

MINUTES OF THE 71st MEETING OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 20.07.2017 AT 10.00 AM AT HARITHASREE HALL, STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA.

Present:

1. Prof. (Dr). K.P. Joy, Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr. J. Subhashini, Member, SEIAA
3. Sri.James Varghese. I.A.S. Additional Chief Secretary & Member Secretary, SEIAA.

The 71st meeting of SEIAA and the 38th meeting of the Authority as constituted by the notification No. S.O. 804 (F) dated 19-3-2015 was held at Harithasree Hall, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Kerala on 20th July, 2017 from 10.00 A.M. Chairman Dr.K.P.Joy welcomed the members.

Chairman observed that inspite of certain negative remarks in the inspection report, the proposal is recommended by SEAC for the issuance of EC. SEAC is to be advised to avoid such practices.

Item No: 71.01 Confirmation of Minutes of 70th SEIAA Meeting

Confirmed

Item No: 71.02 SEIAA – Petitions on Environmental Clearance and general complaints on illegal quarries and other environmentally degrading activities

Sl. No.	Petitioner and Address	Subject	Nature of Complaint	Decision of SEIAA
1	Mass Petition of Muzhuvannoor village, Kunnathunadu taluk, Ernakulam District.	There are two mass petitions against the working of the quarry 'Megha Granites' and requesting not to issue EC.	The quarry is working violating mining /government rules and regulations and destroying the environment.	File No.542 SEAC recommended for the issue of EC and SEIAA accepted the recommendation, but pending for legal opinion on lease quarries. EC not yet issued. Authority decided to make a visit to ascertain the examine the complaint, before the issuance of EC. The petitioners may also be informed.

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Item No:71.03 Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 147/8, 147/9 , 147/9-1, 147/10, 147/11, 147/11-1, 148/6, 9, 8, 4, 5, 7, 2-2, 3(Part), 149/1, 2, 3, 4 & 152/1-1 at Karavaram Village, Varkala Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala application of Sri. R. J. Karunanidhi, Managing Partner, M/s K. V. Blue Metals (File No. 749/SEIAA/EC1/226/2015)

Sri. R. J. Karunanidhi, Managing Partner, K.V. Blue Metals, TC 36 / 999, Srisanth, T. R. Sukumaran Nair road, Thiruvananthapuram-695 008, vide his application received on 20.01.2015, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. Nos. 147/8, 147/9, 147/9-1, 147/10, 147/11, 147/11-1, 148/6, 9, 4, 5, 7/2, 7/2 149/1, 2, 3, 4 & 152/1 at Karavaram Village, Varkala Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala for an area of 4.92.11 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares. The land use classification as per revenue records is private own land with 0.92.00 hect plantation. The present land use 4.00.1hectares is under quarry operation. The current proposal is for the existing quarry with pit area of 4.92.11 hectares and mineral specific. The proposed project is for quarrying of 50,000 MTA of building stone. The quarry is working on lease for a period of 12 years upto 02.03.2023.

The proposal was placed in the 63rd meeting of SEAC, Kerala, held on 04th October, 2016. The proponent admitted that the quarry is in operational phase based on lease. The Committee decided to defer the item for field visit and for the production of more realistic CSR.

Accordingly, the Subcommittee of SEAC comprising of Dr. Harikrishnan and Sri. John Mathai conducted the field visit on 30.11.2016.

The proposal was again placed in the 66th meeting of SEAC held on 19th December 2016 and deferred the item for the submission of clarifications sought in the field visit report. Subsequently the proponent submitted the above mentioned documents sought by the 66th SEAC.

The proposal was considered in the 72nd meeting of SEAC held on 8th and 9th May 2017. "The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form.1, all other documents submitted with the proposal and the field visit report, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be*

properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.

SEIAA may insist for a commitment from the proponent to set apart Rs.2 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.2 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to obtaining legal opinion as decided in the 66th SEIAA meeting whether quarrying on lease areas without Environmental Clearance also come under the scope of violation.

EC is recommended subject to the general condition in addition to the following specific conditions.

- i. The building of the company located in the vicinity of the quarry, as reported by the Inspection team should be demolished.*
- ii. All the boundary pillars are to be fixed permanently on the ground and their respective coordinates to be marked on them*
- iii. Fencing to be completed around the lease area.*
- iv. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent should set apart an amount of Rs.2 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.2 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat. EC will be issued only after completing all the pre-mining conditions in the project site as noted above and a notarised affidavit should be submitted agreeing all the general and specific conditions.

Item No: 71.04 Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1/1 at Payyavoor Village, Thaliparamba Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala by Sri. Shaju Jose (File No. 865/SEIAA/EC4/3095/2015)

Sri. Shaju Jose, M/s Payyavoor Crushers, Payyavoor Village, Thaliparamba Taluk, Kannur District Kerala, vide his application received on 05-08-2015 has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. Nos. 1/1 at Payyavoor Village, Thaliparamba Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala for an area of 2.85 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares.

The proposal was placed in the 64th meeting of SEAC, Kerala, held on 16th & 17th November, 2016 and observed that the Mining Plan submitted is on the basis of KMMC Rules 1967 and is to be revised as per KMMC Rules 2015. The proponent opined that the pit formed due to mining activities is to be used as a pisciculture pond at the time of closure of mine. A crusher is associated with quarry. The committee is of the apprehension that the proposed area is a part of Arikkamala and between the hill top and quarry there is a stream is flowing.

The committee decided to defer the item for a field inspection to verify the ground realities and the presence of stream, if any in the area. Subsequently, the site visit to the quarry was carried out on 12th February 2017 by Dr P S Harikumar and Dr Khaleel Chovva.

The proposal was placed in the 69th meeting of SEAC, Kerala, held on 09th & 10th March, 2017 and decided to defer the item for submission of the proof for having applied for Wild Life Clearance.

Subsequently, the proponent has submitted the proof having applied for Wild Life Clearance. There is also a complaint received from Sri.Sajan Vettukattil & Smt.Vijayamma (Members of Payyavoor Grama Panchayat) requesting not to give EC to the proposed quarry.

The proposal was considered in the 72nd meeting of SEAC held on 8th and 9th May 2017. "The Committee verified the documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form1, all other documents submitted with the proposal, the field visit report and also the complaint received, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

- 1. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.15 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.15 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat".

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to ascertain whether there is violation, if the quarry was working on permit after 2016. A report from the District Geologist should be obtained in this regard within one month after conducting site visit. EC is recommended after this subject to general condition in addition to the following specific condition.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent should set apart Rs.15 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.15 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat. A notarised affidavit for the commitment of CSR activities and agreeing all the general and specific conditions should be submitted before the issuance of EC.

Item No: 71.05 Environmental clearance for the Proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 166/2, 166/2-6, 166/2-7, 166/2-9, 166/2-10 at Koodal Village, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Mr.P.J.Jacob (File No. 912/SEIAA/EC4/3648/2015)

Mr P.J.Jacob, Director, M/S Inchappara Sands & Granites Pvt. Ltd, Vytilla P.O, Ernakulam District, Kerala State -682019, vide his application received on 10-09-2015 has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. Nos. 166/2, 166/2-6, 166/2-7, 166/2-9, 166/2-10 at Koodal Village, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Mr P.J.Jacob, for an area of 4.648 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares.

The proposal was considered in the 56th SEAC meeting held 6-7th July, 2016 and deferred the item for submission of revised mining plan as per KMMC Rule 2015.

As the proponent submitted the mining plan as per Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rule on 06/08/2016 the proposal was again considered in 62nd meeting of SEAC held on 06th & 07th September, 2016 and decided to defer the item for field visit.

Field visit to the Quarry project site was carried out on 03.12.2016 by the sub-committee of SEAC, comprising Dr.Keshav Mohan and Sri. John Mathai.

The proposal was considered in the 67th meeting of SEAC, Kerala, held on 27th January, 2017. The Committee decided to defer the item for a second field visit as during the first visit the proponent could not identify the precise area proposed for mining. Hence before the next site visit the proponent shall properly delineate the area proposed for the lease.

Subsequently, field visit to the Quarry project site was carried out again on 25.02.2017 by the sub-committee of SEAC, comprising Dr. Keshav Mohan and Sri. John Mathai.

