

**BEFORE THE HONBLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL (SZ)
CHENNAI**

APPEAL No. 7 of 2020

BETWEEN

SRI REJI KURIAKOSE and ANR

... APPELLANTS

Vs

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

AUTHORITY, KERALA and ANR

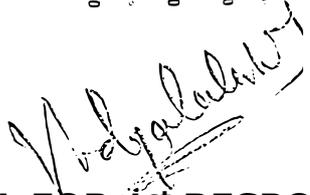
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DATED AT CHENNAI ON THIS THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022


COUSNEL FOR 1st RESPONDENT

SANCTUARY NOTIFICATION**NOTIFICATION****GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Agriculture (Forest Miscellaneous) Department****NOTIFICATION**

No.35743/FM3/83/ AD Dated Trivandrum , 27th August 1983.

S.R.O. 1209/83 – Whereas the Government of Kerala consider that the area, the situation and limits of which are specified in the schedule below, is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, natural and Zoological significance;

Now therefore in exercise of powers conferred by section 18 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Government of Kerala hereby declare the said area to be Sanctuary, to be known as the Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary, for the purpose of protecting, propagating and developing Wildlife and its environment.

SCHEDULE

District – Idukki.

Taluk – Devicolam

Situation and Limits of the Area

North: From the confluence of Idamalayar with Periyar, the boundary proceeds towards east along the right bank of Idamalayar up to the confluence of Kuttampuzha Ar with Idamalayar.

East: From the confluence of Kuttampuzha Ar with Idamalayar the boundary proceeds towards south along the right bank of Kuttampuzha Ar and Cut Division boundary near Puzhamudy.

South: From there the boundary proceeds towards west and joins with Periyar.

West: Then the boundary proceeds along the right bank of Periyar till it joins with Idamalayar.

By order of the Governor,

S.GOPALAN

Secretary to Government.

(This note is not part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport).

The State Wildlife Advisory Board meetings held at Thiruvananthapuram on 27-08-1981 have recommended to declare the Thattekkad areas as a Bird Sanctuary. Government consider it absolutely necessary to declare the Thattekkad area as a Bird Sanctuary under Section 18 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st December, 2009

S.O. 3067(E).— Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), a draft notification for making certain amendments in the Environment Impact Assessment notification, 2006 issued vide no. S.O. 1533 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006, was published under sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, vide number S.O. 195 (E), dated the 19th January, 2009, inviting objections and suggestions from all the persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of the said notification in the Gazette of India;

And whereas, all objections and suggestions received in response to the above mentioned draft notification have been duly considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the said notification, namely:-

In the said notification, -

I in para 3, for sub-para (7), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(7) All decisions of the SEIAA shall be taken in a meeting and shall ordinarily be unanimous:

Provided that, in case a decision is taken by majority, the details of views, for and against it, shall be clearly recorded in the minutes and a copy thereof sent to MoEF."

II in para 4, in sub-para (iii), for the words and letters "In the absence of a duly constituted SEIAA or SEAC, a Category 'B' project shall be treated as a Category 'A' project", the words and letters "In the absence of a duly constituted SEIAA or SEAC, a Category 'B' project shall be considered at the Central Level as a Category 'B' project" shall be substituted.

III in para 7(i), in sub-para III relating to Stage (3) - Public Consultation, in clause (i),—

(i) after item (c), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(cc) maintenance dredging provided the dredged material shall be disposed within port limits.”;

(ii) for item (d), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) All Building or Construction projects or Area Development projects (which do not contain any category ‘A’ projects and activities) and Townships (item 8(a) and 8(b) in the Schedule to the notification).”.

IV In para 10 relating to Post Environmental Clearance Monitoring,-

(a) the existing sub-para (i) shall be renumbered as sub-para (ii) and before sub-para (ii) as so re-numbered, the following sub-para shall be inserted namely;

“(i) (a) In respect of Category ‘A’ projects, it shall be mandatory for the project proponent to make public the environmental clearance granted for their project along with the environmental conditions and safeguards at their cost by prominently advertising it at least in two local newspapers of the district or State where the project is located and in addition, this shall also be displayed in the project proponent’s website permanently. (b) In respect of Category ‘B’ projects, irrespective of its clearance by MoEF / SEIAA, the project proponent shall prominently advertise in the newspapers indicating that the project has been accorded environment clearance and the details of MoEF website where it is displayed. (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the State/Union Territory Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs), as the case may be, shall also place the environmental clearance in the public domain on Government portal. (d) The copies of the environmental clearance shall be submitted by the project proponents to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.”;

(b) existing sub-para (ii) shall be renumbered as sub-para (iii).

V in the Schedule,—

(i) for item 1(a) and the entries relating thereto, the following item and entries shall be substituted, namely:—

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
"1(a)	(i) Mining minerals. of	<p>≥50 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease.</p> <p>>150 ha of mining lease area in respect of coal mine lease.</p> <p>Asbestos mining irrespective of mining area.</p>	<p><50 ha ≥5 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease.</p> <p>≤150 ha ≥5 ha of mining lease area in respect of coal mine lease.</p>	<p>General Condition shall apply.</p> <p>Note: Mineral prospecting is exempted.";</p>
	(ii) Slurry pipelines (coal lignite and other ores) passing through national parks/ sanctuaries/ coral reefs, ecologically sensitive areas.	All projects.		

(ii) against item 1(c), for the entries in column (5), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

"General Condition shall apply.

Note: Irrigation projects not involving submergence or inter-state domain shall be appraised by the SEIAA as Category 'B' Projects.";

(iii) against item 1(d),—

(a) in column (3), for the entries, the following entries shall be substituted, namely—

- "≥ 500 MW (coal/lignite/naphtha and gas based);
- ≥ 50 MW (Pet coke, diesel and all other fuels including refinery residual oil waste except biomass);

≥ 20 MW (based on biomass or non hazardous municipal solid waste as fuel).”;

(b) in column (4), for the entries, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

“<500MW (coal/lignite/naphtha and gas based);
<50 MW ≥ 5 MW (Pet coke, diesel and all other fuels including refinery residual oil waste except biomass);
<20MW > 15MW (based on biomass or non hazardous municipal solid waste as fuel).”;

(c) in column (5), for the entries, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

“General Condition shall apply.

Note:

- (i) Power plants up to 15 MW, based on biomass and using auxiliary fuel such as coal / lignite / petroleum products up to 15% are exempt.
- (ii) Power plants up to 15 MW, based on non-hazardous municipal waste and using auxiliary fuel such as coal / lignite / petroleum products up to 15% are exempt.
- (iii) Power plants using waste heat boiler without any auxiliary fuel are exempt.”;

(iv) against item 3(a), in column (5), for the entries, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

“General condition shall apply.

Note:

- (i) The recycling industrial units registered under the HSM Rules, are exempted.
- (ii) In case of secondary metallurgical processing industrial units, those projects involving operation of furnaces only such as induction and electric arc furnace, submerged arc furnace, and cupola with capacity more than 30,000 tonnes per annum (TPA) would require environmental clearance.
- (iii) Plant / units other than power plants (given against entry no. 1(d) of the schedule), based on municipal solid waste (non-hazardous) are exempted.”.

- (v) **against item 4(b), in column (5), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—**

“General conditions shall apply.”;

- (vi) **against item 4(d),—**

- (a) **in column (4), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—**

- (i) All projects irrespective of the size, if it is located in a Notified Industrial Area/Estate.
(ii) < 300 tonnes per day (TPD) and located outside a Notified Industrial Area/ Estate.”;

- (b) **in column (5), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—**

“General as well as specific conditions shall apply.

