

D) Justification for locating the Project in protected area and details of alternates examined

Upload a copy of note containing justification for locating the Project in protected area:

Quarry area / project area admeasuring 1Ha is outside the boundary of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary (protected area), however since its coming within 10kms radius of the boundary the application for clearance from National Board of Wildlife under Wildlife Protection Act is being applied. This is outside the eco sensitive zone of the sanctuary.

The project does not involve any diversion of forest area for extraction of granite and "no objection certificate" from forestry and wildlife point of view was issued by TN Forest Department vide letter dated 19.08.2011. The proposal for extraction was recommended by the District Collector vide Roc.656/2010(mines 2) dated 15.09.2011.

No alternatives are explored since the Quarrying operation mainly depending on the availability of mineral ore i.e. multi-colour granite (Identified as minor mineral under Mine and Mineral Concession Rules 1959)

Whether a copy of map indicating location of alternative examined is required to be provided: NO ~~YES~~

Availability of resources at this particular location, mine plan approval enclosed in hard copy.

Employment : 10 permanent employees

Temporary: 100000 mandays