



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

Proceedings of the 7th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 19/07/2018

The 7th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at the SEIAA office on 19/07/2018 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. General Reporting of the Activities

- (a) Confirmation of the proceedings of the SEIAA meeting held on 23/03/2018.

SEIAA Resolution 7/1

The proceedings of the last meeting of the SEIAA held on 23/03/2018 have already been circulated, confirmed and signed by all the members.

- (b) Audit Report from 2013-14 to 2016-17

The Audit of SEIAA accounts for the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 was carried out by M/S Bhuyan and Associates, Chartered Accountants and the Full Report was placed before the SEIAA. The CA firm has also been engaged for the audit of the accounts of 2017-18, which has not been completed yet.

The SEIAA appreciated the work done by the CA firm and expressed satisfaction with the work. It is resolved that the Audit Report be accepted and a copy may be sent to the Government of Assam.

SEIAA Resolution 7/2

It is resolved that the double payment of Travelling Expenses to Mr. B P Baruah, member SEAC during the FY 2013-14, as pointed out by the auditors in their Report, is to be brought to the notice of the member concerned and the amount of Rs. 5900.00 may be recovered from his entitlements in the current year with due information.

- (c) Payment of Processing Fee to the Govt. of Assam

SEIAA Resolution 7/3

With reference to letter No. FEC(1).42/2014/69 dated 25/06/2018 from the Deputy Secretary, Finance (EC-1), Govt. of Assam, it is resolved that Rs. 1,40,00,000.00 (Rupees one crore forty lakh only), the processing fee collected from Project Proponents applying for prior Environmental Clearance to SEIAA will be deposited to Head of Account "0406 – Forestry & Wildlife 02 – Environment, Forestry & Wildlife 800 – other receipts"..

- (d) Refund of unspent amount of the Grant-in-Aid received from the Government of Assam for 2017-18

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SEIAA Resolution 7/4

It is also resolved to refund the amount of Rs. 86,860.00 (Rupees eighty six thousand eight hundred sixty only) remaining unspent from the Grants-in-aid of Rs. 20,74,742.00 (Rupees twenty lakh seventy four thousand seven hundred forty two only) received from the Govt. of Assam for the F.Y. 2017-18 to Head of Account "0406 - Forestry & Wildlife 02 - Environment, Forestry & Wildlife 800 - other receipts" with immediate effect.

(e) Appraisal of MoEFCC notification

(i) Mining proposals in violation of EIA notification 2006

SEIAA Resolution 7/5

The MoEFCC circulars till date are brought to the notice of the SEIAA and it is agreed that all violations of the EIA Notifications 2006 will be strictly dealt with through imposition of penalty, etc., as per MoEFCC guidelines. It is resolved that the SEIAA will write to the PCCF in this matter for stringent action and copies of the relevant MoEFCC guidelines will be sent to the PCCF along with the letter.

(ii) Inclusion of corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) in EC.

SEIAA Resolution 7/6

The SEIAA is apprised of the MoEFCC Guidelines in the matter of CER and it is decided that CER will be imposed with effect from 01/05/2018 on all parties requiring prior EC. Guidelines for utilization of CER will be framed in due course, and the SEIAA member, Dr. D K Baruah is requested to help in framing the guidelines.

(iii) Sitting Allowance to Members

SEIAA Resolution 7/7

It is resolved that the sitting fees/TA & DA to SEIAA/SEAC members are to be given in line with the MoEFCC OM F. No. J-11013/74/2015-IA-II(T) Part-2 dated 7 May 2018 and accordingly, it is further resolved to request the Secretary, Environment and Forest, Govt. of Assam, to notify the revised rates with immediate effect.

It is further resolved that till the above notification is issued by the Government of Assam, the members will continue to receive the sitting fees/TA & DA for attending SEIAA/SEAC meetings at the existing rates.

(iv) Construction without EC

SEIAA Resolution 7/8

It is resolved that all construction activities including construction of buildings/apartments, etc., without taking prior Environmental Clearance will be dealt with strictly including imposition of penalty and the concerned parties, including PWD, Assam will be informed of the same in writing.


(v) Compliance Report certified by MoEFCC

SEIAA Resolution 7/9


SEIAA considered the matter of prior certification of the Compliance Reports submitted by the project proponents before their acceptance and it is resolved that the MoEFCC Guidelines will be strictly implemented.

(vi) Form 2 in place of Form 1

The SEIAA is apprised of the MoEFCC OM F. No. 22-8/2018-IA.III dated 20 April 2018 introducing Form 2 instead of Form 1 for applications seeking prior EC/TOR for preparing EIA Report with immediate effect.


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SEIAA Resolution 7/10

It is resolved that all project proponents applying for prior EC will have to apply in Form 2 as stipulated in the MoEFCC OM dated 20 April 2018.

(vii) Website of SEIAA

SEIAA Resolution 7/11

The SEIAA accepted the proposal of M/S Webcom and resolved to place the order for the same in accordance with the rates submitted by them including GST vide their letter dated 11/06/2018..

Agenda item 2. Actions to be taken on recommendations of SEAC Meeting held on 19/05/2018 and 26/06/2018.

SEAC meetings held on 19/05/2018 and 26/06/2018 have taken up the project proposals for prior EC, one by one and resolved as follows:

SEAC Resolution 8/2

Inspection of the mining activity for collection of Sand from Singla River Mining Contract area (Unit-2) under Karimganj Forest Division, Karimganj, Assam by Sri Ashish Nath.

