quarry is situated is not ESA as per the new identification of ESAs. W/P 19618/15 was disposed of on 02/09/2015, with direction to consider the application for E.C in either of the next two meetings. The petitioner/applicant was heard by the Chairman and Member, SEIAA on 30-9-2015 as directed in the Judgment. SEIAA in its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 3/4-08/2015, resolved that such cases attracting ESA restrictions need be considered only after the final notification to ESAs by MoEF, except where there are Court directions. Authority decided to defer the issue to the next meeting to decide on the general issue of quarrying in the ESAs based on the report of the Kerala State Biodiversity Board, for which the KSBB to be addressed.

**Item No. 42.16      Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1 Pt. at Pullippadam Village, Mampad Panchayath, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by M/s Pullipadam Metal and Metal Sand Pvt. Ltd.(File No. 240/SEIAA/KL/970/2014)**

After uploading the minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA on the official website, the project proponent submitted the Techno Legal report on the proposed environment friendly sustainable mining on the land and on the justification of the site selected for quarrying. The application to the SEIAA was for quarrying in 9.0326 ha of land whereas that obtained from the MoEF is for 4.74 ha with stringent specific conditions. Authority decided to accept the explanation in the light of the E.C issued by MoEF and the areas where the objections of SEAC would apply have been omitted from the mining area.

**Item No. 42.17      Environmental clearance for the building stone quarry project in Survey Nos. 51/3 (p), 53/1 (p), 53/2 (p), 54/3 (p), 54/4 and 54/5 at Urangattiri Village, Ernad Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by M/s Malabar Bricks and Metals (File No. 437/SEIAA/KL/2997/2014)**

The proposal was considered by SEAC in the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 12-13/08/2015. The members of the subcommittee who conducted field inspection informed in the meeting that they did not notice any evidence of rich biodiversity and hence no special mention was made in the field inspection report. In the light of the said opinion of the sub Committee members, the Committee decided to recommend the item for issuance of EC with the following specific conditions in addition to the general conditions for mining.

1. Over burden generated in the upper slope is presently stacked by the side of the



- working. The entire OB must be transported and stored in the designated place in the lower level. This stack must be provided with a protective wall and vegetative cover.
2. Additional pits may be provided at the lower most part for directing drainage from the quarry with a silt trap or other suitable mechanism for clarification of water. Loose boulder check dam can also be provided on the lower part upstream side of the culvert.
  3. Considering the narrow width of the approach road it may be necessary to restrict the entry of large sized vehicles.
  4. The elevation of the flat land on the southern side with an ephemeral stream is about 80 m above MSL. Hence the ultimate depth of mine should be limited to above 80 m AMSL.
  5. Outer fencing and sign boards must be provided.
  6. Reclamation and eco-restoration should be done by planting native species.

The Authority decided to grant E.C to the quarry subject to the above conditions and the mitigation measures undertaken in the EMP in the PFR.

**Item No. 42.18      Application for revised E.C for the construction of Green Field Stadium in Survey No.K-2315 at Kariyavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (File No. 02/EC1/2012/SEIAA)**

EC for construction of Green Field Stadium at Kariyavattom, Thiruvananthapuram having a total built up area of 55,317.05 m<sup>2</sup> was granted by SEIAA in its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 23-04-2012. Now it is represented that on completion, as the built up area would be increased to 63,000 m<sup>2</sup> as the convention centre, indoor sports area and club house in the former plan were integrated into one facility besides provision for two lifts.

The Committee appraised the proposal on the basis of the application, conceptual plan, and documents submitted and decided recommended issuance of Environmental Clearance stipulating the following specific conditions in addition to the general conditions for non-mining projects.

1. The additional power requirement must be met from non-conventional energy sources.
2. Adequate provisions for disaster risk reduction and management should be inbuilt in the plan.

3. Carbon foot print of the project should be reduced to the maximum extent possible.

The Authority decided to accept the recommendations and to revise the E.C No. 2/SEIAA/ KL/344/2012 dated 16-5-2012, accordingly.

**Item No. 42.19 Environmental clearance for the Residential Apartment project in Sy. Nos. 193/24A and 24B at Edappally South Village, Kochi Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Elko Properties & Developers Pvt. Ltd. & ABZ Skyline Properties Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 299/SEIAA/KL/1499/2014)**

The matter was considered by SEAC in its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, in view of the amendment to Para (3) of appendix V of 2006 notification issued vide S.O. 3067 dtd 1.12.2009; the Committee reviewed its decision taken in its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting. And committee found that in this particular case, the Committee observed that the CRZ status will not have any bearing on the appraisal and to endorse the decision taken in its 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC for issuance of EC subject to general conditions for non-mining projects in addition to following specific conditions.

1. In the exterior part of the building the glass used must be of non-reflective type.
2. RWH facility must have a storage capacity of at least 15 days fresh water demand and must be used to ease out the stress on common water supply.
3. Adequate precautions for disaster management should be inbuilt in the plan.
4. Carbon foot print of the project should be reduced to the maximum extent possible.

The 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 03-04/ 08/2015 considered the matter as item no 40.23 and Authority had referred the case to KCZMA on applicability of CRZ conditions with reference to the CRZ notification 2011.

Vide letter no. CRZL-2832/A2/15/KCZMA/S&TD dated 24/08/2015 of KCZMA has informed that KCZMA provisions are not applicable in this case.

