

Procedure for obtaining Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) for minor mineral in lease area of less than 5 ha

1. The lessee shall submit application in the prescribed format at **Annexure I** in place of Form – I of EIA Notification, 2006 and Pre-feasibility report in MoEF format for all projects of minor mineral with mining lease area of less than 5 ha.
2. The lessee shall deposit the scrutiny fee of Rs1000/- per application for sand lease area of less than 5ha. For lease area of minor mineral other than sand in less than 5ha, the lessee shall deposit scrutiny fee of Rs5000/- per application. The prescribed scrutiny fee shall be furnished in shape of BD in favour of 'Chairman, SEIAA payable at Bhubaneswar and to be enclosed with the application.
3. Duly filled in format given in Annexure I with requisite enclosures shall be furnished by the applicant to the Tahasildar concerned. Tahasildar shall take up the initial scrutiny at his level within 7 days in order to check the correctness of the entries and send the proposal to SEIAA for their consideration.
4. On receipt of application from Tahasildar, the SEIAA may consider forwarding the application to SEAC immediately and SEAC may, as far as possible furnish its views to SEIAA within 15 days so that entire process of EC by SEIAA & SEAC is completed within a month.
5. For implementation of Environment Management Plan / environmental restoration measures in case of minor mineral leases up to 5 hectares, collection of 25% of the auction bid amount, royalty and surface rent paid or payable from the minor mineral extracted or to be extracted. The officer of Revenue & Disaster Management, Forest & Environment or Steel & Mines Department authorised to settle the source and collect the royalty, surface rent and auction bid amount will be responsible for collecting the contribution to the Environment management by way of bank draft and to remit it to the Odisha Environment Management Fund Trust at Bhubaneswar and send periodical returns for such collection. The amount realized on this account will be utilized for appropriate environmental conservation measures as per MoEF guidelines and subsequently as per the programme/plan drawn by the Collector concerned.