No new Mercury Cell based plants will be permitted and existing units converting to membrane cell technology are exempt from the notification.”;

- (vii) **against item 4(f), in column (5), for the existing entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—**

“General as well as specific conditions shall apply.”;

- (viii) **against item 5(a),—**

- (a) **in column (3), for the existing entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—**

“All projects except Single Super Phosphate.”;

- (b) **in column (4), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—**

“Single Super Phosphate.”;

(ix) against item 5(e), in column (5), for the existing entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“General as well as specific conditions shall apply.”;

(x) against item 5(f), in column (5), for the existing entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“General and specific conditions shall apply.” ;

(xi) item 5(k) and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;

(xii) against item 7(a),—

(a) in column (3), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“All projects including airstrips, which are for commercial use.”;

(b) in column (5), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“Note:

Air strips, which do not involve bunkering/ refueling facility and or Air Traffic Control, are exempted.”;

(xiii) against item 7(c), in column (5), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“General as well as specific conditions shall apply.

Note:

1. Industrial Estate of area below 500 ha. and not housing any industry of Category 'A' or 'B' does not require clearance.
2. If the area is less than 500 ha. but contains building and construction projects > 20,000 Sq. mtr. and or development area more than 50 ha it will be treated as activity listed at serial no. 8(a) or 8(b) in the Schedule, as the case may be.”;

(xiv) against item 7(e),—

(a) in column (2), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“Ports, harbours, break waters, dredging.”

(b) in column (5), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“General Condition shall apply.

Note:

1. Capital dredging inside and outside the ports or harbors and channels are included;
2. Maintenance dredging is exempt provided it formed part of the original proposal for which Environment Management Plan (EMP) was prepared and environmental clearance obtained.”;

(xv) against item 7(f),

(a) in column (4), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted namely:-

- “(i) All State Highway Projects; and
- (ii) State Highway expansion projects in hilly terrain (above 1,000 m AMSL) and or ecologically sensitive areas.”;

(b) in column (5) for the existing entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:-

“General Condition shall apply.

Note:

Highways include expressways.”;

(xvi) against item 7(g),—

(a) in column (3), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

- “(i) All projects located at altitude of 1,000 mtr. and above.
(ii) All projects located in notified ecologically sensitive areas.”;

(b) in column (4), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

“All projects except those covered in column (3).”;

(xvii) after the Schedule, in the 'Note', for sub-heading relating to 'General Condition (GC)', the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“General Condition (GC):

Any project or activity specified in Category 'B' will be treated as Category 'A', if located in whole or in part within 10 km from the boundary of: (i) Protected areas notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; (ii) Critically polluted areas as identified by the Central Pollution Control Board from time to time; (iii) Eco-sensitive areas as notified under section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, such as, Mahabaleshwar Panchgani, Matheran, Pachmarhi, Dahanu, Doon Valley, and (iv) inter-State boundaries and international boundaries:

Provided that the requirement regarding distance of 10 km of the inter-State boundaries can be reduced or completely done away with by an agreement between the respective States or U.Ts sharing the common boundary in case the activity does not fall within 10 kilometres of the areas mentioned at item (i), (ii) and (iii) above.”

VI in the Appendix I, in Form I,—

(a) for item (I) relating to the Basic Information, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(I) Basic Information

Serial Number	Item	Details
1.	Name of the project/s	
2.	S. No. in the schedule	

3.	Proposed capacity/area/length/tonnage to be handled/command area/lease area/number of wells to be drilled	
4.	New/Expansion/Modernization	
5.	Existing Capacity/Area etc.	
6.	Category of Project i.e. 'A' or 'B'	
7.	Does it attract the general condition? If yes, please specify.	
8.	Does it attract the specific condition? If yes, please specify.	
9.	Location	
	Plot/Survey/Khasra No.	
	Village	
	Tehsil	
	District	
	State	
10.	Nearest railway station/airport along with distance in kms.	
11.	Nearest Town, city, District Headquarters along with distance in kms.	
12.	Village Panchayats, Zilla Parishad, Municipal Corporation, Local body (complete postal addresses with telephone nos. to be given)	
13.	Name of the applicant	
14.	Registered Address	
15.	Address for correspondence :	
	Name	
	Designation (Owner/Partner/CEO)	
	Address	
	Pin Code	
	E-mail	
	Telephone No.	
	Fax No.	
16.	Details of Alternative Sites examined, if any. Location of these sites should be shown on a topo sheet.	Village-District-State 1. 2. 3. ";
17.	Interlinked Projects	
18.	Whether separate application of interlinked project has been submitted?	
19.	If yes, date of submission	
20.	If no, reason	

21.	Whether the proposal involves approval/clearance under: if yes, details of the same and their status to be given. (a) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 ? (b) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 ? (c) The C.R.Z Notification, 1991 ?	
22.	Whether there is any Government Order/Policy relevant/relating to the site?	
23.	Forest land involved (hectares)	
24.	Whether there is any litigation pending against the project and/or land in which the project is propose to be set up? (a) Name of the Court (b) Case No. (c) Orders/directions of the Court, if any and its relevance with the proposed project.	

(b) the following shall be inserted at the end, namely:—

"I hereby given undertaking that the data and information given in the application and enclosures are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I am aware that if any part of the data and information submitted is found to be false or misleading at any stage, the project will be rejected and clearance give, if any to the project will be revoked at our risk and cost.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of the applicant
With Name and Full Address
(Project Proponent / Authorised Signatory)

NOTE:

1. The projects involving clearance under Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 shall submit with the application a C.R.Z map duly demarcated by one of the authorized agencies, showing the project activities, w.r.t. C.R.Z (at the stage of TOR) and the recommendations of the State Coastal Zone Management Authority (at the stage of EC). Simultaneous action shall also be taken to obtain the requisite clearance under the provisions of the C.R.Z Notification, 1991 for the activities to be located in the CRZ.
2. The projects to be located within 10 km of the National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Migratory Corridors of Wild Animals, the project proponent shall submit the map duly authenticated by Chief Wildlife Warden showing these features vis-à-vis the project location and the

- recommendations or comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden thereon (at the stage of EC)."
3. All correspondence with the Ministry of Environment & Forests including submission of application for TOR/Environmental Clearance, subsequent clarifications, as may be required from time to time, participation in the EAC Meeting on behalf of the project proponent shall be made by the authorized signatory only. The authorized signatory should also submit a document in support of his claim of being an authorized signatory for the specific project."

VII for Appendix IV, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

**"APPENDIX IV
(See paragraph 7)**

PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING

1.0 The Public Hearing shall be arranged in a systematic, time bound and transparent manner ensuring widest possible public participation at the project site(s) or in its close proximity District-wise, by the concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) or the Union Territory Pollution Control Committee (UTPCC).

2.0 The Process:

2.1 The applicant shall make a request through a simple letter to the Member Secretary of the SPCB or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee, in whose jurisdiction the project is located, to arrange the public hearing within the prescribed statutory period. In case the project site is covering more than one District or State or Union Territory, the public hearing is mandated in each District, State or Union Territory in which the project is located and the applicant shall make separate requests to each concerned SPCB or UTPCC for holding the public hearing as per this procedure.