SEIAA Resolution 7/12

It is resolved to send a letter to PCCF & HOFF requesting him to provide logistics for the visit in the month August 2018.

SEAC Resolution 8/3

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.

The matter is discussed among the members of the SEAC and decided that as the river mining cannot for considered during Monsoon Season. Hence the matter is deferred to next meeting.

Resolution 7/13

The SEIAA takes note of the SEAC resolution in the matter and concurred with the SEAC resolution.

SEAC Resolution 8/4

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 Transeon Pvt. Ltd.

As the Monsoon Season is ongoing excavation of ordinary Earth is not advisable, SJ, application for EC cannot for considered during this period. Hence the matter is deferred to next meeting.

SEIAA Resolution 7/14

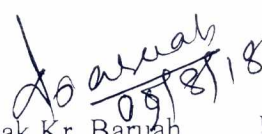
The SEIAA takes note of the SEAC resolution in the matter and concurred with the SEAC resolution.


SEAC Resolution 8/5

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

In view of the ongoing Monsoon in the State of Assam. The file may be put up in the next SEAC meeting for needful.


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SEAC Resolution 7/15

The SEIAA takes note of the SEAC resolution in the matter and concurred with the SEAC resolution.

SEAC Resolution 8/6

Environmental Clearance for construction of the proposed Apartment Project (Piya Exotica) by M/s Pragjyotish Housing Pvt. Ltd. at at Bhagadattapur, Kahilipara, Guwahati, Assam. M/s Pagjyotish Housing Pvt. Ltd has given a presentation of the proposed project at Bhagadattapur before the Members of the SEAC. The SEAC decided to visit the site before taking a decision in the matter and give a report to the next SEAC Meeting. The following members will visit the site:

1. Prof. Jatin Kalita, Chairman, SEAC, Assam.
2. Dr. Rafiqua Ahmed, Member, SEAC, Assam.
3. Dr. Bijoy Sankar Goswami, Member, SEAC, Assam.

SEIAA Resolution 7/16

It is resolved that considering the time frame of the EIA notification, the SEAC may be requested to complete the inspection within 15 days.

SEAC Resolution 8/7

2.2. Environmental Clearance for the proposed Resin Manufacturing Plant at IIDC, Vill: Naltali, Dist. Nagaon, Assam by M/S Berger Paints India Ltd. - Issue of TOR

M/s Berger Paints India (P) Ltd has given a presentation on the project proposal before the SEAC and clarified the points raised by the committee members. The SEAC recommended that the Terms of Reference for carrying out EIA study by the project proponent may be issued.

SEIAA Resolution 7/17

It is resolved to accept the SEAC recommendation and to approve the issue of TOR taking into consideration the standard TOR issued by MOEF & CC.

SEAC Resolution 8/8

Extension of 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.

The reason for request of extension of validity of E.C. for another 1 year is not clear. So, the party may be requested to justify his prayer for extension.

SEIAA Resolution 7/18

The SEIAA takes note of the SEAC resolution in the matter and resolves that the concerned party will be requested to justify their application for extension of the validity of the EC.

SEAC Resolution 8/9

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.

Extension for validity of EC for 18 month cannot for considered during this rainy season. The application for extension may be considered after Monsoon Season. Hence, the matter is deferred to next meeting.

SEIAA Resolution 7/19

The SEIAA takes note of the SEAC resolution in the matter and concurred with the SEAC resolution.

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SEAC Resolution 8/10

EC for setting up of 50TPD formaldehyde and 50 TPD Resins Plant at Palasbari Industrial Estate - 1, Mirza-Palasbari Road, Dist. Kamrup, Assam by M/s Century Adhesive.

After discussion and on the basis of inspection report, committee recommends for issuing EC for the project with terms and conditions. Inspection report may be seen before.

SEIAA Resolution 7/20

The SEIAA approves the SEAC recommendation and resolves to issue the prior Environmental Clearance with the necessary terms and conditions.

SEAC Resolution 8/11

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.

Members after going through the presentation raised some question, which the proponent replied. After threadbare discussion on the matter committee recommends for issuing EC for STO with terms and conditions as follows:

1. Sludge treatment and disposal facility should be as per norms.
2. Disposal facility should be monitored by appropriate agency.
3. Detail analysis of Sludge (heavy metal etc.) may be submitted before & after treatment.
4. To ensure that water from peripheral drains should not enter the beel area.
5. To strictly follow the terms as stated in DPR.
6. Sludge disposal and overall proper treatment should be monitored as proper condition.

SEIAA Resolution 7/21

The SEIAA approves the SEAC recommendation and resolves to issue the prior Environmental Clearance with the necessary terms and conditions along with the suggested conditions recommended by the SEAC.

SEAC Resolution 8/12


EC for Tinsukia Water Supply Project under NLCPR by Tinsukia Minicipal Board, Tinsukia, Assam.

The proposal may be considered under 8 (b) Area Development Projects in EIA notification dtd. 14.09.2006. The proponent may be requested to submit necessary processing fees.

SEIAA Resolution 7/22


In view of the SEAC recommendation, the SEIAA resolves to ask the party concerned to submit without delay a copy of the detailed project report (DPR).

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


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