Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee

Parivesh Bhavan, Forest Complex | Silk Factory Road Transport Nagar, Jammu, 180 006 | Rajbagh, Srinagar, 190 008 Tel - 0191-2476927; mail - membersecretaryjkspcb@gmail.com

Subject:

Closure of M/s Minor Mineral (River Material) Block 27 Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas Reasi.

Order No. : | 59 JK PCC of 2024

Dated : | 19 / 9 / 2024

Whereas, on the basis of pollution potential, Mining of minor mineral is classified as **Orange category** and obtaining the consent from the Pollution Control Committee is mandatory along with adoption of pollution control mechanism to achieve the Prescribed Standards of pollution.

Whereas, Consent to Operate (Renewal) was granted to M/s Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 27, Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas Reasi, vide No. PCC / digital / 22062268991 of 2022 dated 21-06-2022 valid upto November, 2023, with specific terms and condition for 48800 MT/Annum, as per the quantity mentioned in Environmental clearance obtained by the stake holder but thereafter failed to obtain renewal of the consent from the J&K Pollution Control Committee as warranted under Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; and

Whereas, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.A. No. 360/2015 titled National Green Tribunal Bar Association versus Virender Singh in its order dt. 26-02-2021 has directed to take action against the stake holder found involved in illegal mining of minor mineral; and

Whereas, Minor Mineral Block-27 operated by Shri Anil Kumar under the name and style of M/s Minor Mineral(River Material) Block 27, Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas-District Reasi is currently operational in violation of Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, without valid consent from the JK Pollution Control Committee; and

Whereas, M/s Minor Mineral (River Material) Block 27 Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas-District Reasi, cannot be permitted to operate without consent from the J&K Pollution Control Committee, in view of the facts and position explained above.

26kme

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested with J & K Pollution Control Committee under Section 33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the following directions are hereby issued: -

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, Reasi is directed to cease the operation of the Minor Mineral Block-27 of Shri Anil Kumar under the name and style of M/s Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 27, Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas -District Reasi, immediately.
- ii. Director, Geology & Mining Deptt is directed to cease the operation of the Minor Mineral Block-27 operated by Shri Anil Kumar immediately.
- iii. Mr. Anil Kumar, stake holder of. Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 27, Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas Reasi, is directed to cease the operation of the minor Mineral Block-27 immediately.

Issued with the Approval of Competent Authority.

(Ghansham Singh), JKAS
Member Secretary 14.9.24

& J&K PCC

No:- JK PCC/LSJ/ 024 7576346/674-679 Dated:- 14/09/2024

Copy to the:-

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, Reasi for information and necessary action.
- ii. Director Geology & Mining Deptt for information and necessary action.
- iii. Regional Director, PCC, Jammu for information and follow up action within a fortnight.
- iv. Divisional Officer, PCC, Reasi for information and with the direction to follow up and get the closure order implemented through District Administration.
- v. I/c website Pollution Control Committee Jammu for uploading the closure order
- vi. Mr. Anil Kumar, stake holder of. Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 27, Chenab River Upstream Kanthan Bridge, Village Arnas Reasi, for compliance.