The proposal is placed in the 69th meeting of SEAC held on 09th & 10th March 2017. The proponent asked Environmental clearance for 5 ha covering two different blocks having an area of 1.481 ha and 3.1671 ha. In the field inspection report, the Sub Committee has pointed the separation of these two blocks for more than 100 m. Therefore the Committee decided to request the proponent to submit a revised Mining Plan for a contiguous area of 5 ha or limit the mining to one of the blocks.

The proponent has submitted a letter dt.17.04.2017 stating that he will limit the mining to Block B of area 3.1671 ha.

The proposal was considered in the 72nd meeting of SEAC held on 8th and 9th May 2017. “The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, Pre-feasibility Report, Mining Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition for mining.

- i. Mining operations to be confined to block B of 3.1671 hectares.*
- ii. A stream channel seen on the eastern side is to be treated such that the storm water is clarified and the flow arrested through check dams before water is let out of the premises.*
- iii. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

SEIAA may insist for a commitment from the proponent to set apart Rs.5 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.5 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to general condition in addition to the following specific conditions.

- i) Mining operations to be confined to block B of 3.1671 hectares.*
- ii) A stream channel seen on the eastern side is to be treated such that the storm water is clarified and the flow arrested through check dams before water is let out of the premises.*
- iii) 100 m buffer distance should be left from the dwelling unit.*
- iv) Fencing around the quarry should be done and a good approach road should be formed as reported by the Inspection Team.*

v) *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent should set apart an amount of Rs.5 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.5 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat. A notarised affidavit for the commitment of CSR activities and agreeing all the general and specific conditions should be submitted before the issuance of EC.

Item No:71.06 Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Expansion of the Existing Residential Project Survey No. 111/11A, Edappally South Village, Cochin Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala By Mr. RAHUL R, Secretary, M/s Civil Service Officers Housing (File No. 1080/EC3/SEIAA/2015)

Mr. Rahul R, Secretary, M/s Civil Service Officers Housing, Cooperative Society Ltd., “The Lantern”, Thaliparambu Jn., Vennala P.O., Ernakulam, Kerala-682028, vide his application received online and, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the Proposed Expansion of the Existing Residential Project Survey No. 111/11A, Edappally South Village, Cochin Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala. by Mr. Rahul R, Secretary, M/s Civil Service Officers Housing. It is inter alia, noted that the project comes under the Category B, 8(a) of Schedule of EIA Notification 2006.

The total plot area of the proposed project is 0.59 ha. and the total built-up area of about 21,230.96 sq.m. (Existing 19,945.25 sq.m. + Proposed 1,285.71 sq.m.) and 95 residential units with supporting infrastructure facilities. The total domestic water requirement of about 67 KLD (which includes daily fresh water requirement of about 44 KL).Treated water from STP to be used for flushing of toilets (about 23 KLD) and horticulture (9 KLD) requirement. The major sources are Stored Rain water, Wells, KWA water supply and treated water from STP.

The total power requirement is 630 kW which will be sourced through Kerala State Electricity Board & D.G. Set (standby). The project will make provision of D.G. Sets (200 kVA x 2 nos. + 125 kVA x 1 no.)as standby arrangement of electricity. The maximum height from ground level of the proposed project is 45m. The project area and its surroundings falls under Zone III, according to the Indian Standards Seismic Zoning map. No forest land is involved in the present project. The total project cost is 70 Crores.

The proposal was considered in the 70th meeting of SEAC held on 04th & 05th April 2017 and decided to defer the item for field inspection and for submission of the proof for having applied for Wild Life Clearance. Accordingly, the Subcommittee of SEAC consisting of Dr KG Padma Kumar and Sri S Ajayakumar conducted the field visit on 03/05/2017. The proponent has also submitted the documents sought by 70th SEAC.

The proposal was considered in the 72nd meeting of SEAC held on 8th and 9th May 2017. “The proposal was appraised by the Committee considering Form I, Form IA, Conceptual plan, field visit report and all other documents and details provided by the proponent. The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. The Committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to the general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

- i) *The drain passing along the boundary which is in a disused condition should be maintained properly for ensuring proper hygiene”.*

Since the Inspection team reported that the proposal is an expansion of the existing building and the work is progressing, Authority decided to defer the item for detailed examination to ascertain whether there is violation and place in the next meeting.

Item No:71.07 Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. No. 1116 (P) in Meloor village, Chalakkudy Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala application of Sri. Ashokan, M. V. (File No. 574/SEIAA/EC1/ 4330/2014)

Sri. Ashokan, M. V., was having a quarrying permit for granite building stone over an extent of 0.1417 Ha at Survey No. 1116 (P) in Meloor village, Chalakkudy Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala. This quarry permit was obtained from Department of Mining and Geology, Thrissur District, Kerala vide letter no. 33/2014-15/CRPS/GS/2383/C2/TDO/2014 dated 26.09.2014 and its validity expired on 25.09.2015. Initially, an application was submitted seeking Environmental Clearance for operating granite building stone over an extent of 5.0190 Ha at Survey Nos. of 1116(P), 1117(P), 1118(P) and 1119(P) in Melur village, Chalakkudy Taluk, Thrissur District, Kerala vide File no. 574/SEIAA/EC1/4330/2014 for a production capacity of 800 TPD. Subsequently, the extent was revised to 3.7415 Ha at Survey Nos. 1116(P), 1117(P), 1118(P) and 1119(P) at the instance of Geology Department while getting letter of Intent. The letter of Intent was obtained for 3.7415 Ha vide No. 8217/M3/2015 dated 18.8.2015 from Department of Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram.

The mine plan for the lease area of 3.7415 Ha as per Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2015 is approved from Department of Mining & Geology, Thrissur District, vide letter no. 2652/C2/TDO/2015, dated on 16.10.2015 for the production capacity of 250 TPD. The entire lease area is patta land and belongs to St. Thomas Appostholic Seminary and Paurstya Vidyapitham and letter in this regard is also obtained from Village officer. NOC to conduct quarry activity by Sri. Ashokan, M.V. is obtained from Rector and Finance Officer (Procurator) of St. Thomas Appostholic Seminary and President of Paurstya Vidyapitham is obtained.

As per the signed basic details, submitted by the owner, the quarry was working on permit, but stopped working since 31.03.2016

The proposal was placed in the 61st meeting of SEAC held on 11th August 2016. The committee asked the proponent to submit a Certificate from Village Officer certifying that the land is not assigned for any other purpose. The Committee decided to defer the item for field visit. The following aspects may be examined during field visit

1. River proximity
2. River bed elevation to fix the ultimate depth of quarry
3. Building with in 100 m distance

Subsequently, site visit was conducted on 08.04.2017 by Subcommittee consisting of Sri.P. Sreekumaran Nair, Dr.K.G.Padmakumar & Dr.E.A.Jayson.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. “The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form.1, all other documents submitted with the proposal and the field visit report, the committee decided to **Recommend for issuance of EC** subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*
2. *No mining shall be constructed within the distance of 100 m from the building owned by St. Thomas Appostholic Seminary*

The proponent agreed to spend 5 lakhs/annum towards community welfare activities in consultation with the local body”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to general condition in addition to the following specific conditions.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*
2. *No mining shall be constructed within the distance of 100 m from the building owned by St. Thomas Appostholic Seminary.*

The proponent should spend 5 lakhs/annum towards community welfare activities in consultation with the local body. A notarised affidavit for the commitment of CSR activities and agreeing all the general and specific conditions should be submitted before the issuance of EC.

Item No: 71.08 Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1080/2(P) at Onakkoor village, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State by Sri.Philip George, M/s. Murickans Quarry (File No. 915/SEIAA/EC3/3661/2015)

Sri.Philip George (Proprietor) M/s. Murickans Quarry, Murical house, Periyappuram P.O., Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District vide his application dated 11.09.2015, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the Proposed Building Stone Quarry in Sy. No. 1080/2(P) at Onakkoor village, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State for an area of 1.4761 Hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares.

This is an existing quarry of an area 0.286 Ha. The proposed mine lease area of 1.4761 Ha is a patta land and is in lessee possession. The total mine lease area is 1.4761 Ha. The proposed project is for quarrying of 50,000 TPA (250 TPD) of building stone.

The proposal was considered in the 56th Meeting of SEAC held on 6th & 7th June 2016. The proponent admitted that the quarry is at presently operational and hence there is a violation. This may be looked into by SEIAA. The Committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC on completion of action against violation subject to the following specific condition along with other general conditions.