2.2 The applicant shall enclose with the letter of request, at least 10 hard copies and an equivalent number of soft (electronic) copies of the draft EIA Report with the generic structure given in Appendix III including the Summary Environment Impact Assessment report in English and **in the official language of the state/local language**, prepared strictly in accordance with the Terms of Reference communicated after Scoping (Stage-2). Simultaneously the applicant shall arrange to forward copies, one hard and one soft, of the above draft EIA Report along with the Summary EIA report to the following authorities or offices, within whose jurisdiction the project will be located:

- (a) District Magistrate/**District collector/Deputy commissioner/s**
- (b) Zila Parishad or Municipal Corporation **or Panchayats Union**

- (c) District Industries Office
- (d) Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) / PRIs Concerned/**Development authorities**
- (e) Concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

2.3 On receiving the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report, the above-mentioned authorities except the Regional Office of MoEF, shall arrange to widely publicize it within their respective jurisdictions requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities. They shall also make available the draft EIA Report for inspection electronically or otherwise to the public during normal office hours till the Public Hearing is over.

2.4 The SPCB or UTPCC concerned shall also make similar arrangements for giving publicity about the project within the State/Union Territory and make available the Summary of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (Appendix III A) for inspection in select offices or public libraries or any other suitable location etc. They shall also additionally make available a copy of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report to the above five authorities/offices as given in para 2.2.

3.0 Notice of Public Hearing:

3.1 The Member-Secretary of the concerned SPCB or UTPCC shall finalize the date, time and exact venue for the conduct of public hearing within 7 (seven) days of the date of receipt of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report from the project proponent, and advertise the same in ~~one~~ major National Daily and one Regional vernacular Daily / Official State Language. A minimum notice period of 30 (thirty) days shall be provided to the public for furnishing their responses;

3.2 The advertisement shall also inform the public about the places or offices where the public could access the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report and the Summary Environmental Impact Assessment report before the public hearing. In places where the newspapers do not reach, the Competent Authority should arrange to inform the local public about the public hearing by other means such as by way of beating of drums as well as advertisement / announcement on radio / television.

3.3 No postponement of the date, time, venue of the public hearing shall be undertaken, unless some untoward emergency situation occurs and then only on the recommendation of the concerned District Magistrate/District collector/Deputy commissioner, the postponement shall be notified to the public through the same National and Regional vernacular dailies and also prominently displayed at all the identified offices by the concerned SPCB or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee;

3.4 In the above exceptional circumstances, fresh date, time and venue for the public consultation shall be decided by the Member – Secretary of the concerned SPCB or UTPCC only in consultation with the District

Magistrate/**District Collector/Deputy Commissioner** and notified afresh as per procedure under 3.1 above.

4.0 **Supervision and Presiding over the Hearing:**

4.1 The District Magistrate / District Collector / Deputy Commissioner or his or her representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate assisted by a representative of SPCB or UTPCC, shall supervise and preside over the entire public hearing process.

5.0 **Videography**

5.1 The SPCB or UTPCC shall arrange to video film the entire proceedings. A copy of the videotape or a CD shall be enclosed with the public hearing proceedings while forwarding it to the Regulatory Authority concerned.

6.0 **Proceedings**

6.1 The attendance of all those who are present at the venue shall be noted and annexed with the final proceedings.

6.2 There shall be no quorum required for attendance for starting the proceedings.

6.3 A representative of the applicant shall initiate the proceedings with a presentation on the project and the Summary EIA report.

6.4 Persons present at the venue shall be granted the opportunity to seek information or clarifications on the project from the applicant. The summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting all the views and concerns expressed shall be recorded by the representative of the SPCB or UTPCC and read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the **local**/vernacular language and the agreed minutes shall be signed by the District Magistrate/**District Collector/Deputy Commissioner** or his or her representative on the same day and forwarded to the SPCB/UTPCC concerned.

6.5 A Statement of the issues raised by the public and the comments of the applicant shall also be prepared in the local language or the Official State language, as the case may be, and in English and annexed to the proceedings:

6.6 The proceedings of the public hearing shall be conspicuously displayed at the office of the Panchyats within whose jurisdiction the project is located, office of the concerned Zila Parishad, District Magistrate / **District collector / Deputy Commissioner**, and the SPCB or UTPCC. The SPCB or UTPCC shall also display the proceedings on its website for general information. Comments, if any, on the proceedings, may be sent directly to the concerned regulatory authorities and the applicant concerned.

7.0 Time period for completion of public hearing

7.1 The public hearing shall be completed within a period of forty five days from date of receipt of the request letter from the applicant. Thereafter the SPCB or UTPCC concerned shall sent the public hearing proceedings to the concerned regulatory authority within eight days of the completion of the public hearing. ***Simultaneously, a copy will also be provided to the project proponent.*** The applicant may also directly forward a copy of the approved public hearing proceedings to the regulatory authority concerned along with the final Environmental Impact Assessment report or supplementary report to the draft EIA report prepared after the public hearing and public consultations incorporating the concerns expressed in the public hearing along with action plan and financial allocation, item-wise, to address those concerns."

7.2 If the SPCB or UTPCC fails to hold the public hearing within the stipulated 45 (forty five) days, the Central government in Ministry of Environment and Forests for Category 'A' project or activity and the State Government or Union Territory Administration for Category 'B' project or activity at the request of the SEIAA, shall engage any other agency or authority to complete the process, as per procedure laid down in this Notification."

VIII in Appendix V, for para 3, the following para shall be substituted, namely:—

"3. Where a public consultation is not mandatory, the appraisal shall be made on the basis of the prescribed application Form 1 and EIA report, in the case of all projects and activities other than Item 8 of the Schedule. In the case of Item 8 of the Schedule, considering its unique project cycle, the EAC or SEAC concerned shall appraise all Category B projects or activities on the basis of Form 1, Form 1A and the conceptual plan and make recommendations on the project regarding grant of environmental clearance or otherwise and also stipulate the conditions for environmental clearance."

[No. J-11013/56/2004-IA. II(I)]

G. K. PANDEY, Advisor

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) vide notification number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14th September, 2006 and amended vide S.O. 1737(E), dated the 11th October, 2007.

No.J.11013/41/2006-1A.II(I)
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 Ministry of Environment & Forests

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 Dated the 2nd December, 2009

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Procedure for consideration of proposals for grant of environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 2006, which involve forestland and or wildlife habitat Regarding.

The issue regarding the procedure to be followed for consideration of proposals for grant of environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 2006, which involve forestland and or wildlife habitat has been under consideration of this Ministry. The issue has been discussed and deliberated at length and the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 as contained in Para 8(v) or the said notification have also been considered.

2. It has now been decided that the following procedure shall be adopted in dealing with such cases.
 - (i) The proposals for environmental clearances will not be linked with the clearances from forestry and wildlife angle even if it involves forestland and or wildlife habitat as these clearances are independent of each other and would in any case need to be obtained as applicable to such projects before starting any activity at site.
 - (ii) While considering such proposals under EIA Notification, 2006, specific information on the following should be obtained from the proponent:
 - (a) Whether the application for diversion of forestland involved in the project has been submitted? If so, what is the status of grant of forestry clearance? It would be essential that in such cases, the application for diversion of forestland has been submitted by the project proponent before they come for environment clearance and a copy of the application submitted for forestry clearance along with all its enclosures should also be submitted by the proponent along with their environment clearance application.
 - (b) Information about wildlife clearance as applicable to the project should also be obtained. The project proponent should submit their application for wildlife clearance / clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife to the Competent Authority before coming for environment clearance and copy of their application should be furnished along with environment clearance application.
 - (iii) The proposal from environmental angle will be appraised by the respective Expert Appraisal Committee and recommendations made on the same which will be processed by the IA Division and approval obtained from the Competent Authority. However while granting environmental clearance to projects involving forestland, wildlife habitat (core zone of elephant/tiger reserve etc.) and or located within 10 km of the National Park Wildlife Sanctuary (at present the distance of 10 km has been taken in conformity with the order dated 4.12.2006 in writ petition no 460 of 2004 in the matter of Goa foundation Vs Union of India), a specific condition shall be stipulated that the environmental clearance is subject to their obtaining prior clearance from forestry and

wildlife angle including clearance from the Standing Committee or the National Board for wildlife as applicable. Further it will also be categorically stated in the environment clearance that grant of environmental clearance does not necessarily implies that forestry and wildlife clearance shall be granted to the project and that their proposals for forestry and wildlife clearance will be considered by the respective authorities on their merits and decision taken. The investment made in the project if any, based on environmental clearance so granted in anticipation of the clearance from forestry and wildlife angle shall be entirely at the cost and risk of the project proponent and Ministry of Environment & Forests shall not be responsible in this regard in any manner.

