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Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

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Sub:-Coverage of Stone quarrying activities under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981.

Ref :- 1. RSEO, Dharwad letter No 151, dated 07/09/2013.
2. ORC Meeting held on 27.11.2013.

The matter of coverage of stone quarrying activity under consent mechanism of Water and the Air pollution control Acts was discussed in the Officers Meeting held on 27.11.2013. At present the Board is not covering the quarrying activities. In many quarrying related cases before the Hon'ble High Court, the Board has filed affidavit stating that the quarry activities is not covered under the Water & Air Acts. Further few quarry owners/representatives/occupiers are approaching the Board seeking Consents under Water & Air Acts. In this background the technical issues relating on issue of Consent viz., imposing of conditions, monitoring of the conditions were deliberated in length.

The Officers opined that the stone quarrying activities does not have any point source of emissions and it is not a continuous process. The Ambient Air quality monitoring has to be conducted for 8 hours period, whereas the quarrying/blasting is only momentary/sporadic. Besides, the Department of Mines & Geology is leasing the areas for quarrying after detailed study of the location and contents of mines. The Explosive Department is monitoring the quarrying and blasting operations. Further, opined that, it is technically not viable to provide any air pollution control devices for the quarries. Also, the activity does not generate any kind of effluent.

In order to streamline the process, it was discussed in the Officers Meeting held on 27.11.2013 and resolved not to cover the quarrying activity under the provisions of Water

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(Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Hence the following Orders:

ORDERS

The stone Quarrying/Blasting activities are not to be covered under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and also under consent mechanism.

DRIFT APPROVED
BY CHAIRMAN.


MEMBER SECRETARY

To,

1. Chief Environmental Officer – 1 & 2.
2. Help Desk.
3. Law Officer, SEO-HWM Cell, SEO-17 category, SEO- Mining Steel & Stone Crusher, SEO-Infrastructure, SEO-Non EIA Bangalore, SEO-Non EIA other than Bangalore,
4. SEO-Mysore, SEO-Bangalore City, SEO-Bangalore East, SEO-Dharwad, SEO-Bangalore South, SEO-Bangalore North, SEO-Mangalore SEO-Bellary, SEO-Chitradurga for information.
5. **Regional Officer, Regional Office:**

Bangalore city-1, Bangalore city-2, Bangalore City-3, Bangalore East-1, Bangalore East-2, Bangalore-North-1, Bangalore North-2 Bangalore-South-1, Bangalore-South-2, Bangalore (R.R. Nagar), Mahadevapura, Nelamangala, Sarjapura, Yelahanka (Bytarayanapura), Dasarahalli, Anekal, Bommanahalli, Doddaballapura, Peenya, Hoskote, Belguam, Bijapur, Bidar, Bagalkot, Bellary, Chitradurga, Chamarajnagar, Chickmagalore, Chickballapura, Dharwad, Davangere, Gulbarga, Hassan, Karwar, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore-1, Mysore - 2, Gadag, , Mangalore, Raichur, Shimoga. Tumkur, Udupi, Ramanagara, Yadgiri, Haveri, Kodagu, for information and not to receive application for the granite quarries.
6. P.A to Chairman for information and to bring it to the notice of Hon'ble Chairman.
7. Master file.