



ABSTRACT

Environment and Climate Change – Enhancement of Scrutiny / processing fee being collected by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority - Tamil Nadu (SEIAA-TN) from the Project Proponents – Orders issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC.3) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.13

Dated: 18.01.2024

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Read:

1. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Notification S.O.No.417(E) dated 03.03.2008.
2. G.O.(Ms). No.27, Environment and Forest (EC.3) Department, dated 31.03.2008.
3. G.O.(Ms). No.110, Environment and Forest (EC.3) Department, dated 03.09.2009.
4. G.O.(Ms). No.260, Environment and Forest (EC.3) Department, dated 15.11.2012.
5. G.O.(Ms). No.281, Environment and Forests Department, dated 31.12.2012.
6. G.O.(Ms). No.148, Environment and Forests Department, dated 30.12.2019.
7. From the Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority Letter No. SEIAA-TN/13779/2022-2, dated 24.06.2023 and 17.08.2023.

ORDER:

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority Tamil Nadu (SEIAA-TN) has been constituted vide Government of India in their Notification first read above, to consider the Projects under **Category B** as scheduled in EIA Notification 2006. As per the Government order second read above, (TNPCCB) was acting as Secretariat for SEIAA-TN, accordingly Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCCB) was Levying a onetime processing Charges of Rupees one lakh for each Environment Clearance proposal and the amount (by applicant industries)

was remitted by demand draft into Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board account. In the Government order fifth read above, the Government nominated the Department of Environment to function as the Secretariat for the SEIAA-TN and permitted SEIAA-TN to collect the revised processing fee. The processing fee is being collected from the proponent for the past 10 years as follows:

| Sl.No. | Total Project Cost (other than minor minerals) (except Granite) | Scrutiny Fee |
|--------|---|---------------|
| 1 | Upto 5 Crores | Rs 1.00 lakh |
| 2 | More than 5 Crores and upto 25 Crores | Rs 2.00 lakhs |
| 3 | More than 25 Crores and upto 100 Crores | Rs 3.00 lakhs |
| 4 | More than 100 Crores | Rs 5.00 lakhs |

For minor minerals (except Granites)

| Sl.No. | Total area of Mining | One time processing Fee |
|--------|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | For area less than 2 hectares | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 2 | For area more than 2 hectares but less than 5 hectares | Rs. 20,000/- |
| 3 | For area more than 5 hectares but less than 25 hectares | Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| 4 | For area more than 25 hectares but less than 50 hectares | Rs. 2,00,000/- |

2. In the letter seventh read above, the Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority has stated that, a meeting was held on 13.05.2022 in the Chamber of Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department regarding Revision of processing fee in SEIAA-TN, since earlier fee revision was held in the year of 2012 and among others things, he has therefore requested the Government to consider the proposal to enhance the scrutiny/ processing fee and issue necessary orders for permitting SEIAA-TN to collect the enhanced scrutiny processing fee and the fee fixed for amendments/ Extension of Validity of the EC/ ToR.

3. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority/ Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change, the Government has decided to accept it and hereby ordered that, the scrutiny / processing fee

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to be collected for processing the proposals from Project Proponent for EC/ ToR by the SEIAA-TN is enhanced and the fee fixed for amendments/ Extension of Validity of the EC/ ToR as detailed below:-

Table - 1 : Other than minor minerals (except Granite)

| Sl. No. | Total Project Cost (other than minor minerals) (except Granite) | Existing Fee | Revised Fee |
|---------|---|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | Upto 5 Crores | 1 lakhs | 2.00 lakhs |
| 2 | More than 5 Crores and upto 25 Crores | 2 lakhs | 4.00 lakhs |
| 3 | More than 25 Crores and upto 100 Crores | 3 lakhs | 6.00 lakhs |
| 4 | More than 100 Crores | 5 lakhs | 10.00 lakhs |

Table - 2 : For Minor Minerals (except Granites)

| Sl.No. | Total area of Mining | Existing Fee (Rs.) | Revised Fee (Rs.) |
|--------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | For area less than 2 hectares | 10,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| 2 | For area more than 2 hectares but less than 5 hectares | 20,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| 3 | For area more than 5 hectares but less than 25 hectares | 1,00,000.00 | 2,00,000.00 |
| 4 | For area more than 25 hectares but less than 50 hectares | 2,00,000.00 | 4,00,000.00 |

Table - 3 : For Granites

| Sl.No. | Total area of Mining | Existing Fee (Rs) | Revised Fee (Rs.) |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Less than 1 Ha | 1,00,000.00 | 2,00,000.00 |
| 2 | Above 1 Ha to upto 3 Ha | 1,00,000.00 | 2,50,000.00 |
| 3 | Above 3 Ha to upto 5 Ha | 1,00,000.00 | 3,00,000.00 |
| 4 | More than 5 Hectares | 1,00,000.00 | 3,50,000.00 |

Table - 4 : For Amendments

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Existing Fee | Fee to be fixed (Rs.) |
|---------|--|--------------|--|
| 1 | For all amendments in Environmental Clearance/ Term of reference (except Name change) | Nil | 10,000.00 |
| 2 | EC/ToR Extension for Industries/ infrastructures for Validity Extension. Rough stone & Granite (balance quantity) | Nil | 25,000.00 |
| 3 | EC Extension for Rough stone & Granite (new scheme of mining) | Nil | Rough stone- applicable revised fee as per Table-2 Granite- applicable revised fee as per Table-3 |

4. The Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority/ Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change is permitted to collect the enhanced Scrutiny / Processing Fee fixed at para 3 above from the Project Proponent with effect from the date of issue of this order.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide Note #23 in efile No.1054/EC.3/2023, dated 17.11.2023.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU

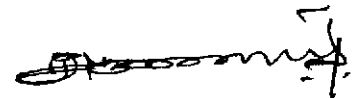
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//Forwarded By Order//



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