

## State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand

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Letter No. :

Ranchi, dated:

From,

Member Secretary, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

To,

Md. Najimuddin, S/o Late Tahiruddin, At P.O.: Kashimnagar,

District.: Birbhum - 731221, West Bengal.

Sub: Dhowadangal Stone Deposit Project of Md. Najimuddin at Plot No. 554, 555 & 556, Khata No. 12 & 13 at Village: Dhowadangal, Thana: Maheshpur, Distt.: Pakur, Jharkhand (Area – 3.50 Acre or 1.42 Ha) (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/225168/2021 & Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/447462/2023)- reg.

Ref: 1. EC letter no. of said project bearing letter no. : EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2407/2021/149 dated : 23.09.2021 and expansion EC issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2998/2023/397, dated : 02.11.2023.

2. Your letter dated: 04.07.2024

Sir,

It is to inform you that the said matter was examined in 114<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 and the following decision has been taken by SEIAA. Jharkhand in the instant matter:-

The project proponent has applied for EC online under B2 category through PARIVESH portal on 17.08.2021 with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by DMO, Pakur, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. 1043/M, dated 03.07.2021.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 90<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 1043/M, dated 03.07.2021 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 02 leases bearing areas, 3.47 Acre and 3.71 Acres are also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 10.68 Acre or 4.32 Ha, which is less than 5 Ha. On the basis







of this certificate the project was appraised by then SEAC under B2 category and recommended for grant of Environmental Clearance.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with other requisite documents, then SEIAA in its 92<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 decided to grant of Environmental Clearance to the said project under B2 category and accordingly Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2407/2021/149, Ranchi, dated 23.09.2021.

Further, the project proponent has applied for expansion of EC of same project under B2 category vide proposal no. SIA/JH/MIN/447462/2023 on 07.10.2023 with same mandatory documents as mentioned above. The then SEAC was appraised the said proposal in its 109<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 in the light of same mandatory documents which were submitted by project proponent with first proposal no. i.e. SIA/JH/MIN/225168/2021. And recommendation was made for grant of expansion EC under B2 category to SEIAA.

On the basis of recommendations of then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee and cluster report of DMO, Pakur with same requisite documents, submitted by project proponent at the time of first proposal bearing no. SIA/JH/MIN/225168/2021, the then SEIAA in its 110<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 decided to grant of expansion EC to the said project under B2 category and accordingly expansion Environmental Clearance letter was issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2998/2023/397, Ranchi, dated 02.11.2023.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. 605/M, dated 13.05.2024 has kept the said lease in abeyance and informed project proponent to keep abeyance the lease with copy to Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority stating that the said projects belongs to B1 category as the total cluster area is 13.68 Acre or 5.54 Ha and project proponent has procured Environmental Clearance under B2 category. DMO, Pakur has also directed the project proponent to obtain fresh Environmental Clearance under B1 category from SEIAA, Jharkhand.

In the light of DMO, Pakur letter no. 605/M, dated 13.05.2024 the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. 129, dated 21.06.2024 issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the project proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The project proponent, Md. Najimuddin has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated 04.07.2024 in which he has submitted that the said lease area Dhowadangal Stone Deposit is situated at Plot No. 554, 555 & 556, Khata No. 12 & 13 at Village: Dhowadangal, Thana: Maheshpur, Distt.: Pakur, total area is 1.42 Ha. On the basis of this, he has applied for Contiguous Report from DMO and applied for EC under B2 category. Now DMO, Pakur has directed project proponent to apply in SEIAA for EC under B1 category because of cluster area of his mining lease 13.68 Acre or 5.54 Ha.

From the above it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is 13.68 Acre or 5.54 Ha and this falls under B1 category. Hence, SEIAA unanimously decided that Environmental Clearance issued in favor of said project vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-



22/2407/2021/149 dated 23.09.2021 and expansion EC issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2998/2023/397, Ranchi, dated 02.11.2023 are withdrawn with immediate effect. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.

SEIAA has also decided to request to Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules".

- 2. The decision taken by SEIAA is self-explanatory and in light of decision taken by SEIAA in its 114<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. the Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2021-22/2407/2021/149 dated 23.09.2021 and expansion EC issued vide letter no. EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2998/2023/397. Ranchi, dated 02.11.2023 to the said stone mining project is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.
- 3. Project proponent is at liberty to submit online application through PARIVESH portal under B1 category for getting Environmental Clearance under B1 category.
- 4. Deputy Commissioner, Pakur and Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the project proponent / earing official under the relevant Acts & Rules.
- 5. This is issued with the approval of SEIAA, Jharkhand.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

Member Secretary
State Level Environment Impact
Assessment Authority, Jharkhand

Memo no.: 146 Dated: 12/07/2024

## Copy to:

- 1. Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand.
- 2. Deputy Commissioner, District Pakur, Jharkhand.
- 3. Divisional Forest Officer, Pakur Forest Division, Pakur, Jharkhand.
- 4. Divisional Forest Officer-Cum-Incharge Wildlife Sanctuary, Udhwa (Sahibganj), Jharkhand.
- 5. Director IA Division, Monitoring Cell, MoEF and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi 110003.
- 6. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Jharkhand State Housing Board (HQ), Harmu Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand 834002.
- 7. District Mining Officer, District Pakur, Jharkhand.

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- 8. Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, Ranchi.
- 9. Member Secretary, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 10. Website.
- 11. Guard file.

Member Secretary

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand

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