

COMPLIANCE REPORT ON THE RECOMONDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN O.A.NO.184/2017 (SZ)

As per the Hon'ble NGT(SZ) orders dated 08.01.2020 constituted a committee consisting of the Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari District; The Dy. Director of Mines & Geology, Kakinada; The Scientific Officer, PPCC & PCZMA; The Regional Administrator, Yanam; The EE, APPCB, Kakinada and The Scientist-D, CPCB, RD, Chennai to inspect the area to find out whether illegal mining is taken place in Godavari River Bed and submit factual and action report to Hon'ble NGT.

As per the Hon'ble NGT orders dated 04.10.2021 11.11.2021 the Joint Committee submitted its report in the month of December, 2021 and made some recommendations.

The Recommendations of the committee are as follows:-

- 1 District Survey report shall be prepared and the quantity of sand reserves shall be assessed. Scientific methodology shall be adopted to assess the quantity of sand deposited in the reaches***

The District Survey Report has been prepared by the department of APSAC, ITE & C, Govt. of AP, for erstwhile East Godavari district and the same was in the district portals of East Godavari District for public convenience. The quantity of sand reserves is estimated scientifically.

- 2 Approved Mining plan shall be taken into consideration while issuing EC/CFE/CFO. Approved mining plan should also indicate measures to be taken for safe and proper closure of sand mine/ stockyard.***

All Sand reaches of East Godavari District have approved Mining Plans and other statutory clearances. Approved Mining Plan indicate measures to be taken for safe and proper closure of sand mine

- 3 Ramps shall be established without obstructing natural flow of water in consultation with Water Resource Department.***

The ramp points are being proposed by the Irrigation department, Godavari Head Works, in such a way that it won't disturb the natural flow of the River and the same is being followed for the movement of vehicles.

- 4 All the sand reaches shall be geo-fenced. In addition, the boundaries permitted for the sand reach as per mining lease; CFE/ CFO shall be demarcated in the field by erecting poles.***

The Sand reaches of East Godavari while proposing are inspected by the officers of the line departments and Geo-Coordinates are being fixed. Boundary pillars are being constructed as Geo Fence.

- 5 Adequate number of CCTV Cameras shall be installed at prominent places in the reaches to curb any illegal sand removal.**

As per the Upgraded sand policy, M/s Jaya Prakash Power Ventures Pvt Ltd is doing the Sand mining activities of East Godavari District. The Dy. Director of Mines & Geology, Vide Lr No: 3518/Sand/2019 dated 06.05.2022 directed M/s Jaya Prakash Power Ventures Pvt Ltd to establish the CCTV cameras in crucial locations.

- 6 Every reach shall maintain production & dispatch registers and vehicles registers. Actual quantity of sand extracted, dispatched shall be recorded in the registers.**

The details of Productions, Dispatches and vehicle movements are being maintained by M/s Jaya Prakash Power Ventures Pvt Ltd.

- 7 The vehicles carrying sand are to be fitted with Vehicle Tracking GPS devices to monitor their movement and stop illegal hoarding of sand and prevent black marketing.**

The sand policy has been upgraded and the installation of GPS devices in the vehicles has been omitted in the Upgraded sand policy.

- 8 The contractors of the seven reaches shall pay total penalty of Rs. 7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven lakhs only) shall be paid to Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh as per APPMC Rules, 1966**

The Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram has issued Demand notices to the Contractors (enclosed)

- 9 The contractors of the following six reaches shall pay total Environmental Compensation Rs.3,22,09,713/- to APPCB**

Action to be taken by the APPCB, Kakinada.

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