

**Department of Geology and Mining, Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiri District**

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To  
The District Collector,  
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**R.C.No.1653/Mines/2021 Dated:07.02.2022**

Sir

Sub: Case No.O.A.131 of 2016 – National Tribunal – Southern Zone – Chennai - O.A.131 of 2016 F/b Lakshmanan BR (Tr) –Joint Committee status report filed – Objection filed by the petitioner – Remarks called for –Reg

- Ref: 1. National Green Tribunal Southern Zone, Chennai, Order date:18.02.2020  
2. District Collector, The Nilgiris, Lr No. RC.No.844/2016/P3, Dated: 25.11.2020  
3. Objection filed by the petitioner Thiru. B.R.Lakshmanan Application No.131/2016(Z)

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With Reference to the cited 2, The District collector, The Nilgiris stated that the Joint Committee status report On O.A.131 of 2016 has been filed before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai on 30.07.2021. In this regard, the petitioner has filed the objection petition against the joint committee status report.

With Reference to the Objection application no131/2016(Z), it is stated that the following villages belongs to Kagguchi village panchayat , Udhagamandalam Taluk are prone for landslide due to the ground water extraction Viz, 1.Manavorai 2.Kovilmedu 3. Honnathalai 4.Ambetkar Nagar 5.Bhagyanagar 6.Gandhi Nagar 7.Kudumanai and 8.Giri Betta

Hence, as instructed by the District Collector, The Nilgiris, The residential area listed in the objection petition has been inspected and the following observation and inferences are furnished. The geotechnical parameters like

Slope, Drainage pattern, Top soil thickness and Land use pattern used to study the area.

Among the all geotechnical parameters the villages Manavorai, Ambetkar Nagar, Bakiyanagar the Slope is vital parameter is acting as a major role for landslide, due to the high slope.

Giribetta village has Gentle slopped area but row houses located on the terraces with unprotected soil cut faces. In this area the unprotected soil cut faces acting as a major role for landslide.

The other villages Kovilmedu, Honnathalai, Gandhi Nagar, Kudumanai are located on the gentle slope to moderate slope and falls in the less prone to Moderate prone for land slide due to the geotechnical parameters like Slope, Drainage pattern, Top soil thickness and Land use pattern.

Hence, it is observed that the villages mentioned in the objection application is influencing the geotechnical parameters like Slope, Drainage pattern, Top soil thickness and Land use pattern. During the inspection there is no evidences observed landslide and land subsidence due to the ground water pumping.

  
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