



State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand

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Letter No. :

Ranchi, dated :

From,

Member Secretary,
SEIAA, Jharkhand,
Ranchi.

To,

M/s Jharkhand Stone Works,
Prop, : Md. Zahoor Alam,
At + P.O. : Haridanga Bazar,
District. : Pakur – 816107, Jharkhand.

Sub: Hathigarh Stone Mine of M/s Jharkhand Stone Works (Prop. : Md. Zahoor Alam) at Khata No. 14 Plot No. 623(P), Khata No. 78 Plot No. 624(P), Khata No. 90 Plot No. 625(P) at Village : Hathigarh, P.S. : Littipara, Distt. : Pakur, Jharkhand (2.14 Ha) (Proposal No : SIA/JH/MIN/425158/2023)- reg.

Ref: 1. EC letter no. of said project bearing letter no. : EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2800/2023/79, Ranchi, dated : 03.05.2023.

2. Your letter dated : 05.08.2024.

Sir,

It is to inform you that the said matter was examined in 115th Meeting of SEIAA held on 06th & 07th August, 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 06.04.2023 with all mandatory documents such as Form-1, Form-2, P.F.R., Mine Plan approved by Additional Director, Geology, Hazaribagh, Certificate of Teritorial DFO, DFO Wildlife, CO Certificate, NOC Gram Sabha and Contiguous Certificate issued by DMO, Pakur issued vide his office memo no. 401/M, dated 11.03.2022.

The proposal was appraised by then State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Jharkhand in its 103rd meeting held on 14th April to 18th April, 2023 in the light of contiguous certificates issued by DMO, Pakur vide his memo no. 401/M, dated 11.03.2022 wherein it has been stated that apart from applied project, 02 leases bearing areas, 2.50 Acre & 3.00 Acre are also existing within the periphery of 500 meter and total area within 500 meter is 10.78 Acre or 4.36 Ha, 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 104th meeting held on 27th April to 28th April, 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/2023-24/2800/2023/79**, Ranchi, dated **03.05.2023**.

The DMO, Pakur vide memo no. **785/M**, dated **30.05.2024** has kept the said area in abeyance and informed Project Proponent 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 **50.27 Acre** or **20.34 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. **785/M**, dated **30.05.2024** the Member Secretary, SEIAA vide letter no. **133**, dated **22.06.2024** issued show cause stating that under what circumstances the Project Proponent has applied for EC under B2 category?

The Project Proponent, **Md. Zahoor Alam** has submitted his clarifications vide letter dated **05.08.2024** in which he has submitted that the said lease area of "**Hathigarh Stone Mine of M/s Jharkhand Stone Works (Prop. : Md. Zahoor Alam) at Khata No. 14 Plot No. 623(P), Khata No. 78 Plot No. 624(P), Khata No. 90 Plot No. 625(P) at Village : Hathigarh, P.S. : Littipara, Distt. : Pakur**", total area is **2.14 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 **50.27 Acre** or **20.34 Ha**.

From the above, it is clear that cluster area of said mining lease is **50.27 Acre** or **20.34 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/2023-24/2800/2023/79** dated **03.05.2023** is **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 / hearing 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 115th Meeting held on **06th & 07th August, 2024**, the Environmental Clearance issued vide letter no. **EC/SEIAA/2023-24/2800/2023/79**, Ranchi, dated **03.05.2023** 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. : 181

Dated : 08/08/2024

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, 2nd Floor, Jharkhand State Housing Board (HQ), Harmu Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand – 834002.
7. District Mining Officer, District – Pakur, Jharkhand.
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

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