- (iv) A copy of the clearance letter, besides others, shall also be endorsed to (i) IGF(FC), MoEF, (ii) IGF(WL), MoEF, (iii) PCCF of respective States and (iv) Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.

Note: There will not be any need to refer the files relating to grant of environmental clearance from IA Division to FC Division and or Wildlife Division during consideration of proposals under EIA Notification, 2006 as done at present in view of the course of action stipulated at paras 2(i)-(iv) above.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(S.K. Aggarwal)
Director

All the Officers of IA Division

Copy to:-

1. PPS to AS(JMM)
2. PPS to ADG(F)
3. PPS to ADG(Wildlife)
4. IGF(FC)
5. Advisor(GKP)
6. Advisor(NB)
7. Director (PLA) with a request to issue necessary instructions to all the SEIAAs/SEACs to follow the above instructions.
8. Website of the Ministry.

F.No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-II(I)(part)
 Government of India
 Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
 IA Division

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 Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
 Jor Bagh Raod, Aliganj,
 New Delhi-110 003

Dated the 20th August, 2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Consideration of development projects located within 10 km of National Park and Sanctuaries seeking environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 – clarification regarding.

This Ministry vide Circular No.L-11011/7/2004-IA.II(I) (Part) dated 27.02.2007 and Office Memorandum(OM) No.J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 02.12.2009 clarified procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of Protected Areas (PAs), i.e., National Parks and Wild-life Sanctuaries and also involving wild-life habitat, for grant of environmental clearance (EC) under EIA Notification, 2006. The aforesaid Circular / OM were *inter-alia* issued pursuant to Supreme Court Order dated 04.12.2006 in W.P.(C) No.460 of 2004. It is noted that the last line of the aforesaid Circular dated 27.02.2007 states that "... shall be accorded environmental clearance subject to their Project Proponents obtaining clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; a condition to this effect being stipulated explicitly in the clearance letter". The phrase, "obtaining clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972", in the Circular may be read as "prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild-life".

2. Over a period of time, this Ministry has notified a number of Eco Sensitive Zones (ESZs) around PAs. Many of development activities are prohibited / regulated in these ESZs as per the notifications issued for their constitution. It may be noted that, for regulated activities requiring prior ECs within such ESZs prior clearance of the Standing Committee of NBWL will be required in view of aforesaid Supreme Court Order dated 04.12.2006, the only difference being that the distance of 10 km gets substituted by the boundary limits of such ESZs.

3. With a view to facilitating early decision making by the Standing Committee of NBWL in respect of development projects requiring prior WC and located within 10 km of PAs / within the ESZs around PAs, the following procedure has been decided:-

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- (i) While prescribing TORs for such projects requiring prior EC, henceforth, additional TORs as per Annexure shall be mandatorily incorporated in the TORs.
 - (ii) Copies of TORs issued to such projects shall be endorsed to the Wildlife Division of the Ministry.
 - (iii) After examining a proposal for EC, the concerned EAC would make appropriate recommendations and in case it recommends the proposal for EC, it would forward the case along with detailed information obtained from the Project Proponent on issues as brought out in the Annexure, to the Wildlife Division who would get the matter placed before the Standing Committee of NBWL for obtaining their recommendations on the proposal. In the meetings of Standing Committee of NBWL wherein such proposals will be considered, the Standing Committee may invite the Chief Wildlife Warden of the concerned State to give views on the proposal in the meeting.
 - (iv) The Wildlife Division may thereafter record the recommendations of the Standing Committee of NBWL on the proposal and return the case to the IA Division for further processing and obtaining approval of the Competent Authority on the issue of grant of EC to the project.
5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Dr. Satish C. Garkoti
20/01/2014

(Dr. Satish C. Garkoti)
Director

Enc. Annexure

Copy to:

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4. Chairman, CPCB
5. Chairpersons/ Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/ UTPCCs
6. IGF(WL), MoEF&CC

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Annexure

Form for providing information for consideration of Standing Committee of NBWL

1. Name and area (ha.) of national park/sanctuary involved
2. Type of forest in which the proposed area falls.
3. Conservation value/critical wildlife habitats in the PA.
4. Prevalent land use categories within 10km distance/ ESZ around the PA.
5. Is any project of similar nature already located within 10km of the PA boundary/ ESZ around the PA? If so, please give the following details separately for each project.

Name of Project

Distance from PA

Size (Capacity/output in appropriate units)

Impact if any on the conservation status of PA perceived

6. Provide your assessment of the likely POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE impact/s of the proposed project giving scientific and technical justification for each impact.
7. Whether the project applicant has ever committed violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in the past. If yes, provide the details of the offences and the present status of each case.
8. Have you examined the Project Appraisal document and the alternatives as provided in EC application form?

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9. Any information that would like to bring to the notice of the National Board for Wildlife or its Standing Committee that may be relevant and assist in decision making.

10. Do you recommend the project?
(please provide full justification to support your recommendation)

11. Conditions, if any, to be ensured in the interest of protection and conservation of the PA for according EC to the project?

Chief Wildlife Warden

F.No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) (Part)
 Government of India
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 IA Division

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
 Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
 New Delhi-110 003

Dated the 30th March, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Consideration of development projects located within 10km of National Park and Sanctuaries seeking environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 – OM issued by IA Division providing clarification - reg.

Reference this Ministry's OM of even No. dated 20.08.2014 on the subject mentioned above.

2. The matter has been examined by the Ministry and it has been decided to withdraw the above said Office Memorandum. The procedure for consideration of the proposal for grant of environment clearance which are located within 10 km of National Parks and Sanctuaries shall be dealt in accordance with OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-I(I) dated 02.12.2009.
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


 (Dr. Satish C. Garkoti)
 Scientist 'F'

To

All the officers of IA Division

Copy to:

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No.1-20/2014/WL (Pt)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Wildlife Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi,

Dated: 1st May, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Consideration of development projects located within 10km of National Park and Sanctuaries seeking environment clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 - O.M. issued by IA Division providing clarification -reg.

Consequent upon the withdrawal of OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-II (I) (Part) dated 20th August 2014, vide OM No. F.No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.III(I) (Part), dated 30th March 2015 issued by IA Division; OM No. 1-20/2014 WL dated 26th September 2014 issued by Wildlife Division is here by withdrawn.

2. Henceforth, the procedure for grant of Wildlife Clearance for development projects located outside the National Parks and Sanctuaries shall be dealt with in accordance with the OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 2nd December 2009.