The proposal was considered in the 55th meeting of SEIAA held on 16th July 2016. Authority wanted to get it clarified by SEAC as to when did the violation take place, and

whether the case attract the order dated 30-10-2015 of the Hon. Supreme Court in SLP No. 30103/2015 to maintain status quo. SEIAA is the 8th respondent in that case.

The proposal was placed in the 67th meeting of SEAC held on 27th January 2017. The Committee examined the suggestions made by SEIAA and decided to defer the item for site inspection.

Subsequently, site visit was conducted on 08.04.2017 by Subcommittee consisting of Er. P. Sreekumaran Nair, Dr.K.G.Padmakumar & Dr.E.A.Jayson. The site inspection report noted that *“The quarry is at present operational on permit. There is an adjacent quarry named ‘Edaayan Crushers’. As observed earlier during the presentation, it was observed that there is no set out, between the two, as stipulated in rules. Presently bench formation is not followed at all. This should be strictly insisted to.*

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th & 31st May 2017. The Committee opined that the proponent was operating the quarry based on permit without EC. The proponent admitted the fact during his presentation before the committee on 07.06.2016. Hence, it is a case of violation, which may be looked into SEIAA.

Authority decided to accept the recommendation of SEAC that the working of the quarry is a case of violation and hence decided to take action on violation.

Item No:71.09 Environmental clearance for the quarry project in Sy.No. 1080/1B, 1080/1A, 1080/2, 1081/2B, 1081/2A, 1083/3, 1082/1, Onakkoor Village, Pampakuda Panchayat, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State by Mr. V.C. Mathew, Managing Director, M/s Edayan Aggregates Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 927/SEIAA/EC3/ 3893/2015)

Sri.V.C.Mathew, Managing Director, M/s Edayan Aggregates Pvt. Ltd. Periyappuram P.O., Pampakuda, Ernakulam District, Kerala - 686667, vide his application received on 23/09/2015, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1080/1B, 1080/1A, 1080/2, 1081/2B, 1081/2A, 1083/3, 1082/1, at Onakkoor Village, Pampakuda Panchayat, Muvattupuzha Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala for an area of 4.90 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares. The proposed project is for quarrying of 90,000 MTA of building stone. Distance of the mining area from the nearest human settlement is recorded as more than 106 m. The total project cost is 3.25 crores. The quarry is working

with mining lease (P.O. No. 325/2005-06/5384/M3/05 dt. 07/09/2005) issued by Department of Mining and Geology, Govt. of Kerala for an area of 1.42 ha. which is part of area under consideration and the mining lease is valid up to October, 2017.

The proposal was considered in the 57th Meeting of SEAC held on 16th & 17th June 2016 and decided to Recommend for issuance of EC for mining subject to the general conditions.

The proposal was considered by the Authority in the 56th meeting held on 23rd July, 2016. Authority noted that the SEAC has not conducted site inspection. Extent of the mining area 4.90 ha. Authority decided to refer the case to SEAC for site inspection and report with special mention whether cluster condition would apply, as there is another quarry in operation within 500m radius.

The proposal was placed in the 67th meeting of SEAC held on 27th January 2017 and decided to defer the item for site inspection.

Accordingly, site visit was conducted on 08.04.2017 by Subcommittee consisting of Er.P. Sreekumaran Nair, Dr.K.G.Padmakumar & Dr.E.A.Jayson.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. “The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form.1, all other documents submitted with the proposal and the field visit report, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

- 1. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs 14 lakhs (non-recurring) and 11 lakhs (recurring) per annum for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community. The proponent also agreed to spend this amount in consultation with the local . This commitment may be noted in the EC”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and **decided to issue EC** subject to obtaining legal opinion as decided in the 66th SEIAA meeting whether quarrying on lease areas without Environmental Clearance also come under the scope of violation.

EC to be issued subject to the general condition in addition to the following specific condition.

- 1. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be*

properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.

2. *Set out should be set apart with the adjacent quarry of Sri.Philip George as stipulated in rules.*

The proponent should set apart Rs.14 lakhs (non-recurring) and 11 lakhs (recurring) per annum for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community. A split up of the C.S.R activities should be given. EC will be issued only after the submission of a notarised affidavit committing the CSR amount and agreeing all the general and specific conditions.

Item No: 71.10 Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. No. 114 at Thirumittacode 2 Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District by Mrs. Elsy Joseph, Managing Director for M/s Malayakam Granites Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 929/SEIAA/EC1/3895/2015)

Smt. Elsy Joseph (Managing Director), M/s Malayakam Granites Pvt. Ltd., Melepura Estate, Chazhiyattiri P.O., Erumapetty, Wadakanchery, Palakkad, Kerala-679535 vide his application received on 22-09-2015, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Survey No. 114 of Thirumittacode 2 Village, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala in an area of 2.5262 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares. The proposal is for a fresh quarry project.

The proposal was considered in the 57th Meeting of SEAC held on 16th&17th June 2016 and recommended for issuance of EC for mining subject to the general conditions.

56th meeting of SEIAA held on 23rd July 2016 considered the matter and decided to refer the case to SEAC for site inspection and report. Thereon the proposal was considered in the 62nd SEAC meeting held on 6th& 7th September 2016 and decided to recommend to SEIAA to review its earlier decision in the matter.

The proposal was placed in the 60th meeting of SEIAA, held on 27th October 2016. It has been brought to the attention of SEAC through several decisions and recommendation (48.3) by SEIAA in the past that inspection of quarrying site is important in view of the special situation in Kerala such as population density, public resistance to mining, several

litigations, public complaints and media attention due to the sensitivity of the issue. The Authority resolved to send the proposal back to SEAC to conduct Site Inspection.

The proposal was placed in 68th meeting of SEAC held on 20th & 21st February 2017 and decided to defer the item for site inspection

Subsequently, the site visit was conducted on 01.04.2017 by the Subcommittee consisting of Dr.K.G.Padmakumar & Dr.E.A.Jayson. In the inspection report it was noted that “there is a vested forest, operated under social forestry scheme, within a distance around 92 m away, The border locations of this vested forest area is presently denuded, lying barren”.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. “The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form.1, all other documents submitted with the proposal and the field visit report, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*
2. *No quarrying operation shall be carried out within 100m distance of the adjacent vested forest area.*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.6 lakhs (non-recurring) and 13 lakhs (recurring) per annum for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community. The proponent also agreed to spend this amount in consultation with the local body”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to general condition in addition to the following specific conditions.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*
2. *No quarrying operation shall be carried out within 100m distance of the adjacent vested forest area.*

The proponent should set apart Rs.6 lakhs (non-recurring) and 13 lakhs (recurring) per annum for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community. A notarised affidavit for the commitment of CSR activities and agreeing all the general and specific conditions should be submitted before the issuance of EC.

Item No:71.11 Environmental clearance for the proposed building stone quarry project in Re-survey No. 168, Karukutty Village & Karukutty Grama Panchayat, Alwaye Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State by Mr. Saji Vadakkekara (Proprietor), M/s Planters Aggregates (File No. 1065/EC3/2016/SEIAA)

Mr. Saji Vadakkekara (Proprietor), M/s Planters Aggregates, Palissery, Ezhattumugham P.O., Angamaly, Ernakulam, Kerala-683 577, vide his application received online 19/12/2015 and, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. No. 168, Karukutty Village & Karukutty Grama Panchayat and Re-Survey No. 168, Karukutty Village & Karukutty Grama Panchayat, Alwaye Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State for an area of 4.1885 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares. The proposed project is for quarrying of 1,00,000 MTA of building stone. The total project cost is Rs. 8 Crores.

The proposal was placed in the 69th meeting of SEAC held on 9th & 10th March 2017 and decided to defer the item for field inspection. During Field visit, whether the conditions stipulated in the E.C given for the adjoining quarry of the proponent have been adhered to has to be examined closely.

Subsequently, site visit was conducted on 08.04.2017 by Subcommittee consisting of Er.P.Sreekumaran Nair, Dr.K.G.Padmakumar & Dr.E.A.Jayson.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. “The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form.1, all other documents submitted with the proposal and the field visit report, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs. 10 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs. 10 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local body”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to obtaining legal opinion as decided in the 66th SEIAA meeting whether quarrying on lease areas without Environmental Clearance would also come under the scope of violation.

EC is recommended subject to the general condition in addition to the following specific condition.

If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.

The proponent should set apart an amount of Rs. 10 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs. 10 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local body. A notarised affidavit for the commitment of CSR activities and agreeing all the general and specific conditions should be submitted before the issuance of EC.

