MINUTES FOR THE EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 15.07.2019 AT ZONAL OFFICE, KURNOOL

Agenda No. I.

| Complaint made by nearby villagers against M/s Sri Balaji Stone Crusher, Sy.No.88, Elavanellore (V), Ramasamudram (M), Chittoor District on Dust and Air pollution problems |

The RO, Tirupati has received a complaint on 14.06.2019 from nearby villagers regarding Dust & Air pollution problems caused by M/s Sri Balaji Stone Crusher, Sy.No.88, Elavanellore (V), Ramasamudram (M), Chittoor District. Officials of RO, Tirupati attended the complaint on 16.06.2019 during the inspection the complaints have informed that the dust and Air pollution from the stone crushing unit is causing damage to their crops, health problems to them and requested the authorities to take necessary action. The details of the inspection are as follows:

i. The stone crushing unit located at Sy.No.88, Elavanellore (V), Ramasamudram (M), Chittoor District in the year 2015.

ii. The industry is surrounded by East: Dry vacant Lands; West: Dry vacant Lands; North: Hilllock; South: Dry vacant Lands.

iii. The industry has obtained CFO of the Board vide order dated: 11.05.2018 which was valid up to 28.02.2028 for manufacturing of Road metal (40 mm, 20mm 12mm & 6 mm) – 70 MT/Day.

iv. The stone crushing unit is not properly maintained the water sprinkler at primary crusher, belt conveyor, Dust conveyer etc., The stone crusher has not provided permanent pipeline and also proper designed nozzles with pump for the sprinkling the water for dust suppression.

v. The stone crusher has not properly maintained the cladding provided to the crusher there by causing fugitive dust emissions during crushing operations.

vi. The stone crusher has not provided water sprinkling for wetting the mined rocks before feeding into the jaw crusher. Also, the stone crusher has not provided complete cladding to the crusher thereby causing fugitive dust emissions.

vii. The stone crusher has not provided elevated dust bunker for the collection of dust thereby causing fugitive dust emissions during wind blows.

viii. The crusher has not constructed metal roads within the premises. The stone crusher has not developed thick green belt all along the boundary as per CFO condition No.6 of Schedule – B order Dt.11.05.2018.

In this regard the RO, Tirupati has issued Show cause Notice to the industry on 19.06.2019 and so far this office has not received any compliance on the direction issued.

The RO, Tirupati submitted inspection report dt. 03.07.2019 recommending to review the case before the EAC. The inspection report is attached for information.

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 in the light of the complainant against the stone crusher, not complying with the conditions stipulated in the CFO order, not meeting the emission standards stipulated by the Board and thereby causing air pollution in the surrounding area.

It was proposed to conduct External Advisory Committee meeting on 15.07.2019, duly intimating the industry and complainant. Accordingly, External Advisory Committee meeting was held on 15.07.2019 at ZO, Kurnool. Sri C. Mounish, representative of the industry attended the hearing.
DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE:

The committee after detailed discussion on the agenda recommended **to issue closure orders** to the crusher for the following reasons:

1. The stone crushing unit has not properly maintained the water sprinkler at primary crusher, belt conveyor, Dust conveyor etc. The stone crusher has **not provided** permanent pipeline and also proper designed nozzles with pump for the sprinkling the water for dust suppression.
2. The stone crusher has **not provided** water sprinkling for wetting the mined rocks before feeding into the jaw crusher.
3. The stone crusher has **not provided** complete cladding to the crusher thereby causing fugitive dust emissions.
4. The stone crusher has not provided elevated dust bunker for the collection of dust thereby causing fugitive dust emissions during wind blows.
5. The crusher has **not constructed** metal roads within the premises.
6. The stone crusher has not developed thick green belt all along the boundary and thus violating the stipulated conditions of CFO.

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