M/s. Srinivasa Stone Crusher, Sy.No.73, Jangameswaram (V), Martur (M), Prakasam District has applied for CFO of the Board at RO, Ongole on 19.08.2019 through APOCMMS to produce Stone Aggregate – 58 TPD by paying CFO fee of Rs.5,000/- on the project cost of Rs.30 Lakhs for a period of five years i.e. up to 31.07.2024 and falls under Orange Hazardous category.

As per the RO’s inspection report, it was observed that the ZO, Vijayawada issued closure order to the industry on 05.05.2018 as i) the industry is operating without obtaining CFO of the Board, ii) the industry has not applied for CFO of the Board.

In the closure order, it was also mentioned that the revocation of closure orders may be issued if i) the industry applies for CFO, ii) comply with the following short term measures viz., a) the industry shall provide automatic water sprinklers at truck unloading dumper & elevated ramp, b) the industry shall run a plastic pipeline with water sprinkling system at the periphery of the site covering the entire ground of the plant premises, c) the industry shall provide fabric cladding to all the conveyor belts, d) the industry shall provide conocarpus trees all along the boundary of the stone crusher at a distance of 2 mtrs.

The industry has not obtained revocation of closure order from the Board. However, applied for CFO of the Board.

The RO, Ongole mail Dt.03.09.2019 informed that they have mentioned that the industry has to pay balance consent fee of Rs. 7,000/- and directed the industry to pay the same. Now, the industry has paid balance consent fee of Rs. 7,000/- vide DD:660399, dt:27.08.2019.

As per the Board Office Memo Dt.21.03.2018, the Board has delegated powers to ZOs & ROs for issue of closure orders and subsequent revocation of closure orders to the industries which are not having valid consent of the Board for just once.

In view of the above, the issue of revocation of closure order to the industry is placed before the EAC meeting for further recommendations as the industry applied for CFO of the Board, in compliance of the Board Office Memo Dt.21.03.2018, considering the following observations i) this is a case for issue of 1st CFO, ii) the CFE Dt.06.07.2019 is valid for 5 years from the date of issue, iii) the industry, as reported, has not complied with CFE conditions except few sapling on the periphery of the site in single row and sprinklers for wetting boulders as the jaw crusher, iv) the ZOs & ROs are delegated with the power to issue closure orders and subsequent revocation of the closure orders to the industry which are having CFO of fee Board just for once, but in the instant case, simply applying for CFO does not entail a just claim for revocation of the closure order in force because the industry is yet to comply with short term measures set out in the said closure order, v) the RO reported that the industry was not in operation at the time of inspection while stone aggregate and dust were observed on the site.