MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 16.09.2019 AT ZONAL OFFICE, KURNOOL

Agenda No. II. M/s. Lakshmi Venkateswara Blue Metals (Stone Crusher), Sy.No.155, 156/2, Konerukuppam (V), Santhipuram (M), Chittoor Dist for Un-Authorized operation of stone crushing unit without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board

The RO, Tirupati has issued a notice to M/s. Lakshmi Venkateswara Blue Metals (Stone Crusher), Sy.No.155, 156/2, Konerukuppam (V), Santhipuram (M), Chittoor Dist for Un-Authorized operation of stone crushing unit without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board as required u/s 25/26 of Water and u/s 21/22 of Air Acts and thereby causing air pollution in the surrounding areas. The RO, Tirupati officials inspected the unit and its surroundings on 05.09.2019 and observed that the unit is in operation at the time of inspection. The details of the inspection are as follows:

i. The stone crushing unit located at Sy.No.155, 156/2, Konerukuppam (V), Santhipuram (M), Chittoor Dist.

ii. The stone crushing is surrounded by East: Eucalyptus garden followed by rocky lands; West: Rocky Lands; North: rocky lands; South: Rocky Lands followed by quarry.

iii. The stone crushing is operating without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board.

iv. The proponent has not provided proper air pollution control measures to the stone crushers viz.,

a. The stone crusher has not provided cladding to the jaw crusher and secondary crusher thereby causing fugitive dust emissions
b. Not provided water sprinkling for wetting the mined rocks before feeding into the primary jaw crusher
c. The stone crusher has not covered with GI sheets to the vibratory screen and also not covered the dust conveyor with GI Sheet.
d. The crusher is not regularly carrying out cleaning and wetting of the ground in the premises

v. The stone crusher not developed any green belt within the premises.

f. RO, Tirupati conducted the fugitive emissions monitoring about 8 mtrs distance from the secondary stone crusher in the down wind directions and the value of SPM is 1239 µg/m² against the Board’s prescribed standards of 600 µg/m².

g. As per the Hon’ble Supreme Court order dt.22.02.2017, also directed the State pollution Control board to ensure that all the industries requiring consent to have functional effluent treatment systems and valid consent order failing which the State Board shall not allow industrial units to operate.

h. RO, Tirupati has issued Show cause notice to the crusher on 27.05.2019 for operating the stone crusher without adequate air pollution control measures, operating without CFE/CFO of the Board and causing air pollution in the surrounding area.

In view of the above, the stone crushing unit may be called for Hearing before the External Advisory Committee and suitable Legal Action may be initiated against the stone crusher for Un-Authorized operation of stone crushing unit without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board and thereby causing air pollution in the surrounding area.

As per the recommendation of the RO, Tirupati, the issue is placed before the EAC to review and recommend further course of action

DEcision of the Committee:

The representative of the crusher attended the meeting. The committee observed that the stone crusher is operating without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board and without providing any air pollution control equipment.

The committee after detailed discussion on the agenda recommended to issue closure orders to the stone crusher for Un-Authorized operation of stone crushing unit without obtaining CFE/CFO of the Board and thereby causing air pollution in the surrounding area.

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