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

Proceedings of the 3rd Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam 11/07/2017

The 3rd meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at the SEIAA office on 11.07.2017 at 2.00 p.m..

The following Members were present

- 1. Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- 2. Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam.
- 3. Sri Ali Askar, ACS, Member Secretary, 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.

Item 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the meeting held on 20/05/2017.

Note. The agenda has already been circulated and no requests for correction/modification have been received.

SEIAA Resolution 3/1. The proceedings of the meeting held on 20/05/2017 were confirmed.

Item 2. Action taken on the basis of the decisions of the SEIAA meeting held on 20/05/2017

The Chairman apprised the members of the following actions taken:

- (i) The project proponents, M/S B.M. Cements Ltd. and M/S J.N. Commercial have been informed of the need for Public consultation/Public Hearing with respect to their project proposals.
- (ii) Actions have been initiated with respect to all other recommendations of the SEAC held on 07/04/2017.
- (iii) Issue of ECs with respect to 7 proposals is under process.
- (iv) Payment of contractual salaries to SEIAA staff with effect from 01/03/2017 up to 31/05/2017 has been released and will be released regularly now onwards. The issue of contractual salary for two other staff (Accountant and one office assistant) will be considered after the matter is placed before the SEIAA.
- (v) Opening of a Savings Bank Account at SBI, Dispur branch and transfer of the amount lying without earning any interest in the Current Account of SEIAA also at SBI, Dispur branch are under process.

SEIAA Resolution 3/2. It is resolved that with respect to item (iii) above, whether the parties concerned can take their ECs from the DEIAA or they are no longer in need of the ECs is to be examined. With respect to the other points, the SEIAA took note of the actions taken.

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Dr. Deepak Kr. Bartiah Member, SEIAA, Assam Dr. K. G. Bhattacharyya Chairman Sell A. Assar Item 3. Action to be taken on proposals passed by the earlier SEAC on which no action was

Note. On going through the pending files, it has been found that the following files have been duly considered by the earlier SEAC and signed by the then Chairman, SEIAA, but issue of EC/any other action had not been taken. The matter is placed before the SEIAA for consideration.

SI. No	SEIAA File No	Proposal details	Name of the Applicant	SEAC approval date	
01	SEIAA. 289/2014	EC for River bed with accumulated sand for collection under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu.	Sri Borsing Engti	13/10/2014	
02	SEIAA. 307/2014	EC for River bed with Accumulated sand for collection under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu.	Sri Larsing Rongphar	13/10/2014	
03	SEIAA. 308/2014	EC for River bed with Accumulated sand & gravel for collection under Karbi Anglong east Forest Division, Diphu	Sri Arjina Rongpipi	13/10/2014	
04	SEIAA. 309/2014	EC for River bed with accumulated sand for collection under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu	Sri John Millik	13/10/2014	
05	SEIAA. 310/2014	EC for River bed with accumulated sand for collection under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division	Smti Renuka Englengpi	13/10/2014	
06	SEIAA. 311/2014	EC for River bed with accumulated sand for collection under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu	Sri Hemo Sahu	13/10/2014	
07	SEIAA. 316/2014	EC for Chirang so hill stone Quarry collection of sand/stone under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu	Sri Appu Ingtikathar	13/10/2014	
08	SEIAA. 322/2014	EC for River bed with accumulated sand for collection under Karbi Anglong East forest Division, Diphu	Smti Jully Hansepy	13/10/2014	

SEIAA Resolution 3/3. It is resolved that the proposals may be examined whether the parties may take EC from the DEIAA and if so, the proposals are to be referred back if the parties so desire.

Item 4. Approval of the recommendations of the SEAC meeting held on 30/05/2017 and issue of EC.

Note. The SEAC in its meeting held on 30/05/2017 recommended/not recommended a number of proposals as shown below.

(i) 28 project proposals found without the recommendation of the earlier SEAC and sent to the newly constituted SEAC for discussion were considered by the SEAC and the decisions, as shown below, have been taken. These are placed before the SEIAA for consideration.

Resolutions of the SEAC in its meeting held on 30/05/2017

Resolution No. 3/1

Project proposal for collection of Sand located in the Dhansiri River bed under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division by Smti Kajek Beypi.