(S.P.Vashishth)

Dy.Inspector General of Forests
Tele: 011-24695355

Enclosure: Office Memorandum dated: 30th March 2015

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20. का.आ. 1141(अ) तारीख 29 अप्रैल 2015;
21. का.आ. 1834(अ) तारीख 6 जुलाई 2015;

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 15th January, 2016

S.O. 141(E).—Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), a draft notification for making certain amendments in the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, issued *vide* number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14th September 2006, was published under sub-rule (3) of rule (5) of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, vide number S.O. 2588(E), dated 22nd September, 2015, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of sixty days from the date of publication on which copies of Gazette containing the said notification were available to the public;

And whereas, copies of said notification were made available to the public on 22nd September 2015;

And whereas, all objections and suggestions received in response to the above mentioned draft notification have been duly considered by the Central Government;

And whereas, in pursuance to the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 27th February, 2012 in I.A. No.12-13 of 2011 in Special Leave Petition (C) No.19628-19629 of 2009, in the matter of Deepak Kumar etc. Vs. State of Haryana and Others etc., prior environmental clearance has now become mandatory for mining of minor minerals irrespective of the area of mining lease;

And whereas, as a result of the above said Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the number of cases which are now required to obtain prior environmental clearance has increased substantially;

And whereas, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, *vide* its order dated the 13th January, 2015 in the matter regarding sand mining has directed for making a policy on environmental clearance for mining leases in cluster for minor minerals;

And whereas, the State Governments have represented for streamlining the process of environmental clearance for mining of minor mineral;

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in consultation with State Governments has prepared Guidelines on Sustainable Sand Mining detailing the provisions on environmental clearance for cluster, creation of District Environment Impact Assessment Authority and proper monitoring of sand mining using information technology and information technology enabled services to track the mined out material from source to destination;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the said notification, namely:-

In the said notification,-

(a) in paragraph 2, after the words “in the said Schedule”, the following words shall be inserted, namely:-
“and at District level, the District Environment Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA) for matters falling under Category ‘B2’ for mining of minor minerals in the said Schedule”;

(b) after paragraph 3, the following paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

“3 A. District Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority:-

- (1) A District Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority hereinafter referred to as the DEIAA shall be constituted by the Central Government under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 comprising of four members including a Chairperson and a Member-Secretary.
 - (2) The District Magistrate or District Collector shall be the Chairperson of the DEIAA.
 - (3) The Sub-Divisional Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Officer of the district head quarter of the concerned district of the State shall be the Member-Secretary of the DEIAA.
 - (4) The other two members of the DEIAA shall be the senior most Divisional Forest Officer and one expert. The expert shall be nominated by the Divisional Commissioner of the Division or Chief Conservator of Forest, as the case may be. The term and qualifications of the expert fulfilling the eligibility criteria are given in Appendix VII to this notification.
 - (5) The members of the DEIAA who are serving officers of the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration shall be *ex-officio* members except the expert member.
 - (6) The District Level Expert Appraisal Committee hereinafter referred to as the DEAC shall comprise of eleven members, including a Chairman and a Member-Secretary.
 - (7) The senior most Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department in the district of respective State Governments or Union territory Administration shall be the Chairperson of the DEAC.
 - (8) The Assistant Director or Deputy Director of the Department of Mines and Geology or District Mines Officer or Geologist of the district shall be the Member-Secretary of the DEAC in that order.
 - (9) A representative of the State Pollution Control Board or Committee, senior most Sub-Divisional Officer (Forest) in the district, representative of Remote Sensing Department or Geology Department or State Ground Water Department, one occupational health expert or Medical Officer to be nominated by the District Magistrate or District Collector, Engineer from Zila Parishad, and three expert members to be nominated by the Divisional Commissioner or Chief Conservator of Forest, as the case may be, shall be the other members of the DEAC. The term and qualifications of the experts fulfilling the eligibility criteria are given in Appendix VII to this notification.
 - (10) The members of the DEAC who are serving officers of the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration shall be *ex-officio* members except the expert members.
 - (11) The District Magistrate or District Collector shall notify an agency to act as Secretariat for the DEIAA and the DEAC and shall provide all financial and logistic support for their statutory functions.
 - (12) The DEIAA and DEAC shall exercise the powers and follow the procedure as specified in the said notification, as amended from time to time.
 - (13) The DEAC shall function on the principle of collective responsibility and the Chairman shall endeavor to reach a consensus in each case and if consensus cannot be reached, the view of the majority shall prevail.”;
- (c) in paragraph 4, after sub-paragraph (iii), the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-
“(iv) The ‘B2’ Category projects pertaining to mining of minor mineral of lease area less than or equal to five hectare shall require prior environmental clearance from DEIAA. The DEIAA shall base its decision on the recommendations of DEAC, as constituted for this notification.”;
- (d) for paragraph 5, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely:-

“5. Screening, Scoping and Appraisal Committees:-

The same Expert Appraisal Committees (EACs) at the Central Government, SEACs at the State or Union territory level and DEAC at the district level shall screen, scope and appraise projects or activity in category ‘A’, ‘B1 and B2’ and ‘B2’ projects for mining of minor minerals of lease area less than and equal to five hectare respectively. EAC, SEACs and DEACs shall meet at least once every month.

(a) The composition of the EAC shall be as given in Appendix VI. The SEAC at the State or the Union territory level shall be constituted by the Central Government in consultation with the concerned State Government or the Union

territory Administration with identical composition. DEAC at the district level shall be constituted by the Central Government as per the composition given in paragraph 3 A.

(b) The Central Government may with the prior concurrence of the concerned State Governments or the Union territory Administration constitute one SEAC for more than one State or Union territory for reasons of administrative convenience and cost.

(c) The EAC and SEAC shall be reconstituted after every three years.

(d) The authorised members of the EAC, SEACs and DEACs concerned, may inspect any site connected with the project or activity in respect of which the prior environmental clearance is sought for the purpose of screening or scoping or appraisal with prior notice of at least seven days to the project proponent who shall provide necessary facilities for the inspection.

(e) The EAC, SEACs and DEACs shall function on the principle of collective responsibility. The Chairperson shall endeavor to reach a consensus in each case and if consensus cannot be reached the view of the majority shall prevail.”;

(e) for paragraph 6, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely:-

“6. Application for Prior Environmental Clearance (EC):-

An application seeking prior environmental clearance in all cases shall be made by the project proponent in the prescribed Form 1 annexed herewith and Supplementary Form 1A, if applicable, as given in Appendix II after the identification of prospective site (s) for the project and/or activities to which the application relates; and in Form 1M for mining of minor minerals up to five hectare under Category ‘B2’ projects, as given in Appendix VIII, before commencing any construction activity, or preparation of land, or mining at the site by the project proponent. The project proponent shall furnish along with the application, a copy of the pre-feasibility project report, in addition to Form 1, Form 1A, and Form 1M; and in case of construction projects or activities (item 8 of the Schedule), a copy of the conceptual plan shall be provided instead of pre-feasibility report.”;

(f) in paragraph 7,-

(i) in sub-paragraph (i), under the heading “I. Stage (1)- Screening:”, the existing sub-paragraph shall be lettered as sub-paragraph “(A)” and after sub-paragraph as so lettered, the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-
“(B) The cases as specified in Appendix IX shall be exempted from prior environmental clearance.”;

(ii) after sub-paragraph 7 (ii), the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

“7 (iii) Preparation of District Survey Report for Sand Mining or River Bed Mining and Mining of other Minor Minerals:

(a) The prescribed procedure for preparation of District Survey Report for sand mining or river bed mining and mining of other minor minerals is given in Appendix X.

