



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Environment (A) Department

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Sub:- Environment Department-Mining of ordinary earth/brick earth-
Integration of environmental safeguards-Orders issued-Clarified-
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A simplified procedure for burrowing/excavation of ordinary earth (red earth) and brick earth from area less than 5 hectare has been prescribed in para 3 of the Government Order cited. Doubts have been raised whether the District Collectors can sanction mining of ordinary earth as per the above directions; and the procedure to be adopted in cases where the mining area is 5 hectare or more. The following clarifications are issued.

1. District Collectors are not authorized to issue the Environmental clearance as per the above Government Order. In all cases clearance of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) is necessary.

2. For Environmental Clearance for mining of ordinary earth/brick earth up to an extent of less than 5 hectare the simplified form (in Malayalam) hosted in the website of SEIAA (www.seiaakerala.org) may be used by the applicant or contractor as the case may be. Such applications may be forwarded to the Secretary, State Expert Appraisal Committee, SEAC (Director of Environment & Climate Change, 'Devi Kripa', Pallimukku, Pettah P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-14) through the officer authorized by the District Collector.

3. In cases where the extent to be mined is 5 hectare or more, proper EIA procedure shall be followed, for which application in Form 1 as per Appendix I of the EIA notification-2006 of the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India shall be employed. (Available in websites of SEIAA and Ministry of Environment & Forests).

4. Such application may be directly submitted to the Secretary, SEAC, by the project proponent or contractor with the required documents as specified in the SEIAA website.

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5. Prior Environmental Clearance will not obviate other permits or sanction required for the mining as per the relevant law/rules. However for applying for Environmental Clearance no other clearances or sanctions other than those specified in the website of SEIAA would be necessary.

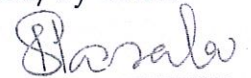
6. These guidelines would be applicable for all works including Public Works and projects requiring removal of, or filling with ordinary earth.

G.RAJEEV
Additional Secretary

To

- All District Collectors
- The Director, Mining & Geology, Kesavadasapuram, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change,
Thiruvananthapuram
- The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board,
Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Centre for Water Resources Development & Management,
Kunnamangalam, Kozhikkode
- The Director, NCESS, Akkulam, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority
- The Secretary, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee
- The Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology &
Environment, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Commissioner for Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, (Roads, Bridges, Admn),
Thiruvananthapuram
- The Chief Engineer, Irrigation (I&A), Thiruvananthapuram
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram
- Industries Department
- Revenue Department
- Local Self Government Department
- Science & Technology Department
- Public Works Department
- Water Resources Department
- Forest & Wildlife Department

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