

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, ASSAM Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India <u>BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI 781021, ASSAM</u>

Proceedings of the 8th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 05/10/2018

The 8^{th} Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at the SEIAA office on 05/10/2018 at 1 p.m.

The following Members were present

- 1. Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- 2. Shri Amarendra Barua, IAS, Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- 3. Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, SEIAA presided over the meeting. The Chairman, SEIAA appraised the members about the agenda items of the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the SEIAA meeting held on 19/07/2018.

SEIAA Resolution 8/1

The proceedings of the last meeting of the SEIAA held on 19/07/2018 have already been circulated, confirmed and signed by all the members.

Agenda Item 2. Actions to be taken on recommendations of SEAC Meeting held on 15/09/2018.

SEAC meetings held on 15/09/2018 have taken up the project proposals for prior EC, one by one and resolved as follows:

SEAC Resolution 9/2

In the matter of preparation of Identity Cards for the Members of the SEAC, the Secretary, SEAC is authorized to do the needful and to get the signature of the Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam on the ID cards.

SEIAA Resolution 8/2

Resolved to pursue the matter with the Secretary, SEAC, The issue of ID cards to SEIAA staff may also be taken up together.

SEAC Resolution 9/3

The Committee /members of SEAC expressed displeasures for non-payment of TA/DA and other allowances for the meetings held. The Members urged the authority to resolve the matter at the earliest for smooth functioning of the SEAC and its meetings.

SEIAA Resolution 8/3

The matter of Grants-in-Aid for 'non-salary' expenses has been actively pursued with the Department of Environment and Forest, Govt. of Assam and it is hoped that the grant will be released soon. On receipt of the grant, all pending payments for TA/DA, sitting allowances, etc., for the meetings of SEAC/SEIAA will be cleared and made up-to-date.

SEAC Resolution 9/4

Construction of bridge over the river Brahmaputra connecting Panbazar to North Guwahati.

The Chief Engineer (ARIASP & RIDF) & Project Director, World Bank Aided Projects, PWRD,

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Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya Chairman Chairman Assam SEIAA, Assam Assam presented the EIA/EMP reports prepared by M/S TRP Social Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. in association with Wolkem Consultancy Services.

After going through the presentation, the Members of the Committee suggested to incorporate the following into the EIA/EMP Reports:

- Disaster Management plan -both Construction and Operation Phase. i.
- River flow and water quality and ecology of the River in the proposed construction site ii. shall not be disturbed and proper mitigation measures shall be adhered too.
- Adequate information regarding the habitat and breeding ground of River Dolphin should iii. be provided with the EIA report.
- Proper measures are required to be taken with priority to conserve the River Dolphin iv. population and its habitat including its breeding ground.
- Proper measures are also required to be taken with priority to conserve other aquatic V. biotic community.

However, the Committee recommended for issuing E.C. with necessary terms and conditions including all the above.

SEIAA Resolution 8/4

As recommended by SEAC, issue of prior Environmental Clearance is approved with the above terms and conditions.

SEAC Resolution 9/5

Discussion on DPR for Tinsukia Water Supply Project for EC to Tinsukia Water Supply Project under NLCPR.

Environmental Clearance is not required as per EIA notification of the MoEF.

SEIAA Resolution 8/5

Approved as recommended by the SEAC. As prior EC is not required for the project, the Processing Fee is not required to be paid.

SEAC Resolution 9/6

EC for Development of the Borsola Beel (Construction of STP (15 MLD), Walkways, Parking, Landscaping, Water Sports, Roads and Bridges) by Managing Director, Guwahati Smart City Ltd.

As per the application submitted and the presentation made by the proponent, the area of activities (as per Sl. 1.1) is less than 10 Ha, so the Committee stands by the earlier recommendation on 8th meeting of SEAC.

SEIAA Resolution 8/6

The project proponent has clarified that the land area of the activities was wrongly given as ≥ 50 Ha in Form 1, which should have been ≤ 50 Ha.

Approved the issue of the prior EC as recommended by the SEAC with terms & conditions.

SEAC Resolution 9/7

EC for collection of Earth, Sand & Gravel from the Kakoi River mining area under North Lakhimpur Forest Range of Lakhimpur Forest Division, Lakhimpur, Assam by Sri Rajib Sarmah.

Not recommended. The DFO may be requested to submit a status report of the mining area.

SEIAA Resolution 8/7

As recommended by the SEAC, letter to the concerned DFO be issued to submit a status report of the mining area.

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SEAC Resolution 9/8

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EC for excavation of ordinary earth from P.P. land for improvement and upgradation of SH-3 under ASRP package no. ASRP package No. ASRP/PISI/NCB/SH-3 (MN)/24 by Shivam Transcon Pvt. Ltd.

Not recommended. Land documents, Site Plan, approved road to the site and clearance from the competent authority are required to be submitted

SEIAA Resolution 8/8

As observed by the SEAC, the Project Proponent will be asked to submit all the documents as sought.