(b) The prescribed procedure for environmental clearance for mining of minor minerals including cluster situation is given in Appendix XI.”;

(g) in paragraph 8,-

(i) for the letters and word “EAC or SEAC”, the words and letters “EAC or SEAC or DEAC” shall be substituted;

(ii) for the words “Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee” wherever they occur, the words “Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee or District Level Expert Appraisal Committee” shall be substituted;

(h) in paragraph 9, in sub-paragraph (i),-

for the words “Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee”, the words “Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee or District Level Expert Appraisal Committee” shall be substituted;

(i) in paragraph 10, after sub-paragraph (iii), the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

“(iv) The prescribed procedure for sand mining or river bed mining and monitoring is given in Appendix XII.”;

(j) in paragraph 11, -

for the words “Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee”, the words “Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee or District Level Expert Appraisal Committee” shall be substituted;

(k) in the Schedule,-

(i) for item 1 (a) and the entries relating thereto, the following item and entries shall be substituted, namely:-

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
“1(a)	(i) Mining of minerals	≥50 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease >150 ha of mining lease area in respect of coal mine lease Asbestos mining	<50 ha of mining lease area in respect of non-coal mine lease ≤150 ha of mining lease area in respect of coal mine lease	General Conditions shall apply except: (i) for project or activity of mining of minor minerals of Category ‘B2’ (up to 25 ha of mining lease area); (ii) River bed mining projects on account of inter-state boundary.

		irrespective of mining area		<p>Note:</p> <p>(1) Mineral prospecting is exempted. ”;</p> <p>(2) The prescribed procedure for environmental clearance for mining of minor minerals including cluster situation is given in Appendix XI.”;</p> <p>(3) The mining leases which have obtained environmental clearance under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 and Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 shall not require fresh environmental clearance during renewal provided the project has valid and subsisting environmental clearance.</p>
	(ii) Slurry pipelines (coal lignite and other ores) passing through national parks or sanctuaries or coral reefs, ecologically sensitive areas.	All projects.		

(l) after Appendix VI, the following appendices shall be inserted, namely:-

“APPENDIX VII

(See paragraph 3 A)

Qualifications and terms for the Experts in DEIAA and DEAC

1. **Qualification:** The person should have at least (i) 5 years of formal University training in the concerned discipline leading to a MA or M Sc Degree or (ii) in case of Engineering/ Technology/ Architectural discipline, 4 years formal training course together with prescribed practical training in the field leading to a B. Tech/ B.E./ B. Arch. Degree, or (iii) Other professional degree (e.g. MBA etc.) involving a total of 5 years of formal University training and prescribed practical training, or (iv) Prescribed apprenticeship/ article ship and pass examinations conducted by the concerned professional associations (e.g. Chartered Accountancy) or (v) a University degree, followed by two years of formal training in a University or Service Academy (e.g. MBA/MPA etc.). In selecting the individual professionals, experience gained by them in their respective fields will be taken note of.
2. **Expert:** A professional fulfilling the above eligibility criteria with at least 10 years of relevant experience in the field or with an advanced degree (e.g. Ph. D) in a concerned field with at least 5 years of relevant experience.
3. **Age:** Below 70 years. However, in the event of non-availability of paucity of experts in a given field, the maximum age of a member may be allowed up to 75 years.
4. **Fields:** Experts in Mining, Geology, Hydrology, Remote Sensing, Environment Quality, Environment Impact Assessment Process, Risk Assessment, Life Sciences, Marine Sciences, Forestry and Wildlife, Environmental Economics, Bio-diversity, and River Ecology.

5. **Tenure:** The maximum tenure of expert members shall be for two terms of three years each.
6. The Expert Members may not be removed prior to expiry of the tenure without cause and proper enquiry.

APPENDIX VIII

(See paragraph 6)

FORM 1 M

APPLICATION FOR MINING OF MINOR MINERALS UNDER CATEGORY 'B2' FOR LESS THAN AND EQUAL TO FIVE HECTARE

(II) Basic Information

- (viii) Name of the Mining Lease site:
 (ix) Location / site (GPS Co-ordinates):
 (x) Size of the Mining Lease (Hectare):
 (xi) Capacity of Mining Lease (TPA):
 (xii) Period of Mining Lease:
 (xiii) Expected cost of the Project:
 (xiv) Contact Information:

Environmental Sensitivity

Sl. No.	Areas	Distance in kilometer / Details
1.	Distance of project site from nearest rail or road bridge over the concerned River, Rivulet, Nallah etc.	
2.	Distance from infrastructural facilities Railway line National Highway State Highway Major District Road Any Other Road Electric transmission line pole or tower Canal or check dam or reservoirs or lake or ponds In-take for drinking water pump house Intake for Irrigation canal pumps	
3.	Areas protected under international conventions, national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other related value	
4.	Areas which are important or sensitive for ecological reasons - Wetlands, watercourses or other water bodies, coastal zone, biospheres, mountains, forests	
5.	Areas used by protected, important or sensitive species of flora or fauna for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, over wintering, migration	
6.	Inland, coastal, marine or underground waters	
7.	State, National boundaries	
8.	Routes or facilities used by the public for access to recreation or other tourist, pilgrim areas	
9.	Defence installations	
10.	Densely populated or built-up area, distance from nearest human habitation	
11.	Areas occupied by sensitive man-made land uses (hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities)	
12.	Areas containing important, high quality or scarce resources (ground water resources, surface resources, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals)	
13.	Areas already subjected to pollution or environmental damage. (those where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded)	
14.	Areas susceptible to natural hazard which could cause the project to present environmental problems (earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions)	

15.	Is proposed mining site located over or near fissure / fracture for ground water recharge	
16.	Whether the proposal involves approval or clearance under the following Regulations or Acts, namely:- (a) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; (b) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; (c) The Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011. If yes, details of the same and their status to be given.	
17.	Forest land involved (hectares)	
18.	Whether there is any litigation pending against the project and/or land in which the project is propose to be set up? (a) Name of the Court (b) Case No. (c) Orders or directions of the Court, if any, and its relevance with the proposed project.	

(Signature of Project Proponent
Along with name and address)

APPENDIX – IX

[See paragraph 7(i) (B)]

EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN CASES FROM REQUIREMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

The following cases shall not require prior environmental clearance, namely:-

1. Extraction of ordinary clay or sand, manually, by the Kumhars (Potter) to prepare earthen pots, lamp, toys, etc. as per their customs.
2. Extraction of ordinary clay or sand, manually, by earthen tile makers who prepare earthen tiles.
3. Removal of sand deposits on agricultural field after flood by farmers.
4. Customary extraction of sand and ordinary earth from sources situated in Gram Panchayat for personal use or community work in village.
5. Community works like de-silting of village ponds or tanks, construction of village roads, ponds, bunds undertaken in Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment and Guarantee Schemes, other Government sponsored schemes, and community efforts.
6. Dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, river, and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management.
7. Traditional occupational work of sand by Vanjara and Oads in Gujarat *vide* notification number GU/90(16)/MCR-2189(68)/5-CHH, dated the 14th February, 1990 of the Government of Gujarat.
8. Digging of well for irrigation or drinking water.
9. Digging of foundation for buildings not requiring prior environmental clearance.
10. Excavation of ordinary earth or clay for plugging of any breach caused in canal, nala, drain, water body, etc., to deal with any disaster or flood like situation upon orders of District Collector or District Magistrate.
11. Activities declared by State Government under legislations or rules as non-mining activity with concurrence of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

APPENDIX - X

[See paragraph 7 (iii) (a)]

PROCEDURE FOR PREPARATION OF DISTRICT SURVEY REPORT

The main objective of the preparation of District Survey Report (as per the Sustainable Sand Mining Guideline) is to ensure the following:

Identification of areas of aggradations or deposition where mining can be allowed; and identification of areas of erosion and proximity to infrastructural structures and installations where mining should be prohibited and calculation of annual rate of replenishment and allowing time for replenishment after mining in that area.

