

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Government of India
Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing
Paryavaran Bhawan, Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Today on 21-12-2016, in pursuance of Minutes of the meeting of S.E.A.C. issued vide No.SEAC/16/264-278 dt.16-11-2016 the meeting of State Impact Assessment Authority (S.E.I.A.A.) was held in the office chambers of the Member-Secretary S.E.I.A.A. to discuss the various issues that invited the attention of the S.E.I.A.A. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Mr. S.D. Swatantra, IFS,
Chairman, S.E.I.A.A.
2. Mr. M.A. Nowshahri,
Hon'ble Member, S.E.I.A.A.
3. Mr.O.P. Sharma, IFS,
Member-Secretary, S.E.I.A.A.

The Member-Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble members and presented a birds eye-view of the various problems being faced by the Secretariat of the S.E.I.A.A. & S.E.A.C. due to non-availability of requisite funds & proper infrastructure. Further, the Chairman, S.E.I.A.A. also expressed his displeasure over non-reimbursement of the Air fare relating to the meeting attended by him alongwith Hon'ble Chairman, S.E.A.C. & one more member of S.E.A.C. at Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Government of India at New Delhi during the month of June, 2016. The Member-Secretary called the Accounts Officer of the Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing to explain the reasons behind non-reimbursement of due claims of the Hon'ble members. The Accounts Officer informed the forum that the Department of Ecology & Remote Sensing has already reflected the demands of the Impact Assessment Authority/SE.A.C. in the revised budget estimate 2016-17 & it is expected that the claims shall be liquidated by middle of January, 2017 once the funds are released from the Administrative Department. He expressed his inability to liquidate the travel

claims of the Hon'ble members at this point of time because of non-availability of funds under T.E. head in the non-plan budget.

The following cases were discussed by the forum.

1. M/S Mehboob Cements, Khrew.

The forum was informed that Since the E.I.A./E.M.P. document submitted by the project proponent had not been prepared by NABET/QCI consultant, he has been asked to submit the fresh proposal prepared by only accredited consultant approved by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India.

2. Lime Stone Mining Project of:-
Haji Gh. Hassan Mir, Qutargan, Khrew.

The recommendations made by the S.E.A.C. and the conditions imposed to safeguard the environmental setting of the area were discussed thoroughly. The Hon'ble Members discussed the condition relating to ground water table in the minutes of meeting issued by S.E.A.C. and opined that the water table in the area is comparatively very deep and therefore the condition figuring at serial Number F of the said minutes of S.E.A.C. issued on 16-11-2016 may be modified to the extent that the project proponent should restrict the mining activity only upto 2 meters irrespective of the ground water level. This is in deference to the condition laid by the S.E.A.C.

The recommendations made by the S.E.A.C. vide No.SEAC/16/264-278 dt.16-11-2016 were discussed threadbare & it was agreed unanimously that the project proponent shall be asked to submit an affidavit duly attested/registered by judicial magistrate Ist class to the effect that the following conditions shall be abided by him:-

- a. The Mining activity shall be executed manually without resorting to any blasting operation.
- b. The Lime Stone extracted through mining activity shall be exclusively used for manufacture of Lime as building material and in no case to be used as raw material for cement manufacturing.
- c. The entire subject mine area shall be delineated and demarcated by the prominent permanent boundary pillars as described in the mining plan before any execution.
- d. A green belt shall be raised on the periphery of the leased area.
- e. The borrowing / excavation activity shall be restricted to a maximum depth of 2 metres below general ground level at the site.

- f. The borrowing/excavation activity shall be restricted to only 2 meters below the ground level even if the ground water table is more than four meter below the ground level.
- g. The borrowing / excavation activity shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.
- h. The borrowed/excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s).
- i. Appropriate fencing all around the borrowed/excavated pit shall be made to prevent any mishap.
- j. Measures shall be taken to prevent dust emission by covering of Borrowed / excavated earth during transportation.
- k. Safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to borrowing/excavation of earth.
- l. Workers / labourers shall be provided with facilities for drinking water and sanitation.
- m. A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation.
- n. A minimum distance of 15 m from any civil structure shall be kept from the periphery of any excavation area.

Further it was unanimously agreed that the formal Environmental clearance shall be issued to the project proponent on receipt of the above cited affidavit & fresh N.O.C. from the State Wild Life Protection Department for allowing mining of lime stone from the project site.

The State Pollution Control Board shall conduct periodical inspections of the site and report compliance of Environmental Clearance conditions. In case of violation of any of the Environmental Clearance conditions or violation of any of the provisions of the Environment Protection Act of 1986, the Environmental Clearance shall be withdrawn.

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4. Construction of C.R.P.F. Campus in Kathua

The Authority was informed that T.O.R.s have been issued to the concerned agency. As & when the remaining papers are received further action will be taken accordingly.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Member, SEIAA

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Member-Secretary,
SEIAA

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Chairman, SEIAA