SEAC Resolution 9/9

EC for collection of Sand & Stone from NKD-B-2 Safakama Mining contract area under N.K. Forest Division, Rangia by Sri Sujit Sarkar.

The Members of the Committee recommended issuing E.C. with the condition that mining activities shall be started after Monsoon/Rainy Season is over.

SEIAA Resolution 8/9

Approved the issue of the prior EC as recommended by the SEAC with terms & conditions.

SEAC Resolution 9/10

E.C. for collection of ordinary earths from PP land required for the execution of Road Project Improvement & Upgradation of SH-3 Package no. ASRP/PISI/NCB/SH-3(MN)/26 by Sri Ramesh Kumar Agarwalla.

As stated in their letter, the party has already started the work after receiving work order without waiting for the prior Environmental Clearance. Therefore, E.C. cannot be issued as the party has already violated the rules.

SEIAA Resolution 8/10

Resolved that necessary clarification is to be obtained from the project proponent and the proposal may be sent to the SEAC with the clarification.

SEAC Resolution 9/11

Extension of validity of EC for 1 (one) year for extraction of Sand, Gravel and Earth from Mora – Bharali Mining Permit area under Sonitpur West Forest Division for Govt. Development work by M/s S. P. Singla Constructions (P) Ltd.

The DFO may be requested for a status report.

SEIAA Resolution 8/11

As per SEAC recommendation, the DFO may be requested for a status report.

SEAC Resolution 9/12

E.C. for building construction of the proposed project at Bhagadattapur Ghy (Piya Exotica) by M/s Pragjotish Housing Pvt. Ltd.

Based on the Inspection Report submitted, the Members of the Committee recommended for issuing of E.C. with the condition that proper protection measures shall be taken for the high tension line running over the construction site.

SEIAA Resolution 8/12

As recommended by the SEAC, the issue of prior EC is approved with the condition that

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appropriate measures shall be taken for the high tension line running over the construction site along with other relevant conditions.

SEAC Resolution 9/13

E.C. for collection of Stone from Kalain Stone Minor Mineral unit no. 2 under Karimganj Forest Division, Karimganj by M/s Trio Stoney Mart (Abdul Latifur Rahman – Partner).

At the stage, the proposal cannot be entertained due to inadequate and mismatch information.

SEIAA Resolution 8/13

As recommended by SEAC, EC at this stage cannot be issued.

SEAC Resolution 9/14

E.C. for collection of Stone from "Gopeswar Stone Quarry at Vill. Deuduar under N.K. Forest Divison, Rangia, Dist. Kamrup, Assam by Sri Fatik Das.

Not recommended. PCCF may be requested to provide forest clearance certificate, allotment certificate of user agency and other relevant documents.

SEIAA Resolution 8/14

As recommended by SEAC, the EC cannot be issued at this stage. The PCCF may be requested to provide forest clearance certificate, allotment certificate of the user agency and other relevant documents

SEAC Resolution 9/15

E.C. of proposed "All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Guwahati" being developed by M/s HLL Infratech Services Ltd as Executive Agency on behalf of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI.

Due to the absence of the Project Proponent or his representative for presentation, the matter is deferred.

SEIAA Resolution 8/15

The application may be taken up in the next meeting of the SEAC,

SEAC Resolution 9/16

Extension of the validity of EC for 1 year for collection of Stone from Loksogaon Stone Quarry under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu by M/s Simplex som datt Builders.

Not recommended. The DFO may be requested for a status report on the amount of stone so far collected from the mining site of the project. However, EC has not been recommended as the allotted time of two years has already been completed.

SEIAA Resolution 8/16

The SEAC decision is approved. The DFO may be requested for a status report on the amount of stone so far collected from the mining site of the project.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion on purchase and repairing of ACs and others

Dr. D K Baruah pointed out that as the two rooms under SEIAA occupation belong to the PCBA, fitting of ACs, etc., is the responsibility of the PCBA.

The Chairman pointed out that the above had been found to be nobody's responsibility. As the

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SEIAA does not have a single vehicle compared to the earlier two vehicles allotted to it by the HOFF (PCCF) (both were returned), the HOFF (PCCF) was requested to provide two vehicles for SEIAA use; they pushed the responsibility to the PCBA. In turn, the PCBA said that the HOFF (PCCF) was notified by the Govt. of Assam as the nodal agency for SEIAA, it was their responsibility to provide vehicles, etc., to the SEIAA. Nothing has happened despite a number of correspondences from the SEIAA office.

The Chairman further informed that the Govt. of Assam has approved the purchase of two vehicles, two ACs, repair of the existing ACs, etc. in the budget grant for 2018-19 to SEIAA and the release of the same has been under process.

It is agreed that all purchases will be done after the receipt of the 'non-salary' Grant-in-Aid and as per Govt. of Assam Rules and should be processes through the Purchase Committee.

There being no other matter to be discussed, the meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Prof. K. G. Bhattacharyya) Chairman, SEIAA, Assam

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