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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP-28378-2018 (O&M)
Decided on: 17th December, 2020**

M/s Goverdhan Mines & Minerals

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: JUSTICE S. MURALIDHAR
JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

Present: Mr. Vinod Ghai, Senior Advocate with Ms. Kanika Ahuja,
Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Mittal, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Ashwani Chopra, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Ashutosh Jerath,
Advocate for Respondent No.7.

Mr. Deepak Girotra, Advocate for the Intervener.

Dr. S. Muralidhar, J

1. At the very first hearing of the present petition, its scope was confined, as is evident from the order dated 2nd November, 2018, which reads as under:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter-alia, raised several contentions, but limited his prayer in the present petition, to constitute a State Environment Impact Assessment Committee.

Notice of motion for 04.12.2018.

In the meantime, the State is directed to look into the grievance of the petitioner for constituting the State Environment Impact Assessment Committee, which according to us, is an essential component to be in place to permit mining in the entire State of Haryana.”

2. By a subsequent order dated 4th December, 2018, subject to the Petitioner furnishing an undertaking about complying with all the conditions attached to the mining lease, the court permitted the Petitioner to commence mining operations, subject to the final appraisal by the Respondent/State, which was to be concluded within a period of two months.

3. The Court is now informed by Mr. Ankur Mittal, Additional Advocate General, Haryana that, as stated by him on the previous date i.e. 14th December, 2020, environmental clearance has indeed been granted to the Petitioner. However, he states that the order has to be signed by all the Members of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana/Respondent No. 6 and that this process will take a week, after which a copy of the order granting environmental clearance will be furnished to the Petitioner.

4. The Court directs that a copy of the order granting environmental clearance be furnished to the Petitioner not later than 4th January, 2021.

5. The court has heard at substantial length the submissions of Mr. Ashwani Kumar Chopra, learned Senior Counsel appearing for Respondent No. 7.

6. It is clarified that any grievance the Respondent No. 7 may have with regard to the grant of environmental clearance in favour of the Petitioner can be addressed in the companion writ petition which is CWP-17786-2020.

7. No further directions are called for in the present petition. It is disposed of as such.

(S. MURALIDHAR)
JUDGE

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

17th December, 2020

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