Authority decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and to accord E.C for the project subject to the specific conditions and general conditions for non- mining projects.

**Item No: 42.20 Quarry project in Cherupulasserry Village, Ottappalam Taluk- Palakkad. E.C granted to M/S Hywel Granites- Transfer to Ferro Granites and Infra Granites- Application- reg. (File No. 3423/EC1/2015/SEIAA)**

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As per the proceedings No. 124/SEIAA/KL/1334/2013 dated, 12-12-2013, SEIAA has granted environmental clearance to M/S Hywel Granites, Thekkumuri P.O., Cherupulasserry, Ottappalam, Palakkad, for stone Quarry in Sy. No. 81 (pt), 82 (pt), 83 (pt) and 84 (pt) at Cherupulasserry village/panchayat, OttappalanTaluk, Palakkad District for quarrying of 4.27,000 MTA from an area of 7.1056 ha.

On 22-08-2015, Sri. M.A. Ashraf, Infra granites LLP, Thekkumuri P.O., Cherupulasserry, Ottappalam, Palakkad has applied for the transfer of the above E.C now in favour of Sri. Jassin Joseph, Managing Partner, Hywel Granites, to Ferro Granites and Infra Granites, in the wake of transfer of the lands where the quarry operation is done, to the above firm.

The applicant has provided all the required documents including 'No Objection certificate' from the transferor, for considering the proposal by SEIAA. Authority decided to allow the application, subject to other legal required on transfer of E.C.

**Item No. 42.21      Violation cases – Action under Section 19 read with Section 15 of Environment (Protection) Act – 1986 Advice of Standing Counsel (File No 99/EC3/2013/ SEIAA)**

Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provides that cognizance of an offence can be taken only on the complaint made by the Central Government or any authority or officer authorized in this behalf by that Government. Authority decided to convey the legal advice to the District Collectors, to take prosecution under Sections 19 read with 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act-1986 in violation cases and to report to SEIAA for further action on the applications involved.

**Item No.42.22      Request for 'No Objection Certificate' for laying heat traced pipeline from South Tanker Berth to Kochi Refinery by Sri. G. Radhakrishna Pillai M/s BPCL (File No. 819/EC3/2513/SEIAA/2015)**

The proposal doesn't attract Environmental clearance as it doesn't fall in any category notified by MoEF vide EIA-notification 2006. To inform BPCL.

**Item No. 42.23      WP 9575/2015 filed by Sri. Manjesh Neelakantan, Valliyath, Thengode P.O., Kakkanadu, Ernakulam- 682030- Noncompliance by petitioner (File no. 2131/EC3/2015/ SEIAA)**

To close the case and to inform Advocate General.

**Item No. 42.24      Environmental Clearance for permit quarries-Discussion held by Chief Minister - (File No. 3496/EC2/SEIAA)**

Noted. Timely action will be taken on application for E.C.

**Item No. 42.25      Draft notification of MoEF on amendment of EIA notification 2006.**

The Authority deliberated on the draft notification No. S.O. 2588 (E) dated 22/09/2015 published by the MoEF in its website, for comprehensive amendment of the EIA notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14/09/2006. Authority felt that Kerala being a state with high population density and public awareness sensitivity of the issue, needs a thorough revision of the present proposal. As far as Kerala is concerned, the bulk of mining of minor minerals is in areas less than 5ha whereby with the coming in to force of the notification, almost 95% of the applications for quarrying will be gone to the district level. The application form and procedure give the impression that effective appraisal of the environmental impacts and management as is now done by SEIAA is not intended. The system of permit being unique to Kerala, there is every possibility of even the lease holders opting for permits so that maximum quantity could be extracted in minimum time. Another problem is permit is only for one year (extendable by two more terms of 1 year each). E.C cannot therefore be issued for periods extending the permit period. Scientific mining according to mine plan would be difficult in permit quarries of lesser extents. It would be necessary that some changes are affected in respect of Kerala where mining of minor minerals is literally quarrying of building stones. What all changes shall be proposed, to be discussed in detail in the next meeting.

**Item No. 42.26      SEIAA – Application received by post for removal of O.E – Defects not rectified – Action on applications:–**

Directed to send one more communication to all, with time limit to rectify the defects intimated.

**Item No. 42.27      Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy.No. 71/1-2, 71/1-3, 75/2-2 at Ayyampuzha village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Sri. P. S. R. Koteswara Rao – General Manager M/s Soma Enterprise Limited (File No. 774/SEIAA/KL/697/2015)**

Approved mining plan has been submitted. The applicant has filed W.P. No. 22920/15 to direct SEIAA to grant EC forthwith they being the contractor of the Kochi Metro Rail project and the time lines competition of works are affected due to non-availability of metal.

The case was disposed of on 05.08.2015 holding that even though the quarrying is for a public purpose, it requires EC and that the petition being engaged in the work of a prestigious public project, it is only proper that the EIA authority expedite the process and finalise the consideration at any rate within one month from the date of receipt of copy of the judgment.

The case was placed in the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 29/30-9-2015. The committee recommended the case for grant of E.C subject to the usual conditions.

The Authority decided to grant E.C subject to the usual conditions for mining projects.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on 16-10-2015 at 9.30 a.m.

The meeting ended at 11.30.a.m.