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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No.
To

Dated.

The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Sangrur, Faridkot, Mohali, Rupnagar,
Fatehgarh Sahib, Batala, Bathinda, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur,
Jalandhar-I/II, Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV and Patiala.

Subject: Instructions to regulate the source of mining material for stone crushers in the State of Punjab.

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the matter of Bachittar Singh V/s State of Punjab (OA No. 57 of 2020) vide orders dated 10.12.2020 directed the State Govt. to take remedial action for suitably limiting the number of stone crushers as per carrying capacity of legitimate source of raw material and take stringent action against those stone crushers not having accountable source of raw material.

The Board is also in receipt of D.O. letter dated 18.06.2021 from the Secretary, Water Resources, Department & Director Mines & Geology, Chandigarh, wherein, it has informed that there was a huge gap in the raw material used and raw material accounted for by the stone crusher in the State of Punjab, from which it could be ascertained that unaccounted raw material was sourced from illegal mining. Specific reference has been made with respect to CTE/CTO being granted by EE, RO, Batala to the stone crusher situated on left and right banks of river Ravi near downstream of Kathalaur Bridge, where legal source of minor mineral is limited with request not to issue any CTE/CTO to the crushers in the downstream side of Kathalaur Bridge. It has also been requested to ensure that before issuing consent to establish/consent to operate to the crushers, the information regarding its legal source of raw material must be taken from concerned Mining Officer. A copy of the above referred D.O. letter is enclosed for ready reference.

The matter was considered by the Competent Authority in the Board and it has been decided to issue following instructions to the field officers/offices of the Board while processing the CTE/CTO applications of stone crushers/screening/washing units:

1. Verify the quantity of mining material assigned/allotted to the various stone crushers by the Department of Mines & Geology.
2. Obtain carrying capacity certificate of the area/stone crusher from Deptt. of Mines & Geology, Department of Water Resources and act on the basis of such certificates.

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3. Accordingly, modify the conditions of consent by issuing notice u/s 27(2) of Water Act, 1974 and section 21(6) of Air Act., 1981 and shall mention the quantity of mining material in the consent certificate.
4. Impose additional condition to the effect that the stone crushers shall maintain a stock register to justify the legitimate source of mining material, its availability, usage and sale etc. shall also be imposed in the consent certificate.
5. No new stone crusher shall be given consent without obtaining credible & effective data for carrying capacity of area, so as to ensure that raw material is not sourced by illegal mining.

This is for information, necessary action & meticulous compliance by all concerned in the matter.

DA/- As above

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Member Secretary

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2021 _____

Dated _____

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for their kind information please:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Chandigarh.
2. The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Industries and Commerce, Chandigarh
3. The Secretary, Water Resources, Department & Director Mines & Geology, Chandigarh.
4. The Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion, Chandigarh
5. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Chandigarh.
6. The Director, Department of Industries and Commerce Chandigarh.
7. The Member Secretary, SEEIAA (Punjab), Chandigarh.

DA/- As above

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Member Secretary
Dated 23/7/2021

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2021 16545-51

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information & necessary action

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer Patiala, Bathinda, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, PBIP/HQ, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer Bathinda, Ludhiana-I/II, Patiala -I/II, HQI/II/EPA/PBIP (HQ-I/II), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
3. The Scientific Officer (Air and Water Lab), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
4. The Environmental Engineer (HQ-I/II/EPA/Mega/HWM/PBIP), PPCB, Patiala.
5. The EE(Computer), PPCB, Patiala for uploading the instructions on Board's website.
6. The Senior Law Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
7. PS to Chairman / PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

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Government of Punjab

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Secretary, Water Resources

Department & Director

Mines & Geology

Chandigarh

Dated 18/06/2021

Subject: Grant of Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate in compliance with NGT Orders Dated 10.12.2020 in Original Application No. 57/2020.

Dear Prof Manuoka,

Please refer to the subject cited above.

2. The National Green Tribunal, New Delhi, while hearing the matter in OA No. 57 of 2020 observed that there was huge gap in the raw material used and the raw material accounted for by the stone crushers in the State of Punjab, from which it could be ascertained that unaccounted raw material was sourced from illegal mining.

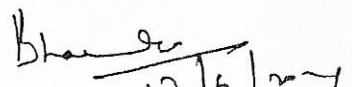
3. Further, the NGT vide orders dated 10.12.2020 directed the State of Punjab to take remedial action by limiting the number of stone crushers as per carrying capacity of legitimate source of raw material and taking stringent action against the stone crushers not having accountable sources of raw materials for stone crushing. In compliance to these orders, vide DO No.PS/SDM/53 dated 27.01.2021(copy is attached for your ready reference), you were requested to ensure that before issuing "Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate" to the crushers, the information regarding its legal source of raw material must be taken from the concerned Mining Officer. Despite the clear cut direction of NGT, your department is ignoring this fact and issuing "Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate" without taking into consideration legal source of raw material verified by the Mining Officer.

4. Mining Officer Pathankot has informed vide his letter No. 538 dated 15.06.2021, which is addressed to Environment Engineer, PPCB Batala, that "Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate" has been issued to the crushers on left and right banks of river Ravi near downstream of Kathalaur Bridge. It has been further informed that the legal source of Minor Mineral is limited in the District Pathankot as well as in the downstream side of Kathalaur Bridge and until new mines in the 5 km vicinity of Kathalaur Bridge is auctioned, "Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate" should not be issued.

5. This is a serious matter as observed by NGT in its orders dated 10.12.2020. Accordingly, you are again requested to direct the concerned Environment Engineer, Batala to stop issuing "Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate" to the crushers in the downstream side of Kathalaur Bridge, so that the NGT orders can be complied in letter and spirit, and to avoid further legal implication in this matter.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(Rahul Bhandari)

Prof. Satwinder Singh Marwaha,
Chairman,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Patiala.