

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), JHARKHAND HELD ON 04<sup>TH</sup> AND 05<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024.**

The special meeting of State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Jharkhand was held on 04<sup>th</sup> and 05<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 in the light of order dated 28.10.2024 of Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court in the matter of W. P (C) no. 5700/2024, Kumhra Stone Mine vs Union of India & Ors and W.P. (C) no. 5633/2024, M/s Jharkhand Stone Works & Ors vs Union of India & Ors under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.) in the Conference Room at SEAC, Ranchi.

The following members were present:

1. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.) - Chairman
2. Shri Niranjana Lal Agarwalla - Member
3. Dr. Raju Kumar - Member
4. Shri Ashok Kumar Dubey, IFS (Retd.) - Member
5. Dr. Ajay Govind Bhatt - Member
6. Shri Srikant Verma, IFS - Member Secretary

**Day 1 : November 04<sup>th</sup>, 2024 [Monday]**

**A. Deputy Commissioner, Palamau or through authorized representative.**

- i. **Final District Survey Report (DSR) for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone / Earth Work), Distt. Palamau.**

The Final DSR was submitted by Deputy Commissioner, Palamau. He was represented by Shri Sunil Kumar, District Mining Officer, Palamau at the SEAC meeting on 04.11.2024.

During the meeting the DMO, Palamau presented the DSR before the Committee. The DSR was appraised in light of S.O. no. 3611 (E), dated 25.07.2018 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.

The final DSR had been placed in the public domain for 21 days from the 23.12.2023. As per the Sub Divisional Committee no comments / observations were obtained.

The DSR has been prepared as per the format provided in the above notification. The DSR submitted has been approved by the Sub-Divisional Committee. All the aspects of the notification dated 25.07.2018 are incorporated in the DSR and found to be satisfactory.

**Hence, the final DSR for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone / Earth Work) of District Palamau is recommended to SEIAA for approval.**

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**B. District Survey Report (DSR) for Minor Minerals other than Sand Mining or River Bed Mining (Stone), Distt. Sahibganj.**

Deputy Commissioner, Sahibganj was represented by Shri Krishna Kumar Kisku, District Mining Officer, Sahibganj at the SEAC meeting on 04.11.2024.

The DMO, Sahibganj informed the Committee that the draft DSR has been placed on public domain on 18.10.2024 as per S.O. no. 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018 issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. Hence, 21 days on the portal will be completed on 09.11.2024.

The final DSR will be prepared after incorporating the replies of objections / suggestions from the general public after 09.11.2024.

Accordingly, the final DSR have not yet been prepared.

The DMO, Sahibganj will submit the final DSR to SEIAA / SEAC through Deputy Commissioner, Sahibganj for consideration of approval.

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**Day 2 : November 05<sup>th</sup>, 2024 [Tuesday]**

**Consideration of proposals :**

- 1. M/s Bardag Stone Mine of Shri Parveen Kumar Agarwal, Village : Bardag, Thana : Pipra, Distt. : Palamau, Jharkhand (4.89 Ha).**

The application for consideration for EC was submitted on PARIVESH portal on 30.10.2024.

SEAC has responded to the application on 30.10.2024 requiring submission of hard copy of the application alongwith applicable scrutiny fee.

Further, Essential Document Sought (EDS) has been issued through PARIVESH Portal on 30.10.2024 where the following details were required to submitted by the PAs during appraisal of project by SEAC :

- The Circle Office, Pipra, Palamau vide letter no. 28, dated 09.07.2013 contained that khatiyani of proposed site is not available with them. In that situation certificate from Deputy Commissioner in the light of the direction of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms Department, Govt. of Jharkhand issued vide letter no. 4792, dated 04.12.2018 may be produced before SEAC.

- ii. Wildlife DFO certificate bearing all khata & plot number (as per checklist of SEIAA) to ascertain details of Eco Sensitive Zones (ESZ) and Eco Sensitive Areas (ESAs), National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuary, Coastal Zone, Water bodies and other ecological sensitive areas within / in the vicinity of the mine lease area and if so details of NOC / Clearance obtained.
- iii. Up to date production report of previous EC from Distict Mining Officer.
- iv. Compliance report of previous EC conditions.

The project authorities were informed by SEAC vide memo no. 92, dated 30.10.2024 informing them that a meeting has been called for appraisal of the project on 04.11.2024.

The following persons appeared befor the SEAC on 04.11.2024 :

- i. Shri Parveen Kumar Agrawal, Lessee of the said mine
- ii. Dr. Dinanath Singh, Petitioner of W.P. (C) no. .... / 2024, M/s Bardag Stone Mine vs Union of India & Ors filed before Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court.

They informed the Committee that they were not aware of the response by SEAC on 30.10.2024 asking for submission of Hard Copy of the application documents alongwith applicable scrutiny fee.

Thereafter, on contacting their engaged environmental consultant they confirmed that the response by SEAC on 30.10.2024 was received, but it was not brought to the notice of the Project Authorities.

The SEAC in consideration of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand asked the Project Authorities to submit the all above required documents within the end of the day.

The SEAC also extended its meeting by one more day i.e. 05.11.2024 so as to allow the PAs to complete the application process and present their case before the SEAC for consideration for grant of EC. The PAs were also informed of the extension of the date vide SEAC memo no. 93, dated 04.11.2024 through mail.

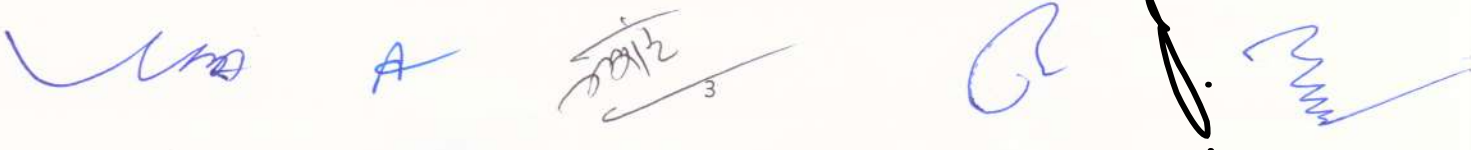
However, Project Authorities neither submitted the hard copy of the application nor applicable scrutiny fee.

The project authorities and their consultant did not appear before the SEAC on 05.11.2024.

The consultants "Oceao Enviro Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd., U.P" vide letter dated 05.11.2024 snet by e-mail received at 2:56 PM informed that due to lake of same mandatory information required from Project Authority, they were unable to present the case and requested for deferment of the proposal to the next meeting of SEAC.

**Hence, the project could not be taken up for consideration.**

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2. Kumhra Stone Mine of Shri Shailendra Kumar, Mouza : Kumhra, P.O. & P.S. : Chhattarpur, Distt. : Palamau, Jharkhand (2.43 Ha).

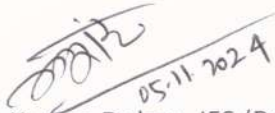
The application for consideration of the project for EC has not been submitted to SEAC through PARIVESH Portal.

The PAs were informed vide SEAC memo no. 92, dated 30.10.2024 & memo no. 93, dated 04.11.2024 informing them about SEAC meeting scheduled on 04.11.2024 & 05.11.2024.


Hence, the project could not be taken up for consideration by SEAC.

3. No application has been submitted from Sahibganj for consideration by SEAC.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all present.

  
05-11-2024  
Ashok Kumar Dubey, IFS (Retd.)  
Member

  
05.11.2024  
Dr. Ajay Govind Bhatt  
Member

  
Niranjana Lal Agarwalla  
Member

  
Dr. Raju Kumar  
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Member Secretary

  
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Chairman