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Subject:- Minutes of meeting regarding the pending NOCs of Mining Leases in respect of District Baramulla and Pulwama.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir took a meeting with regard to subject matter on **09.07.2021** in meeting hall of this office.

Following officers participated in the meeting:

1. Executive Engineer, PHE, Division, Baramulla, Awantipora, Pulwama, Kakapora, Tangmarg.
2. Wild Life Warden, Shopian.
3. District Minerals Officer, Baramulla/ Pulwama.
4. Asstt. Director Fisheries Pulwama/Baramulla.
5. Tehsildar, Tangmarg.
6. DFO, Shopian, Pulwama, Awantipora, Spl. Forest Div. Tangmarg.
7. Range Officer, Wildlife, Baramulla.

At the outset, the chair while welcomed was informed that out of 38 e-auctioned minor mineral blocks in Baramulla, NOCs for 33 blocks through Distt. Level Single Window System Committee is issued, however, NOCs for 5 blocks have not been issued due to denial / reservation from stake holder departments. In respect of District Pulwama the chair was further informed that out of total 38 e-auctioned minor mineral blocks, NOCs for only 18 blocks have been issued through District Level Single Window Committee and NOCs for remaining 20 blocks have not been issued due to denial/reservation from stake holder departments.

After thread bare discussion and deliberations following directions were given

1. District Baramulla.

S.No	Deptt.	Issue	Directions	Action by
1.	Jal Shakti, I&FC Deptt.	Denial of NOC in respect of Blco No. 01,02 & 03	Executive Engineer, PHE, Tangmarg appraised the chair that the denial for the NOC is that the area/blocks in question caters number of irrigation as well as PHE schemes on both the banks of nallah and the supply channel/canals are running parallel to	DC Bla/ Xen, PHE Tangmarg.

			<p>the nallh. Moreover, some supply channels of irrigation canals are flowing through the centre of the nallh.</p> <p>The chair directed that since the executive Engineer, PHE department, Tangmarg have submitted unscientific reply to the enquiries asked in the meeting shall submit the logical and scientific reasons in support of the grounds of the denial to NOC within two days. Moreover, DMO, Baramulla/PHE Tangmarg shall also submit report with regard to illegal mining in respect of the blocks in question within two days.</p> <p>Moreover, it was directed that possibility shall be explored for issuance of conditional NOC in to the matter within two days positively.</p>	
2.	Fisheries Department.	Denial of NOC in respect of Block No. 01,02 & 03	<p>The chair was apprised that the extraction of minor minerals from the midst or banks of the Nallah at the blocks will badly affect feeding and breeding grounds of the fish and will cause ecological disturbance. Moreover, 22 private fisheries units are functional in that particular blocks. The chair directed that Fisheries department shall revisit the NOC and provide logical/scientific basis for the denial of NOC, besides, shall explore possibility of providing the conditional NOC.</p>	Dir. Fisheries/ AD Fisheries Bla.
3.	Forest Department	Denial of NOC in respect of Block No. 01,02 & 03	<p>While deliberating on the issue the chair directed a joint survey/demarcation of the blocks in question shall be conducted by the team of Revenue, Forest, I&FC, PHE, DMO, etc and recommendations shall be submitted especially keeping in view the protection measures and land sliding.</p>	DC Bla/SDM & Tehsildar/ DFO SFD Tangmarg/ DMO Bla.

4.	Wildlife protection deptt.	Denial of NOC in respect of Block No. 01	While it was apprised that the particular block is falling under eco-sensitive zone, besides, Wild Life Warden Baramulla has no competency of issuing NOC as the issue has been taken up with Chief Wild Life Warden, Kashmir from where NOC is pending, the chair directed that issue shall be followed by Geology & Mining Department and Wild Life Warden Baramulla for its early resolution at Chief Wild life Warden Kashmir Office.	DMO, Bla/Wild Life warden Baramulla
5.	Revenue Deptt. Tehsildar Tangmarg	Denial of NOC in respect of Blco No. 03,05 & 10	Tehsildar, Tangmarg informed the meeting that 70% of these particular mining blocks are consisting of Shamlat, Section-05 which is as good as proprietary land, the chair directed that a fresh demarcation shall be conducted within two days by the teams of Revenue, I&FC, Geology & Mining and after that shall be submitted to higher authorities for resize of the blocks in question.	DC Bla/SDM Tangmarg/Xen I&FC , PHC/Tangmarg/ DMO Bla/ Tehsildar Tangmarg


2. District Pulwma:

S.No	Deptt.	Issue	Directions	Action by
1.	Geology & Mining/ PHE/ I&FC/ Forest/ Fisheries/ Wildlife Deptt.	Denial of NOCs for 20 e-auctioned minor mineral blocks in Pulwama.	The chair while deliberating on the issue with regard to subject matter directed that Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama shall conduct a meeting of District Level Single Window Committee within couple of days and shall explore possibility for sorting out of the issues with all the stake holders , thereby, shall forward the recommendations of the said committee within next one day.	DC /ADC pul./Xen PHE & IFC, Awantipora, Pulwama,DF O Pul/ Awantipora/D MO
2.	Fisheries/ DMO	Denial of NOC for block	As the Addl. Director Fisheries Pulwama informed that no illegal mining is happening in the blocks	AD Fisheries/DM O Pulwama

		31,& 33	in question, the chair directed that DMO Pulwama shall submit the report in this regard within two days.	
3.	Wild Life	Denial of NOC for block 31 & 33	The chair directed that issue with regard to providing of NOC shall also be followed by Geology & Mining Department and Wild Life Warden Pulwama for its early resolution at Chief Wild life Warden Kashmir Office if pending there. Moreover, comments if any from Chief Wild Life Warden shall be submitted before the next meeting.	Wild Life Warden Pul/Shopian/Awantipora , DMO Pul.

Before culminating the meeting the chair informed that since the traditional mining is happening in all the blocks where NOC has not been issued and the steps taken in this regard by all the stake holding departments are a futile exercise in curbing this menace and advised the participants that it will be better to issue conditional NOC so that in-case of any violation the e-auctioned contractor can be held responsible and action as warranted can be initiated against him, otherwise, the loot of these resources cannot be stopped.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


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With Divisional Commissioner Kashmir
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Copy for information and necessary action to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
2. Chief Wildlife Warden, Kashmir.
3. Deputy Commissioners Baramulla/Pulwama.
4. Director Geology & Mining , J&K.
5. Director, Fisheries.
6. Chief Engineer, I&FC/PHE, Kashmir.
7. Joint Director, Geology & Mining Department, Kashmir for inf. and n/a.
8. DIO, Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on official website of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.