Item No.71.12 Environmental clearance for the proposed building stone quarry project in Re-survey Nos. 365, 366, 367/5 part of Koppam Village & Panchayat, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala State by Sri. M.K. Joseph, Managing Partner M/s Malabar Granites (File No. 1066/EC1/2016/SEIAA)

Sri. M.K. Joseph, Managing Partner M/s Malabar Granites, Amayur P.O., Pattambi, Palakkad District, Kerala-679303, vide his application received online, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Re-survey Nos. 365, 366, 367/5 part of Koppam Village & Panchayat, Pattambi Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala for an area of 3.5204 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dt. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares. The proposed project is for quarrying of 1,20,000 MTA of building stone. The total project cost is Rs. 2 Crores. The quarry is working with mine lease issued by Mining & Geology Department for an area of 3.5204 ha out of total land area 9.6 ha for production of 24,000 MTA and the lease is valid up to March, 2023.

The proposal was placed in the 69th meeting of SEAC held on 09th & 10th March 2017 and decided to defer the item for field inspection.

Subsequently, site visit was conducted on 01.04.2017 by Subcommittee consisting of D.K.G.Padmakumar & Dr.E.A.Jayson. *The site inspection team reported that "The Amayur Minutes of the 71st meeting of SEIAA held on 20th July 2017*

vested forest is approximately 100m, on the east. The land for the proposed quarry is private owned, possession in the name of M/s Malabar Granites. Another quarry is in operation located within 500m radius. The approach road is poorly maintained. Laying of haul road as per the standard norms is suggested. The proponent shall have to arrange fixing of display boards and fencing around the quarry. Basic facilities for workers, especially the condition of resting place, housing facilities and sanitation facilities is too poor. General guidelines to be insisted, as the general appearance, maintenance and upkeep of this operating quarry is too poor”.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. Based on the Mining plan, Form.1, all other documents submitted with the proposal and the field visit report, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition.

- 1. This is a operational quarry with lease up till 2023. But the method of quarrying, general upkeep of the quarry, amenities for the workers, condition of the approach road etc are all very poor. So the general conditions are to be strictly adhered to immediately.*
- 2. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.10 lakhs (non-recurring) and 10 lakhs (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local body.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to obtaining legal opinion as decided in the 66th SEIAA meeting whether quarrying on lease areas without Environmental Clearance also come under the scope of violation.

A report from the Labour department is to be sought to certify whether the condition of labourers are hygenic and satisfactory. EC is recommended subject to the general condition in addition to the following specific condition.

1. Display board should be fixed.
2. Fencing should be done around the quarry site.
3. This is a operational quarry with lease up till 2023. But the method of quarrying, general upkeep of the quarry, amenities for the workers, condition of the approach road etc

are all very poor. So the general conditions are to be strictly adhered to immediately.

4. 100 m buffer distance should be left from the forest boundary.
5. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.

The proponent should set apart an amount of Rs10 lakhs (non-recurring) and 10 lakhs (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local body. EC will be issued only after fulfilling all the pre-mining conditions in the project site and also based on the report of Labour Department. A notarised affidavit should be submitted stating that all the general and specific conditions have been fulfilled as mentioned above.

Item No:71.13 Environment Clearance for the Expansion of Housing Project jointly developed by M/s Ayles Properties & Developers Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Skyline Builders in Survey Nos. 699/2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Kakkanad Village, Thrikkakara Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State by Mr. Shajith K, (Authorized Signatory), M/s Ayles Properties & Developers Pvt. Ltd. & M/s Skyline Builders, (File No. 1073/EC3/2016/SEIAA)

Mr. Shajith K, (Authorized Signatory), M/s Ayles Properties & Developers Pvt. Ltd. & M/s Skyline Builders, Skyline House, Door No. 33/1915 A-H, J & K, N.H. Bypass, Near EMC, Vennala P.O., Kochi, Kerala-682028., vide his application received online and, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the Expansion of Housing Project jointly developed by M/s Ayles Properties & Developers Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Skyline Builders in Survey Nos. 699/2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Kakkanad Village, Thrikkakara Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District. It is inter alia, noted that the project comes under the Category B, 8(a) of Schedule of EIA Notification 2006. Proposed residential project in an area of 0.81949 ha.(8,194.89 sq.m.) and the total built-up area of the project will be about 32,213.86 sq.m. (E.C. obtained area 26,674.02 sq.m. + 5,539.84 sq.m proposed expansion). After the proposed expansion, the facilities proposed in the housing complex will be of 192 Apartments with supporting infrastructure facilities. The total project cost is 53 Crores.

The proposal was placed in 70th meeting of SEAC held on 4th & 5th April 2017 and decided to defer the item for field inspection.

Accordingly a site inspection was conducted by the Sub Committee consisting of Dr E A Jayson and Sri S Ajayakumar on 04/05/2017. The Committee reported that “The

proposal is for the expansion of residential building for which EC is already available. The total built-up area of the project will be about 32,213.86 sq.m of which E.C and building permit from the local body obtained for an area of 26,674.02 sq.m. Proposed expansion is 5,539.84 sq.m on top of the permitted building whose construction is under progress. The EC for the existing building was issued based on certain conditions. Condition no (ii) of the said EC states that the built up area of construction is restricted as per existing KMBR/ KPBR and regulations applicable. The same condition may be insisted now also. The existing road width is 7 m and the proposed road width is 27m. Another condition is to keep the distance from the adjacent thodu equal to the width of thodu. Distance from the building to the thodu is 11 m and therefore satisfies this condition. Since EC is already obtained, the question is whether additional facilities are provided in proportion to the additional built up area. This seems to be provided. However the total built up area needs to be restricted based on the KMBR/ KPBR conditions which may be looked after by the local body concerned”.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. “The proposal was appraised by SEAC considering Form I, Form IA, Conceptual plan, field visit report and all other documents and details provided by the proponent. The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. The Committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to the general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions.

1. *The built up area of construction is restricted as per existing KMBR/KPBR .*
2. *The copy of the layout of the project from the Chief Town Planner to be filed and as part of records.*

The proponent agreed to set apart an amount of Rs.25 lakh over a period of 3 years for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community to be taken up in consultation with the local body.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC only after a satisfactory explanation from the proponent to ascertain whether there is violation as the work was started for the expansion applied for without EC and whether the extent of construction has already exceeded the permissible limit under EIA Notification. CRZ status should also be examined.

Item No:71.14 Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Residential Project (“Noel Ecoden”) in Re-survey nos. 468/9, 469/2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 484/1, 2, 7 & 8, Vazhakkala Village, Minutes of the 71st meeting of SEIAA held on 20th July 2017

**Thrikkakara Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk,
Ernakulam District, Kerala State by Mr. John Thomas,
Managing Partner, M/s Noel Villas & Apartments (File No.
1101/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)**

Mr. John Thomas, Managing Partner M/s Noel Villas & Apartments Noel House, Thrikkakara P.O., Kakkanad, Cochin, Kerala-682021, vide his application received online and has sought environmental clearance under the EIA Notification, 2006 for the proposed Residential project in Sy. Nos. Re-survey nos. 468/9, 469/2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 484/1, 2, 7 & 8, Vazhakkala Village, Thrikkakara Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State. It is interalia, noted that the project comes under the Category B, 8(a) of Schedule of EIA Notification 2006. The height of the proposed building is 59.90 m and the total plot area of the proposed project is 0.5923 ha. (5,923 sq.m.) and total built-up area is about 36,500 sq.m. Total of 110 apartments are in the proposed Residential project. The total project cost is Rs. 66.89 Crores.

The proposal was placed in 69th meeting of SEAC held on 9th & 10th March 2017 and decided to defer the item for field inspection and for submission of the proof for having applied for Wild Life Clearance.

Subsequently, the site visit to the quarry was carried out on 03/05/2017 by Dr K.G Padma Kumar and Sri S Ajayakumar.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. “The proposal was appraised by SEAC considering Form I, Form IA, Conceptual plan, field visit report and all other documents and details provided by the proponent. The committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. The Committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to the general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions.

- 1. Storm water drainage shall be ensured by connecting to the drain passing through the adjacent apartment project promoted by the proponent.*

The proponent agreed to set apart an amount of Rs.25 lakh over a period of 3 years for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community to be taken up in consultation with the local body”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC after ascertaining whether the construction satisfies the CRZ norms under KCZMA. EC is recommended subject to general condition in addition to the following specific condition.