The report shall have the following structure:

1. Introduction
2. Overview of Mining Activity in the District
3. The List of Mining Leases in the District with location, area and period of validity
4. Details of Royalty or Revenue received in last three years
5. Detail of Production of Sand or Bajari or minor mineral in last three years
6. Process of Deposition of Sediments in the rivers of the District
7. General Profile of the District
8. Land Utilization Pattern in the district: Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, Mining etc.

9. Physiography of the District
10. Rainfall: month-wise
11. Geology and Mineral Wealth

In addition to the above, the report shall contain the following:

- (a) District wise detail of river or stream and other sand source.
- (b) District wise availability of sand or gravel or aggregate resources.
- (c) District wise detail of existing mining leases of sand and aggregates.

A survey shall be carried out by the DEIAA with the assistance of Geology Department or Irrigation Department or Forest Department or Public Works Department or Ground Water Boards or Remote Sensing Department or Mining Department etc. in the district.

Drainage system with description of main rivers

S. No.	Name of the River	Area drained (Sq. Km)	% Area drained in the District

Salient Features of Important Rivers and Streams:

S. No.	Name of the River or Stream	Total Length in the District (in Km)	Place of origin	Altitude at Origin

Portion of the River or Stream Recommended for Mineral Concession	Length of area recommended for mineral concession (in kilometer)	Average width of area recommended for mineral concession (in meters)	Area recommended for mineral concession (in square meter)	Mineable mineral potential (in metric tonne) (60% of total mineral potential)

Mineral Potential

Boulder (MT)	Bajari (MT)	Sand (MT)	Total Mineable Mineral Potential (MT)

Annual Deposition

S. No.	River or Stream	Portion of the river or stream recommended for mineral concession	Length of area recommended for mineral concession (in kilometer)	Average width of area recommended for mineral concession (in meters)	Area recommended for mineral concession (in square meter)	Mineable mineral potential (in metric tonne) (60% of total mineral potential)
Total for the District						

A Sub-Divisional Committee comprising of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Officers from Irrigation department, State Pollution Control Board or Committee, Forest department, Geology or mining officer shall visit each site for which environmental clearance has been applied for and make recommendation on suitability of site for mining or prohibition thereof.

Methodology adopted for calculation of Mineral Potential:

The mineral potential is calculated based on field investigation and geology of the catchment area of the river or streams. As per the site conditions and location, depth of minable mineral is defined. The area for removal of the mineral in a river or stream can be decided depending on geo-morphology and other factors, it can be 50 % to 60 % of the area of a particular river or stream. For example in some hill States mineral constituents like boulders, river born Bajri, sand up

to a depth of one meter are considered as resource mineral. Other constituents like clay and silt are excluded as waste while calculating the mineral potential of particular river or stream.

The District Survey Report shall be prepared for each minor mineral in the district separately and its draft shall be placed in the public domain by keeping its copy in Collectorate and posting it on district's website for twenty one days. The comments received shall be considered and if found fit, shall be incorporated in the final Report to be finalised within six months by the DEIAA.

The District Survey Report shall form the basis for application for environmental clearance, preparation of reports and appraisal of projects. The Report shall be updated once every five years.

APPENDIX - XI

[See paragraph 7 (iii) (b)]

PROCEDURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR MINING OF MINOR MINERALS INCLUDING CLUSTER

The following policy shall be followed for environmental clearance of mining of minor minerals including cluster situation:-

- (1). The data provided by the States (Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines) shows that most of the mining leases for minor minerals are of lease area less than 5 hectare. It is also reported that in hill States getting a stretch in river with area more than 5 hectare is very uncommon. So the size of lease for minor minerals including river sand mining will be determined by the States as per their circumstances.
- (2). The mining of minor minerals is mostly in clusters. The Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan are required to be prepared for the entire cluster in order to capture all the possible externalities. These reports shall capture carrying capacity of the cluster, transportation and related issues, replenishment and recharge issues, geo-hydrological study of the cluster area. The Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan shall be prepared by the State or State nominated Agency or group of project proponents in the Cluster or the project proponent in the cluster.
- (3). There shall be one public consultation for entire cluster after which the final Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan report for the cluster shall be prepared.
- (4). Environmental clearance shall be applied for and issued to the individual project proponent. The individual lease holders in cluster can use the same Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan for application for environmental clearance. The cluster Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan shall be updated as per need keeping in view any significant change.
- (5). The details of cluster Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan shall be reflected in each environmental clearance in that cluster and DEAC, SEAC, and EAC shall ensure that the mitigative measures emanating from the Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan study are fully reflected as environmental clearance conditions in the environmental clearance's of individual project proponents in that cluster.
- (6). A cluster shall be formed when the distance between the peripheries of one lease is less than 500 meters from the periphery of other lease in a homogeneous mineral area.
- (7). Form 1M, Pre-Feasibility Report and mine plan for Category 'B2' projects for mining of minor minerals shall be prepared by the Registered Qualified Person or Accredited Consultants of Quality Council of India, National Accreditation Board for Education and Training. The Environment Impact Assessment or Environment Management Plan for Category 'A' and Category 'B1' projects shall be prepared by the accredited consultants of Quality Council of India, National Accreditation Board for Education and Training.
- (8). The SEIAAs shall have supervisory jurisdiction over the DEIAAs and decisions of DEIAA shall be reviewed by the SEIAA without prejudice to any provisions under any existing law.

Schematic Presentation of Requirements on Environmental Clearance of Minor Minerals including cluster situation

Area of Lease (Hectare)	Category of Project	Requirement of EIA / EMP	Requirement of Public Hearing	Requirement of EC	Who can prepare EIA/ EMP	Who will apply for EC	Authority to appraise/ grant EC	Authority to monitor EC compliance
EC Proposal of Sand Mining and other Minor Mineral Mining on the basis of individual mine lease								
0 - 5ha	'B2'	Form -1M, PFR and Approved Mine Plan	No	Yes	Project Proponent	Project Proponent	DEAC/ DEIAA	DEIAA SEIAA SPCB CPCB MoEFCC Agency

> 5 ha and < 25 ha	‘B2’	Form –I, PFR and Approved Mine Plan and EMP	No	Yes	Project Proponent	Project Proponent	SEAC / SEIAA	nominated by MoEFCC
≥ 25ha and < 50ha	‘B1’	Yes	Yes	Yes	Project Proponent	Project Proponent	SEAC/ SEIAA	
≥ 50 ha	‘A’	Yes	Yes	Yes	Project Proponent	Project Proponent	EAC/ MoEFCC	
EC Proposal of Sand Mining and other Minor Mineral Mining in cluster situation								
Cluster area of mine leases up to 5 ha	‘B2’	Form –IM, PFR and Approved Mine Plan	No	Yes	State, State Agency, Group of Project Proponents, Project Proponent	Project Proponent	DEAC/ DEIAA/	DEIAA SEIAA SPCB CPCB MoEFCC Agency nominated by MoEFCC
Cluster area of Mine leases > 5 ha and < 25 ha with no individual lease > 5 ha	‘B2’	Form –I, PFR and Approved Mine Plan and one EMP for all leases in the Cluster	No	Yes	State, State Agency, Group of Project Proponents, Project Proponent	Project Proponent	DEAC/ DEIAA/	
Cluster of mine leases of area ≥ 25 hectares with individual lease size < 50ha	‘B1’	Yes	Yes	Yes	State, State Agency, Group of Project Proponents, Project Proponent	Project Proponent	SEAC/ SEIAA	
Cluster of any size with any of the individual lease ≥ 50ha	‘A’	Yes	Yes	Yes	State, State Agency, Group of Project Proponents, Project Proponent	Project Proponent	EAC/ MoEFCC	

APPENDIX - XII

[See paragraph 10 (iv)]

PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING OF SAND MINING OR RIVER BED MINING

1. The security feature of Transport Permit shall be as under:

- (a) Printed on Indian Banks’ Association (IBA) approved Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) Code paper.
- (b) Unique Barcode.
- (c) Unique Quick Response (QR) code.
- (d) Fugitive Ink Background.
- (e) Invisible Ink Mark.
- (f) Void Pantograph.
- (g) Watermark.