The proposal for collection of Sand from Dhansiri River at Silonijan amounting to 1500 m3 for 2 yrs is recommended subject to submission of an affidavit statingthat no disturbance to wildlife habitata will be created during collection and that form-1 is true.

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Project proposal for collection of Sand under Karbi anglong East Forest Division, Diphu by Bina Tissopi.

After through scrutiny by all the Members present in the meeting, it has been found that the party had applied for a period of two yrs w.e.f 2014. So the said period of the proposal is already over. Therefore, the party may be informed accordingly. However, the earlier recommendation be accepted.

Resolution No. 3/3

Project proposal for collection of Stone & ordinary sand from Kaldia Sand Gravel and Stone Mahal under Baksa Forest Division Mushalpur by Sri Swgwmchar Boro.

The Members of the committee checked the relevant papers submitted by the proponent. As the D.F.O. Baksa granted mining contract for 7 years w.e.f. July 2015, the Members of the committee recommended for issuance of E.C. for a period of five (05) yrs w.e.f. the date of issue. However, the E.C. may be extended for the remaining period of two yrs after obtaining certificate from D.F.O. regarding availability of resource.

Resolution No. 3/4

Project proposal for collection of Sand and Stone from Dirin Sand and Stone Mahal under Baksa Forest Division, Mushalpur by Sri Sarjon Basumatary.

The Members of the committee checked all the relevant papers submitted by the proponent. As the D.F.O. Baksa division granted mining contract for a period of 7 (seven) years w.e.f. July 2015. The Members of the committee recommended for issuing of EC for a period of 5 yrs w.e.f. the date of issuance of E.C. which may be extended for another two yrs on submission of necessary papers.

Resolution No. 3/5

Project proposal for collection of Sand from Nambor River Sand Mahal under Karbi Anglong East forest Division, Diphu by Smti. Kasang Derapi.

The Members of the Committee scrutinized all the documents and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for collection of sand amounting to 1500 m³ in two yrs from Nambor River Sand Mahal against permit with terms & conditions subject to submission of an affidavit for the safety of the wildlife.

Resolution No. 3/6

Project proposal for collection of Stone from Dongka Sarpo Stone Quarry under Hamren Forest Division, Hamren by Sri Sanaba Singha.

The party had applied for a period of two years w.e.f. 2014. The period of two years has already been over and the party may be informed accordingly. However, the earlier recommendations be accepted.

Resolution No. 3/7

Project proposal for collection of Gravel & Boulder from Monai G/B Mahal under Dhansiri Forest Division, Udalguri by Sri Jogeswar Daimari

The Members of the committee scrutinized all the documents and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for collection of gravel amounting to 1000 m³ and boulder 1000 m³ per yr for 5 yrs extendable for another two yrs with necessary terms and conditions.

Resolution No. 3/8

Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from Borgang River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV).

The Members of the committee scrutinized all the documents as submitted and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for collection of ordinary earth amounting to 2,05,500 m³ for two

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yrs from Borgang River mining & mineral permit area with necessary terms and conditions. DFO is requested to submit yearly report to SEIAA on Environmental status of the mining area.

Resolution No. 3/9

Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from Burai River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV).

The documents & DFO's letters are scrutinized by the Members of the committee and recommended for issuance of E.C. for collection of ordinary earth from three different locations as specified by the DFO amounting to 66,000 m³, 1,47,000 m³ & 1,20,000 m³ respectively from Boroi River mining area with necessary terms and conditions for 3 years. The project is for development of NH-

Resolution No. 3/10

Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from N. D. Nala River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV).

The documents of the proposal are scrutinized & verified by Members of the committee and recommended for issuance of E.C. for collection of ordinary earth amounting to 90,000 m³ for 3 years from Mining & Mineral permit area of N.D.Nala under Sonitpur East Forest Division with necessary terms and conditions. The project is for development of NH-52.

Resolution No. 3/11

Project proposal for collection of Granular Materials/ Sand & Sand Gravel under Baksa Forest Division, Mushalpur for Govt. development works by M/s DRA-SGCCL-ANPL (JV)

The document as submitted by the project proponent are scrutinised and recommended for issuance of E.C. for collection of sand gravel amounting 1,10,000 m³ for 2 years as mentioned by the DFO from Dirring sand and sand gravel mahal with necessary terms & conditions. The proposal is for development work of NH.