1. Storm water drainage shall be ensured by connecting to the drain passing through the adjacent apartment project promoted by the proponent.

The proponent agreed to set apart an amount of Rs.25 lakh over a period of 3 years for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community to be taken up in consultation with the local body. A notarised affidavit for the commitment of CSR activities and agreeing all the general and specific conditions should be submitted before the issuance of EC.

Item No:71. 15 Environmental clearance for the Proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 31/1 Part 1, Part-2, 31/1 Part-3, 30/1, 30/2 pt, 31/1-1, 31/1-2 pt, 31/1-3, 31/1-5, 31/1-6, 31/1-7, 31/1-10, 31/5, 31/6, 31/7 at Kalanjoor Village, Konni Taluk, Pathamnamthitta District, Kerala by Mr.Ajai Sundaresh (File No. 926/SEIAA/EC4/3892/2015)

Sri.Ajai Sundaresh., Managing Director, Darshan Granites Pvt. Ltd, Sree Vardhini, Sivankovil Road, Punalur, Kollam District, Kerala State -691305, vide his application received on 23-09-2015 has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. Nos. 31/1 Part 1, Part-2, 31/1 Part-3, 30/1, 30/2 pt, 31/1-1, 31/1-2 pt, 31/1-3, 31/1-5, 31/1-6, 31/1-7, 31/1-10, 31/5, 31/6, 31/7 at Kalanjoor Village, Konni Taluk, Pathamnamthitta District, Kerala by Sri.Ajai Sundaresh for an area of 15.07 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dt. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares.

The proposal was placed before 57th meeting of SEAC. The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, pre-feasibility report, mining plan. Proponent informed the committee that the left out area containing Sy. No. 31/1-7 is presently with them and propose to mine in future. Hence the committee deferred the item for the production of revised mining plan including the above bit of land to make the mining more scientific and environmental friendly.

The proponent then submitted the revised Form 1 and CSR and the revised Mining Plan including the bit of land (Sy. No. 31/1-7) according to the decision of SEAC. In addition to the above Survey No. the new Mining Plan also covers the Survey Nos. such as 31/1-2 pt, 31/1-3, 31/1-5, 31/1-6, 31/1-10 & 31/7 with a total area of 15.07 ha. As per the old Mining Plan and application the total area was only 9.92 ha. The Proponent has also remitted an additional amount of Rs.50,000/- towards the processing fee.

The proposal was again considered in the 66th meeting of SEAC, Kerala, held on 19th December, 2016 and decided to defer the item for site inspection.

Subsequently, field visit to the Quarry project site of M/s Darsan Granites Pvt Ltd, Kalanjoor village Pathanamthitta district, was carried out on 25.02.2017 by the sub-committee of SEAC, Kerala, comprising Dr. Keshav Mohan and Sri. John Mathai.

The proposal was placed in the 69th meeting SEAC held on 9th & 10th March 2017. The Committee states that “ The Original application is on behalf of Sahyadri Quarries by Sri.AjaiSunderesh. Now for a revised proposal, inclusive of the area proposed by Sahyadri Quarries, is submitted in the name of Darshan Granites by Sri.Sundaesan, father of Sri.AjaiSunderesh. The Committee decided to defer the item for appropriately reprocessing the file by SEIAA after realising the required fees”.

This proposal was originally submitted in the name of M/s Sahyadri Quarries & Granites Pvt Ltd with Sri. Ajai Sundaresh, Managing Director as the proponent on 22.09.2015 for an area of 9.92 ha. They paid processing fee by DD for an amount of Rs. 2 lakhs. Meanwhile, based on the request, the District Collector cancelled the NOC obtained in the name of M/s Sahyadri Quarries & Granites Pvt Ltd and issued NOC for the same land to M/s Darshan Granites Pvt Ltd with Sri. T.K. Sundaesan as the proponent. M/s Darshan Granites Pvt Ltd operates a quarry in 4.07 ha area located adjacent to the applied lease area and issued with EC which expired on 25.11.2016. On the basis of NOC from District Collector, they approached Mining and Geology department for Letter of Intent (LOI) as per KMMCR 2015 for the cumulative area of 15.07 ha. in the name of M/s Darshan Granites pvt ltd. Now as suggested in the SEAC meeting, Sri. T.K. Sundaesan has submitted revised approved mine plan for the combined area of 15.07 ha (govt. land and own land) in the name of M/s Darsan Granites Pvt Ltd.

The proponent has already submitted the additional processing fee for total area. So the proposal is to be considered as new file in the name of Sri.Sundaesan, Managing Director, M/s Darshan Granites.

The proposal was placed in 67th meeting of SEIAA held on 28th April 2017. The Authority decided to consider the proposal on submission of a revised application for the transfer of ownership in the name of Sri.Sundaesan, Managing Director, M/s Darshan Granites and return the proposal to SEAC for reappraisal.

The proponent has submitted an affidavit giving consent for the transfer of ownership to Sri.T.K.Sundaesan.

The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. Consequent to the changes in the ownership and area, the 69th meeting of the Committee had recommended to reprocess the application. Accordingly SEIAA accepted a revised application and decided to consider it. The Committee appraised the proposal based on the Mining Plan, Pre-feasibility Report, field visit report and all other documents submitted along with Form 1 and decided to Recommend for Issuance of EC subject to the general conditions along with following specific condition.

1. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*
2. *Storm water flow to the south-eastern part must be channelized into another RWH which need to be developed during the progressive quarry operation.*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.13 lakh (recurring) and Rs.12 lakh (non-recurring) for taking up welfare activities for the local community in consultation with the local body.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to general condition in addition to the following specific conditions.

1. If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.

2. Storm water flow to the south-eastern part must be channelized into another RWH which need to be developed during the progressive quarry operation.

3. Mandatory sign boards are to be in place.

4. More numbers of sprinklers is to be provided around the crusher unit to suppress dust.

The proponent should set apart Rs.13 lakh (recurring) and Rs.12 lakh (non-recurring) for taking up welfare activities for the local community in consultation with the local body. EC will be issued only after completing all the pre-mining conditions in the project site. A notarised affidavit should be submitted to this extent and also agreeing all the general and specific conditions.

Item No:71.16 Environmental clearance for proposed expansion of existing hospital project in Sy. No. 1486/1-4-3-2, 1486/1-4-3, 1486/1-1, 1486/1-4-2, 1486/3-2, 1486, 1486, 1486/3-1, 1486, 1486/1-4-3-2, 1486/1-4-3-1, 1486/1-4-1, 1486/4-18, 1486/2, 1479/3-5, 1479/3-6, 1479/3-4, 1479/3-3, 1482/1-1, 1482/1-5, 1482/4-30, 1482/4-29,

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1482/4-23, 1482/4-27, 1482/1-4-1, 1482/1-4-2, 1482/1-2, 1486/2, 1486/1-4-3-1, 1482/1-1, 1486/2-1, 1482/1-1-2, 1482/4-22, 1482/4-22-7, 1482/4-12, 1482/4-25, 1482/1-8, 1482/1-6, 1482/1-3, 1482/1-4, 1482/1-7, 1482/1-2, 1482/4-24-2, 1482/3-2-1-1-2-1, 1482/3-2-1-2, 1482/3-2-1, 1482/4-22, 1482/3-2-1-1-1, 1482/3-2-1-2, 1482/3-2-1-2-1, 1482/4-18-1, 1482/4-18-1, 1482/3, 1482/3-2-1, 1482/3-1-1, 1482/3-1, 1486/1-4-4, 1486/1-5-1-1, 1482/4-26, 1482/4-27, 1482/4-27, 1482/4-27-1, 1482/4-27, 1482/4-27-1, 1482/1, 1482/1-1-1, 1482/3-3-1, 1482/3-3-2, 1482/3-3, 1485/1, 1485/2, 1485/3, 1485/4, 1485/5, 1485/7, 1485/8, 1485/9, 1485/10 Kadakampally Village, Trivandrum Municipal Corporation, Trivandrum Taluk & District, Kerala State by Mr. E.M. Najeeb, Executive Director, M/s KIMS Healthcare Management Ltd. (File No. 1085/EC1/SEIAA/2016)