2. Requirement at Mine Lease Site:

- (a) Small Size Plot (Up to 5 hectare): Android Based Smart Phone.

- (b) Large Size Plots (More than 5 hectare): CCTV camera, Personal Computer (PC), Internet Connection, Power Back up.
- (c) Access control of mine lease site.
- (d) Arrangement for weight or approximation of weight of mined out mineral on basis of volume of the trailer of vehicle used.

3. Scanning of Transport Permit or Receipt and Uploading on Server:

- (a) Website: Scanning of receipt on mining site can be done through barcode scanner and computer using the software;
- (b) Android Application: Scanning on mining site can be done using Android Application using smart phone. It will require internet availability on SIM card;
- (c) SMS: Transport Permit or Receipt shall be uploaded on server even by sending SMS through mobile. Once Transport Permit or Receipt get uploaded, an unique invoice code gets generated with its validity period.

4. Proposed working of the system:

The State Mining Department should print the Transport Permit or Receipt with security features enumerated at Paragraph 1 above and issue them to the mine lease holder through the District Collector. Once these Transport Permits or Receipts are issued, they would be uploaded on the server against that mine lease area. Each receipt should be preferably with pre-fixed quantity, so the total quantity gets determined for the receipts issued.

When the Transport Permit or Receipt barcode gets scanned and invoice is generated, that particular barcode gets used and its validity time is recorded on the server. So all the details of transporting of mined out material can be captured on the server and the Transport Permit or Receipt cannot be reused.

5. Checking On Route:

The staff deployed for the purpose of checking of vehicles carrying mined mineral should be in a position to check the validity of Transport Permit or Receipt by scanning them using website, Android Application and SMS.

6. Breakdown of Vehicle:

In case the Vehicle breakdown, the validity of Transport Permit or Receipt shall be extended by sending SMS by driver in specific format to report breakdown of vehicle. The server will register this information and register the breakdown. The State can also establish a call centre, which can register breakdowns of such vehicles and extend the validity period. The subsequent restart of the vehicle also should be similarly reported to the server or call centre.

7. Tracking of Vehicles:

The route of vehicle from source to destination can be tracked through the system using check points, RFID Tags, and GPS tracking.

8. Alerts or Report Generation and Action Review:

The system will enable the authorities to develop periodic report on different parameters like daily lifting report, vehicle log or history, lifting against allocation, and total lifting. The system can be used to generate auto mails or SMS. This will enable the District Collector or District Magistrate to get all the relevant details and shall enable the authority to block the scanning facility of any site found to be indulged in irregularity. Whenever any authority intercepts any vehicle transporting illegal sand, it shall get registered on the server and shall be mandatory for the officer to fill in the report on action taken. Every intercepted vehicle shall be tracked.

The monitoring of mined out mineral, environmental clearance conditions and enforcement of Environment Management Plan will be ensured by the DEIAA, SEIAA and the State Pollution Control Board or Committee. The monitoring arrangements envisaged above shall be put in place not later than three months. The monitoring of enforcement of environmental clearance conditions shall be done by the Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the agency nominated by the Ministry for the purpose.”.

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MANOJ KUMAR SINGH, Jt. Secy.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 - regarding.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 4.12.2006 in Writ Petition No. 460 of 2004 – Goa Foundation Vs. Union of India, has inter-alia directed that Ministry of Environment and Forests "(MoEF) would also refer to the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife, under section 5(b) & 5(c) (ii) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the cases where environmental clearances has already been granted where activities are within 10km. zone" of the boundaries of the Sanctuaries and National Parks."

2. In this regard, the erstwhile MoEF vide Circular No. L-11011/7/2004-IAII (I)(Part) dated 27.02.2007 and Office Memorandum No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 02.12.2009 delineated a procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary for grant of environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 2006. As per the stipulated procedure, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SCNBWL) would be required for the developmental projects located within 10km of the National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. Over a period of time, Ministry has notified number of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) around Protected Areas (PAs). Many of developmental activities are prohibited/regulated in these ESZs *inter-alia* including mining operations to be carried out in accordance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 4.08.2006 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. UOI in

W.P.(C) No. 202 of 1995 and dated 21.4.2014 in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No. 435 of 2012 as per the notifications issued for their constitution.

4. In light of the aforesaid Orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the issues related to the prior clearance from SCNBWL for the notified ESZs and the remaining areas have been examined in detail. In this regard, it has been decided by the Competent Authority in the Ministry to adopt a following procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, in supersession of the earlier O.M.s dated 27.2.2007 and 2.12.2009:

- i. Proposals involving developmental activity/project located within the notified Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) shall be regulated and governed by the concerned ESZ notification. However, for the developmental project/activity located within the notified ESZ and covered under the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SCNBWL) is mandatory. In such cases, the project proponent shall submit the application simultaneously for grant of Terms of Reference as well as wildlife clearance.
- ii. Proposals involving developmental activity/project located outside the stipulated boundary limit of notified ESZ and located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SCNBWL) may not be applicable. However, such proposals from environmental angle including impact of developmental activity/project on the wildlife habitat, if any, would be examined by the sector specific Expert Appraisal Committee and appropriate conservation measures in the form of recommendations shall be made. These recommendations shall be explicitly mentioned in the environmental clearance letter and shall be ensured by the member secretary concerned.
- iii. Proposals involving developmental activity/project located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary wherein final ESZ notification is not notified (or) ESZ notification is in draft stage, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SCNBWL) is mandatory. In such cases, the project proponent shall submit the application simultaneously for grant of Terms of Reference/environmental clearance as well as wildlife clearance.

- iv. Proposals involving mining of minerals within the ESZ (or) one kilometer from the boundaries of National Parks and Sanctuaries whichever is higher is prohibited in accordance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 4.08.2006 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No. 202 of 1995 and dated 21.4.2014 in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No. 435 of 2012.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Subject: Procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary by Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 - regarding.

The Ministry has received letters from States/UTs seeking clarifications regarding applicability of consideration by Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life for developmental projects/activities which do not require environmental clearance and are located outside the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

2. This Ministry vide O.M. F. No. 22-43/ 2018-IA. III dated 08.08.2019 lays out detailed procedure to be adopted for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

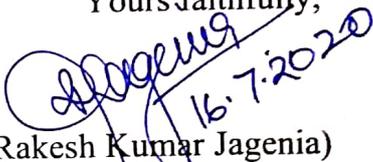
3. After careful consideration of the matter, it is clarified that prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wild Life will be required outside Protected Area in the following cases:

- i. Proposals involving project/ activity located within the notified ESZ (not being draft notification) and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required.
- ii. Proposals involving activity/project located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary wherein ESZ has not been finally notified and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required.
- iii. Proposals involving activity/project, falling outside the protected areas linking one protected area or tiger reserve with another protected area or tiger reserve, prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild

Life as per the section 38 O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 will be required.

4. Para 4(ii) and para 4(iv) of the OM dated 08.08.2019 supra shall however continue to apply.
5. State Governments are requested not to insist upon wildlife clearance for such developmental projects outside Protected Areas that are not covered under para 3 above.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


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