

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, SOUTHERN BENCH, CHENNAI

APPEAL NO. 14 OF 2024

IN THE MATTER OF

U. SELVI

...APPELLANT

VS.

**1. STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
AUTHORITY & ANOTHER**

...RESPONDENTS

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Dated at Chennai on the 12th Day of December, 2024



COUNSEL FOR THE 1ST AND 2ND RESPONDENT

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



From

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To

The Chief Engineer, WRD.,
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Chennai.

Lr.No. / 2024 / F. 158 / J.D.O.2 / Date: .11.2024.

Sir,

Sub : TNWRD - State Dam Safety Organization - State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) - TN - Clarification regarding safety distance around the Thoppaiyar Dam for carrying out the mining activities - Details Requested by SEIAA - Communicated for necessary action - Action taken report submitted - Reg.

Ref : 1.Member Secretary SEIAA-TN- Chennai letter No. SEIAA-TN/13/Legal/2024/ Dated: 17.05.2024.
2. The Superintending Engineer, WRD., State Dam Safety Organisation, DRIP, IWS Campus, Tharamani, Chennai Letter No. M / F.3 / Dam Safety Act / SDSO / AEI / 2023-2 / Dated. 22.05.2024 and 29.10.2024.
3. The Assistant Executive Engineer, WRD., CRP Sub Division, Dharmapuri letter No. / F.33 / 2024 / AEE / Dated. 14.11.2024.

With reference to the above, I submit herewith the detailed report for the proposed rough stone and gravel quarry lease over an extent area of 1.25.50 Ha at S.F.No.246/3, 0.93.0 Ha at S.F.No.247/2 and 0.63.5 Ha at S.F.No. 248/1, 248/2 and 248/3, Veppilai village, Kadayampatti Taluk, Salem District.

The Thoppaiyar Dam constructed during the year 1982-1987 and it is located in Sekkarapatti Village of Nallampalli Taluk in Dharmapuri District. The proposed rough stone quarries are situated at S.F.No.246/3, S.F.No.247/2, S.F.No: 248/1, 248/2 and 248/3 in Veppilai village of Kadayampatti Taluk in Salem District. The aerial distance between the proposed quarry sites and water spread area of dam is 1.50Km. The aerial distance between the proposed quarry sites and Thoppaiyar Dam structure is 2.28Km.

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The safety distance between the Dam and mining area is not specified in Dam documents But in general, the minimum distance from water body structures and mining area should be 500m vide as per the G.O.(Ms).No.244 Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce(MMC.1) Department, Dated: 14.12.2022. **However the mining operation near the water body and dam are not preferable for the over all integrity of the Dam site.** Also it is stated that necessary studies have to be conducted by the experts for this proposed site to evaluate the actual status. Based on the study report. the decision may be taken wheather the approval to be given or not.

Amman Tank (Godupallam Tank) is under the control of Irrigation Section, Omalur, Stanley Sub Division, Mettur and Mettur Dam Division, Mettur of Water Resources Department. Hence the details of this tank are received from that concerned section and given here for kind information.

Extent of Amman Tank : 0.32 Sq.km

Capacity of Amman Tank : 15.44 Mc.ft

Encl:

1. Catchment area Map
2. Index map
3. Water spread area map
4. FMB

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Executive Engineer., WRD.,

Upper Pennaiyar Basin Division, Dharmapuri-5.

1. Copy submitted to Superintending Engineer, WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvannamalai for favour of information.
2. Copy submitted to the Member Secretary (SEIAA), Panagal Maligai, No.1, Jeeni's Road, Saidhapet, Tamil Nadu, Chennai for favour of information.
3. Copy submitted to the Superintending Engineer, WRD., State Dam Safety Organisation, DRIP, IWS Campus, Tharamani, Chennai for favour of information.

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