Sri. E.M. Najeeb, Executive Director, M/s KIMS Healthcare Management Ltd. P.B. No. # 1, Anayara P.O., Trivandrum, Kerala-695029, vide his application received online on 2nd May 2016 and acceptance letter for online application was given by SEIAA on 4th November 2016, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. No. 1486/1-4-3-2, 1486/1-4-3, 1486/1-1, 1486/1-4-2, 1486/3-2, 1486, 1486, 1486/3-1, 1486, 1486/1-4-3-2, 1486/1-4-3-1, 1486/1-4-1, 1486/4-18, 1486/2, 1479/3-5, 1479/3-6, 1479/3-4, 1479/3-3, 1482/1-1, 1482/1-5, 1482/4-30, 1482/4-29, 1482/4-23, 1482/4-27, 1482/1-4-1, 1482/1-4-2, 1482/1-2, 1486/2, 1486/1-4-3-1, 1482/1-1, 1486/2-1, 1482/1-1-2, 1482/4-22, 1482/4-22-7, 1482/4-12, 1482/4-25, 1482/1-8, 1482/1-6, 1482/1-3, 1482/1-4, 1482/1-7, 1482/1-2, 1482/4-24-2, 1482/3-2-1-1-2-1, 1482/3-2-1-2, 1482/3-2-1, 1482/4-22, 1482/3-2-1-1-1, 1482/3-2-1-2, 1482/3-2-1-2-1, 1482/4-18-1, 1482/4-18-1, 1482/3, 1482/3-2-1, 1482/3-1-1, 1482/3-1, 1486/1-4-4, 1486/1-5-1-1, 1482/4-26, 1482/4-27, 1482/4-27, 1482/4-27-1, 1482/4-27, 1482/4-27-1, 1482/1, 1482/1-1-1, 1482/3-3-1, 1482/3-3-2, 1482/3-3, 1485/1, 1485/2, 1485/3, 1485/4, 1485/5, 1485/7, 1485/8, 1485/9, 1485/10 Kadakampally Village, Trivandrum Municipal Corporation, Trivandrum Taluk & District, Kerala. It is interalia, noted that the project comes under the Category B, 8(a) of Schedule of EIA Notification 2006.

The height of the proposed building is 30 m. and the total plot area of the proposed project is 2.6420 ha. (26,420.43 sq. m.) and the total built-up area is 78,669 sq.m.

(existing 37,160 sq.m. + proposed 41,509 sq.m.).

The proposal was placed in the 71st meeting of SEAC held on 20th & 21st April 2017. The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent. The Committee was not convinced with the explanations given by the proponent that there was no requirement of Environment Clearance for the existing two buildings. The Committee opined that the combined built up area of both the existing buildings exceed the threshold limit of EIA Notification 2006 and therefore violates the provisions of the notification.

However, since the proponent requested for time to produce further documents in support of his argument that there was no violation in the construction, the Committee decided to defer the item.

Now the proponent has submitted the documents sought by SEAC in its 71st meeting. The proposal was considered in the 73rd meeting of SEAC held on 30th and 31st May 2017. The Committee appraised the proposal on the basis of the Form I and Form IA application, conceptual plan, environment management plan, field inspection report of the sub-committee, explanations submitted by the proponent and other connected documents.

The sub-committee during its site inspection has observed that the total built up area of the existing two buildings of the hospital complex is more than 20000 sq.m and there could be a possible case of violation. Accordingly the proponent was asked to explain the position. In the written explanations the proponent has admitted that the total built up area of the two existing buildings is 37160 m². But according to him if the following two aspects are taken into consideration there is no violation.

1) The existing two buildings are in two different plots separated by a PWD road . Hence as per the building rules they are to be considered as separate structures and treated accordingly. Hence combined area cannot be reckoned for considering for the EC. Further, the first building of 25640 sq.m was completed much before the 2006 EIA notification and received completion report on 2.8.2005. Hence there is no violation.

The Committee rejected the above argument as the hospital as such is functioning as a single unit intimately sharing common amenities and services and whatsoever impacts it is making on the environment has to be assessed together.

2) As regards the second argument the proponent argues that the permit for the second building was granted on 24.4.2006 (Before the EIA notification) for 3 floors. Though the application for revised permit was submitted well before the EIA notification, due to administrative delay it was issued only on 3.2.2007. According to the proponent the EIA notification is applicable only to constructions commenced after the publication of EIA notification on 14.09.2006. In this case construction commenced well before the above date and hence there is no violation.

The EIA notification dated 14.09 2006 does not offer any such relief to the on-going constructions. Considering the circumstances of the case the Committee observed that there is

a non –intentional technical violation. It deserves a lenient consideration. If the decision of SEIAA is to proceed further against the violation it may be done in accordance with procedures prevailed prior to 14.03.2017, the date on which MoEF issued notification revising procedures for treating cases involving violations, as the delay in processing the application received in SEIAA on 10.11.2016 is due to the administrative shortcomings.

The committee took the commitments intimated by the proponent vide letter dated 29.03.2017 into record and decided to **recommend for issuance of EC** subject to the general condition along with the specific conditions

1. Enhance total car parking facility for 648 cars which will include mechanical, multilevel and conventional car parking.
2. Parking facilities for 650 two wheelers
3. During construction stage proponent agreed to provide parking facility in a space away from the site with free to and fro shuttle service.
4. Rainwater storage capacity shall be increased to 3500 KL.
5. The sewage will be treated and recycled with the site itself.
6. Exit and entry will be as per revised plan submitted.
7. Emergency assembly points as shown in the revised conceptual plan should be provided.
8. Adequate safety measures shall be ensured to prevent slope failure of steep cutting.
9. Excess earth excavated shall be disposed off without causing environmental problem.

The proponent agreed to spend Rs.1 crore over a period of 3 years for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local body. For the subsequent years SEIAA may obtain an appropriate commitment from the proponent.

Authority decided to defer the item for detailed examination to ascertain whether there is violation of EIA Notification and place in the next meeting.

Item No:71.17 Application for Environment Clearance for Proposed I.T. Building project at Survey Nos. 368/1, 368/2, 368/4, 369/1, 369/4, 371/1, 371/2, 371/3, 371/4, 371/5, 371/6, 371/7, 371/8, 372/6, Kunnathunadu Village, Kunnathunadu Panchayat, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State by Dr. Hafeez Rahman, Managing Director M/s Padiyath Innovation World Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 1096/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)

Dr. Hafeez Rahman, Managing Director, M/s Padiyath Innovation World Pvt. Ltd. 36/1906, Rahmans, Near Judges Avenue, Kaloor P.O., Cochin, Kerala - 682017. his application received online, has sought for Environment Clearance for Proposed I.T. Building project at Survey Nos. 368/1, 368/2, 368/4, 369/1, 369/4, 371/1, 371/2, 371/3, 371/4, 371/5, 371/6, 371/7, 371/8, 372/6, Kunnathunadu Village, Kunnathunadu Panchayat, Kunnathunadu

Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State. It is interalia noted that the project comes under category 8 (a) of schedule of EIA notification 2006.

The proposal was considered in the 74th meeting of SEAC held on 14th and 15th meeting. Committee has given two chances for presentation, but the proponent did not turn up for the presentation. Hence, the Committee recommend to **delist the item**.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to delist the proposal as the proponent did not turn up for the presentation.

Item No: 71.18 Melarkkode Village, Aalathur Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Sri. P. Ananthanarayanan Rejected- Review Petition (File No 840 (A)/SEIAA/EC1/ 2744/2015).

Sri. P. Ananthanarayanan, Thaniparambilveedu, Cheramangalam P.O. Palakkad, Kerala – 678703 has applied for Environmental Clearance for the removal of 10,000 m³ of ordinary earth from an area of 0.8112 Ha, of land in Re Sy.386/1, 386/2 at Melarkkode Village, Aalathur Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala. for the purpose and in the manner as particularised below:

The proposal was considered by SEAC in its 55th meeting of held on 10/11/20-05-2016. The committee recommended to delist the proposal since the proposed land is a 'wetland'. Hence the application cannot be considered. The proponent can be advised to approach District Environmental Impact Appraisal Committee (DEIAA) along with an appropriate order exempting from the purview of the Conservation of wet land and paddy land Act.

The proposal was considered in the 54th meeting of SEIAA held on 21-06-2016. Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to reject the application.

Sri. P. Ananthanarayanan thereon submitted review petition stating that the purpose of the land is to make his paddy land, situated at a higher plane than the irrigation land to a lower level to make flow from the canal possible. The report dated 17.5.2016 of the District Geologist Palakkad reveals that the position of the land and canal as stated by the petitioner is correct. Authority may decide whether the earlier decision may be reconsidered. If not, decision to refund of processing fee may also be taken.

