MINUTES OF THE 44TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2018 AT PRANI SAMPAD BHAVAN

The forty-fourth meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held on 13th December, 2018 in the Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB - Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kol-106. Following proposals were discussed:

1. Discussion on essential documents to be submitted for projects other than building construction and area development projects.

SEIAA deliberated upon the process of submission of project proposals, other than building construction and area development projects (Item 8 of the schedule of the EIA Notification, 2006) and found that the submittals alongwith Form-I are not comprehensive for proper appraisal of the proposals in most of the cases. The MoEF & CC vide its O.M. F. No.22-8/2018-IA.III dated 20.04.2018 has issued a format for providing detailed information for the proposed project (Form-2). In order to have a better and more effective appraisal of such proposals it was decided that the project proponents should submit Form-1 as well as Form-2 along with the relevant documents. This would be effective from the date of issue of the Notification by SEIAA, West Bengal in this regard.

2. Appeal from M/s. Mahakosh Property Developers regarding resubmission of the remediation plan and natural and community resource augmentation plan for their project at 54/10, Debendra Chandra Dey Road, Kolkata – 700015.

The project proponent applied to MoEF & CC as a violation case and subsequently MoEF & CC after appraisal of the project issued ToR vide F No. 23-23/2017-IA-III dated 13.03.2018. Subsequently the MoEF & CC transferred the proposal to SEIAA, West Bengal as per the provision of Notification No. S.O.1030(E) dated 08th March, 2018. Consequently Principal Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of WB vide Memo No. 1312/EN/T-II-1/052/2016 dated 30.05.2018 issued detailed guidelines for dealing with such violation cases where methodology for dealing with different categories of violation cases were prescribed.

The project proponent submitted the EIA report to SEIAA on 25.04.2018, wherein the remediation plan was provided. Subsequently after due appraisal and recommendation by SEAC, the project proponent was issued stipulated conditions for

Environmental Clearance by SEIAA vide letter No. 1902/EN/T-II-1/028/2018 dated 03.08.2018. Subsequently the project proponent made an appeal vide their letter no. Nil dated 07.08.2018 for reduction of the Bank Guarantee amount which could not be accepted and accordingly they were informed by SEIAA vide Memo No. 3131/EN/T-II-1/028/2018 dated 17.08.2018.

The project proponent has once again made an appeal for revision of their remediation plan in accordance with the Memo No. 1312/EN/T-II-1/052/2016 dated 30.05.2018 issued by the Dept. of Environment, Govt. of WB.

The matter was discussed and SEIAA decided to forward the appeal to SEAC for appraisal of the fresh remediation plan.

(Shri Ujjwal Kumar Bhattacharya) Chairman (Prof. Madhumita Roy)

Member

Shri Niraj Singhal, IFS, Member Secretary, SEIAA was on leave.