The Authority in its 58th meeting held on 8th September 2016 decided to call for report of the R.D.O concerned reconfirming that the land involved is not a 'wetland' and that it will be suitable for paddy cultivation if the required quantity of ordinary earth is removed and the level of the land reduced as applied for.

The R.D.O of Palakkad vide his letter No.J-1764/16 dt.21.11.2016 has stated on the basis of a site inspection report that the land belonging to the applicant in Alathur Taluk, Melarkkode Village Block – 24 in Sy.No.386/1 -1.1655 ha, 386/5 – 0.1075 ha is included in the Paddy-Wetland data bank and that it is above the Cheramangalam Lift Irrigation Canal and his remaining barren land. The water from the canal cannot flow down to 0.3000 ha of agricultural land for the last 5 years. Hence the Sub collector reported that agriculture in the land cannot be practiced using the canal water as the land is located at a higher elevation

The proposal was placed in 67th meeting of SEIAA held on 28th April 2017. In the light of the RDO Report, Authority decided to return the proposal once again to SEAC for re-appraisal.

The proposal was considered in the 74th meeting of SEAC held on 14th & 15th June 2017. In the light of the facts reported by RDO, the committee decided to Recommend for issuance of Environmental Clearance for removal of 4,000 m³ of ordinary earth (1m depth from .3 ha and .5 m depth from .5 ha) subject to the condition that removal of earth shall not exceed the level of canal bed.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC on usual conditions for mining of 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 4000 m³ of ordinary earth (1m depth from .3 ha and .5 m depth from .5 ha) subject to the condition that removal of earth shall not exceed the level of canal bed.

Item No: 71.19 Environmental clearance for the proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos 105 pt. & 111 pt. at Kannamangalam Village, Kannamangalam Panchayath, Tirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala by Sri. Abdul Khader, K. (File No. 846/SEIAA/EC1/2858/2015)

Sri.Abdul Khader, K., Kanneth House, Cherur P. O., Vengara (via), Malappuram District-676304, vide his application received on 24-07-2015 has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the quarry project in Sy. Nos 105 pt& 111pt at Kannamangalam Village, Kannamangalam Panchayath, Tirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala for an area of 8.8082 hectares. The project comes under Category B2 as per the O.M. No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dtd. 24.12.2013 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, since the area of the project is below 25 hectares. The proponent noted through the basic details that the quarry is not working and it is a fresh quarry.

49th meeting of SEAC held on 7-8 Dec 2015 has considered the matter and decided to defer the item for field visit.

The sub-committee of SEAC consisting of Dr.Khaleel Chovva and Dr. P. S. Harikumar visited the quarry project on 27-03-2016.

55th SEAC Meeting held on 10th, 11th& 20th May, 2016 considered the inspection report of the Subcommittee. It is observed that area is a virgin area with over burden up to 5m depth. Many of the committee members expressed the apprehension about the possible damages in the quarry area. Hence it was decided to once again examine thoroughly the possible damages to the local environment due to the proposed quarry operations. The committee decided to include the Geology Expert Sri. John Mathai also to the subcommittee for inspecting the site.

In connection with the above minutes Sri.John Mathai, (Member, SEAC) had visited the site at Kannamangalam Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram District on 16.07.16.

SEAC considered the proposal again in its 62nd meeting held on 06th& 07th September 2016. The Committee after examining the Minutes of 55th meeting of SEAC held on 10th, 11th and 20th of May, 2016, and the two inspection reports observed that since differing views have emerged regarding the suitability of the site for mining it is better to get it inspected by a strengthened team of experts. Hence it was decided to get the site inspection conducted by a team consisting of Dr.George Chackacherry, Dr.Khaleel Chowwa, Dr. P. S. Harikumar and Sri. John Mathai.

The site visit to the quarry was carried out twice on 27-03-2016 and 16.07.16. As per the decision of 64th SEAC meeting, a team consisting of Dr KhaleelChovva, Dr E A Jayson, Dr George Chackacherry and Dr P S Harikumar again visited the site on 16-12-2016.

The proposal was considered in the 67th meeting of SEAC held on 27th January, 2017. The Committee observed that the latest site visit report indicate only a slope bearing between 24^o to 30^o and does not point out any appreciable depth of overburden at the site. A letter from the Geologist Malappuram indicating that the locality has no history of landslides is also produced. After deliberations the committee including the Sub Committee members Dr.K.M.Khaleel and Dr.George Chackacherry did not find any material fact to deny EC to the proponent. The Committee decided to seek the opinions of other committee members also and hence decided to defer the item.

The proposal was considered in the 69th meeting of SEAC held on 9th and 10th March 2017. The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, Pre-feasibility Report, Mining

Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee decided to Recommend for issuance of EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition for mining.

1. *The accessibility to the site should be improved*
2. *The drainage should be properly developed so that the water coming from the top should be properly collected and harvested. The water should be clarified before discharge*
3. *The overburden should be properly deposited at a specific site.*
4. *The boundary of the mining area should be clearly demarcated with fencing and identification signs*
5. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.11.65 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.15.66 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat.

The proposal was placed in the 68th meeting of SEIAA held on 12th May 2015. In the light of contradictory inspection reports and the technical aspects of the complaint, Authority decided to return the proposal to SEAC for reconsideration of their recommendations. SEAC may also look into the status of the litigation pending against the quarry.

The proposal was again considered in the 74th meeting of SEAC held on 14th & 15th June 2017. The Committee examined the suggestions made by SEIAA. The Committee once again considered all points of view which came up during the course of appraisal. The Physical features of the area is not anything unusual from many other areas for which we have already issued EC. Further, the district geologist has reported that the area has no history of landslides. Considering all the facts, the Committee came to the conclusion that there is no reason to change its earlier recommendation.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to issue EC subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions.

1. *The accessibility to the site should be improved*
2. *The drainage should be properly developed so that the water coming from the top should be properly collected and harvested. The water should be clarified before discharge*

3. *The overburden should be properly deposited at a specific site.*
4. *The boundary of the mining area should be clearly demarcated with fencing and identification signs*
5. *If any plant species endemic to Western Ghats are noticed in the area they shall be properly protected in situ or by transplanting to an appropriate location inside the lease area.*

The proponent should set apart an amount of Rs.11.65 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.15.66 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat. EC will be issued only after fulfilling all the pre-mining conditions in the project site and a notarised affidavit should be submitted to this effect and agreeing to all the general and specific conditions.

Item No:71.20 Environmental Clearance issued for the building stone quarry project, M/s Valorangal Quarry in Sy. Nos. 318/1/1, 318/1/2, 318/3 (pt), 318/4, 319/1 (pt), at Thiruvalli Village, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala to Sri.Sivasankaran, P. – Request for Amendment. (File No. 857/SEIAA/EC1/2981/2015)

Sri.Sivasankaran P, S/o Kunhiraman Nair, Pothalakkal House, Naduvath P.O Wandoor (via) Malappuram has applied for Environmental Clearance for the proposed building stone quarry project, M/s Valorangal Quarry in Sy. Nos. 318/1/1, 318/1/2, 318/3 (pt), 318/4, 319/1 (pt), at Thiruvalli Village, Nilambur Taluk, Malappuram District.

The 52nd meeting of SEAC held on 08/09-02-2016 recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C based on the Mining Plan, Prefeasibility Report, field inspection report and all other documents submitted along with the Form I application with some specific conditions and general conditions stipulated for mining projects. 54th meeting of SEIAA held on 21/06/2016 accepted the recommendations of SEAC and approved for the issuance of E.C with additional conditions suggested by the SEAC team. Accordingly the Authority issued the E.C No. 118/2016 dated 17-08-2016.

Now the proponent represented that, when he approached the M&G Department for lease certificate, the Director of M&G has informed him about the error in survey number mentioned in E.C. In the E.C, instead of 319 (pt), it is mentioned as 319/1 (pt) and this was due to an inadvertent error in the basic document submitted by him. So the proponent has made necessary corrections in the mining plan and the newly approved mining plan was

submitted in the office of SEIAA along with a request to rectify the above error in survey number in the E.C issued.

It has been noted the E.C was approved and prepared by the Authority as per the appraisal and recommendation of SEAC. The recommendation of SEAC is based on Form 1 application submitted by the project proponent.

This is a signed document by the project proponent. Therefore if any of the items mentioned in Form 1 is changed, the Authority can take a decision only on the basis of fresh recommendation of the project by SEAC based on the revised Form 1 to be submitted by the project proponent.

The proposal was placed in the 61st meeting of SEIAA held on 30.11.2016. The Authority decided to ask the proponent to submit new application with revised Form I, and the proposal to be returned to SEAC and for re-appraisal.

The proponent has submitted the application and revised Form I.

The proposal was considered in the 74th meeting of SEAC held on 14th and 15th June 2017. The Committee observed that the survey numbers noted in the EC are the one mentioned by the proponent in the Mining Plan and Form 1. Now since the proponent has submitted revised documents rectifying the defect in one of the survey numbers, the EC already issued can also be amended incorporating the above correction.

Authority decided to issue erratum to the proponent.

Item No:71.21 Environment Clearance for proposed Residential cum Service Apartment Project in Survey Nos. 451/7, 460/1, 460/1-2, 460/2, 460/3, 461/5, 461/5-1, 461/6, 461/8, 461/9, Ulloor Village, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation Thiruvananthapuram Taluk & District, Kerala State by Mr. Viju Varghese, Deputy General Manager, M/s Artech Realtors Pvt. Ltd., (File No. 1079/EC1/SEIAA/2016)

Mr. Viju Varghese, Deputy General Manager, M/s Artech Realtors Pvt. Ltd. "Artech House", TC/24/2014 (1), Thycaud P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695014., vide his application received online and, has sought Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 for the proposed Residential cum Service Apartment Project in Survey Nos. 451/7, 460/1, 460/1-2, 460/2, 460/3, 461/5, 461/5-1, 461/6, 461/8, 461/9, Ulloor Village, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk & District, Kerala State. It is inter alia, noted that the project comes under the Category B, 8(a) of Schedule of

EIA Notification 2006. The Maximum height from ground level of the proposed project is 75 m. *The proposal is for a residential cum service apartment project. The total plot area of the proposed project is 1.0087 ha (10,087.05 sq.m) and total built-up area about 67,884.19 sq. m consisting of 264 residential units and 14 nos. of service apartments with supporting infrastructure facilities. The proposed building is having basement floor 1, 2, 3 + Ground + 21 floors. Parking is for 407 Cars + 120 Two wheelers.*

The proposal was placed in 70th meeting of SEAC held on 4th & 5th April 2017 and decided to defer the item for field inspection. The Committee also directed the proponent to suggest alternate sources for assuring adequate supply of water throughout the year. The Sub-Committee may specially look into the nature of land and the possible impact the project will cause to the already congested traffic flow at Sreekariyam junction.

Accordingly the site inspection was conducted by the Sub Committee members consisting of Sri. Gopinathan.V (Chairman) and Sri. S. Ajayakumar on 23/05/2017.

The proposal was considered in the 74th meeting of SEAC held on 14th and 15th June 2017. “The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, Form IA, conceptual plan, EMP, site inspection report and all other connected records. The Committee observed that the plot is located within 100 m east of the Sreekaryam Junction where NH 66 is intersected by Pothencode - Akkulam road. It is highly congested due to heavy traffic along both roads. Turning radius is very less due to lack of adequate splay. Bus stop for the vehicles bound for Central Business District is located in front of the plot. Vehicle trips leaving for CBD and coming from Kazhakkootam can be easily manoeuvred but traffic in the opposite direction will create conflict points along NH which will accentuate traffic congestion experienced now at the junction. The proposed project, unless PWD intends to ease the traffic congestion in the near future, will only make the situation worse to worst. In the light of the above facts the Committee decided to recommend to reject the proposal”.

Authority accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to reject the proposal.

Item No.71.22

**Appeal for amendment in Specific condition -
File No.939/SEIAA/EC3/4097/2015**

The project has been granted Environment Clearance on 06.10.2016. The project proponent has submitted a request vide letter dt.05.12.2016 stating that as per the EC Order, SEAC prescribed a specific condition that “No access shall be provided from the pipeline

Road as indicated in the plan. Access should only from Stadium Link Road and should have minimum width as prescribed in relevant rules and no exemptions shall be provided for the same". Now he has obtained permission from Kerala Water Authority and Chief Town Planner regarding access to pipeline road.

He has requested to amend the specific condition imposed in the Environment Clearance. It was placed in the SEIAA meeting to decide whether the specific condition stated above is to be cancelled in view of the permission granted by KWA & CTP.

As the request is to amend the specific condition suggested by SEAC, Authority decided to return the proposal to SEAC for decision.

Item No.71.23 Environmental Clearance for the Proposed quarry project in Sy. Nos. 16,37/4,39/1a at Kolavallur Village, Thalassery Taluk, Kannur District, Kerala by Mr.Keeran Kumaran, (File No. 938/SEIAA/EC4/4096/2015) – Application for Erratum

The proposal was considered in the 60th meeting of SEIAA and issued EC. Now the proponent has submitted a letter regarding a mistake made in the Environmental Clearance which has been issued to him. In Para 9 (ii) instead of District Collector, Kannur it is mistakenly written as District Collector, Pathanamthitta.

Authority decided to issue erratum to the proponent.

Item No: 71.24 Complaint regarding illegal mining in Kannur – Karnataka Forest Border – Five Star Granites via email

It has been reported that Karnataka Forest Department had requested vide letter dated 08.12.2011 that a quarry unit working in Vayathur village Re Sy No.28/1A2 may be cancelled. It is also informed that the forest area adjacent to the quarry is declared as Eco sensitive zone through direction of MoEF dated 13.11.2013 and that violation of it is a punishable offence under EP Act. The letter from Dy CF, Virajpet addressed to DC, Kannur enclosed with the above complaint states that Sri. K. K. Surendra is running M/s. Five Star Stone crusher Unit in Sy.No. 28/1A2 of Vayathur Village within 100 mts from Kerti Reserve Forest of Makut Range of Virajpet Forest Division and that wild animals are disturbed & environment is damaged due to blasting of stone. The quarry licence is hence requested to be cancelled. A report from the DFO, Kannur to the DC Kannur is also seen enclosed, stating

that M/s. Five Star Stone Crusher Unit in Sy.No. 28/1A2 of Vayathur Village and similar units functioning nearby may be closed down for protection of environment and wildlife of the adjacent Reserve Forest. The matter was placed before the SEIAA meeting for deciding whether a site inspection is to be conducted by SEIAA / SEAC or whether a report on the current status of the quarry is to be called for from District Collector, Kannur.

There is no record of issuing EC nor any application for the same was received from Sri.K.K.Surendra, who is running Five Star Stone Crusher Unit in Sy.No.28/1A2 of Vayathur Village within 100 mts from Kerti Reserve Forest of Makut Range of Virajpet Forest Division. Hence the Authority decided to forward the complaint to the District Collector, for necessary action.

Item No.71.25 General Items

1. Request for posting Legal Assistant and Standing Counsel:

The Law Officer, SEIAA, has requested to post a Legal Assistant and a Standing Counsel for SEIAA/SEAC. Authority decided to forward the request to Government for a Legal Assistant and a Standing Counsel.

2. Delegation of powers to file Counter Affidavit in Hon'ble High Court :

The Authority in its 37th meeting held on 08th May 2015 has already authorised the Administrator to file Counter Affidavit on behalf of Chairman and Member Secretary, SEIAA. The Authority decided to delegate the powers of filing Counter Affidavit on behalf of Chairman and Member Secretary, SEIAA to the Law Officer.

3. Payment of Arrear wages for contract/daily wages employees of SEIAA

As per G.O(MS) No.9/2017/Envvt dt.07.07.2017 the remuneration of staff on daily wages/ contract appointments in SEIAA has been enhanced. The Authority decided that the arrear emoluments due to existing staff and those already terminated may be disbursed, with immediate effect as per availability of funds.

4. Approval of Expenditure Statement :

Expenditure statements upto 30.06.2017 placed before SEIAA was approved.

5. Release of funds to District Collectors for wages of staff :

As many District Collectors have been requesting funds for paying wages to Project Assistants and Data Entry Operator appointed for DEIAA & DEAC activities, it was decided that an amount of Rs.1 lakh each may be released to those District Collectors who have requested for funds, vide Government sanction no. G.O(Rt.) No.78/2017/Envvt dt.20.07.2017.

Sd/-
Dr.K.P.Joy
Chairman

Sd/-
Dr.J.Subhashini
Member

Sd/-
Shri.James Varghese I.A.S
Member Secretary