Resolution No. 3/12

Project proposal for collection of Sand gravel, stone & Sand from Khagrabari Stone & Sand gravel Mahal under Baksa Forest Division for Govt. Development Works by M/s Anupam Nirman Pvt. Ltd.

Sand gravel- 5000 m3, Stone- 20,000 m3 and sand 5000 m3 for 2 years required for Govt. Development work from Khagrabari stone & sand gravel mahal and as per GPS coordinates provided. All relevant documents are scrutinised by the Members of the committee and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. with terms and conditions.

Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from Solengi River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The proposal is for 2,34,900 m³ ordinary earth for 3 years from two location as per GPS coordinates from Solengi River Mining & mineral permit area, Sonitpur required for 4-lanning of NH-52. All paper submitted are scrutinised by the committee & recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. with terms & condition.

Resolution No. 3/14

Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from Burai River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The document submitted by the project proponent for collection of ordinary earth for 3 years are scrutinised by the members of the committee & recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for collection ordinary earth amounting to 2,73,000 m³ for 3 years from two different location as mentioned by the DFO i.e mining mineral permit area of Boroi River with necessary terms & conditions.

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Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from N. D. Nala River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV).

The proposal is for 6,38,400 m³ ordinary earth for 3 years from 5 different locations of mining & mineral area (N.D.Nala) under Gahpur Beat, Sonitpur East Forest Division as per GPS coordinates submitted by the DFO required for development of NH-52. All relevant documents submitted. The Members of the committee examined the proposal and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. with terms & conditions.

Resolution No. 3/16

Project proposal for collection of Ordinary Earth from Solengi River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The document as submitted by the project proponent are examined by the members of the committee and recommended the proposal for issuance of EC for excavation of ordinary earth amounting to 4,44,900 m³ for 3 years from different location as mentioned under Sonitpur East forest Division. The proposal is for development of NH-52. The necessary terms & condition are to be incorporated in the E.C.

Resolution No. 3/17

Project proposal for collection of Sand from Jamuna River Chitalmari Mining Permit area under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division by Sri Thong Teron.

The documents as submitted are verified & scrutinised by the members of the committee and recommended for extraction of sand amounting to 500m³/year for 2years from the Jamuna river Chitalmari mining permit area with necessary terms & conditions.

Resolution No. 3/18

Project proposal for collection of Sand, Gravel/Chips & Boulder from Taklai Sand/ Gravel and boulder Mahal under Chirang Forest Division, Kajalgaon by Sri Promotesh Narzary.

The Members of the committee scrutinised all the documents and recommended the proposal for extraction of 600 m³ sand, 400 m³ gravel/chips and 2000 m³ boulder per year for five years extendable for another two years with terms & condition. Accordingly E.C. is recommended.

Resolution No. 3/19

Project proposal for collection of Quartzite Stone from "Sai Engti Hill Contract area" under Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu, Assam by Sri Niya Sing Engti.

The documents as submitted for the extraction of quartzite stone from Sai Engti Hill are scrutinised by the members of the committee are recommended for extraction of quartzite stone amounting to 1000 m3/ yr for 5 yrs and extendable for another 2 yrs i.e total 7 yrs from the aforesaid permit area with necessary terms & conditions. The project proponent wants to follow opencast mining with manual/ mechanized way and therefore, necessary conditions for environmental management are to be incorporated in the EC.

Resolution No. 3/20

Project proposal for collection of GSB from Boroi River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The documents as submitted by the project proponent are scrutinised by the members of the committee and recommended the proposal for extraction of GSB amounting to 2,98,800 m³ for 2 yrs from different locations of mining area of Boroi river bed as per mining plan. The committee agreed upon for issuance of Environmental Clearance with necessary terms & conditions.

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Project proposal for collection of Stone/Boulder from Boroi River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The members of the committee scrutinized all the relevant documents as submitted and recommended for extraction of Stone / Boulder amounting to 2,94,000 m³ for 2 yrs from different locations of Boroi River Mining & Mineral permit area for Stone/ Boulder for issuance of E.C. with necessary terms & conditions. The D.F.O. of the area is requested to submit environment status report six-monthly of the mining area to SEIAA, Assam.

Resolution No. 3/22

Project proposal for collection of Stone/Boulder from Boroi River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The Members of the committee scrutinised all the documents and recommended for issuance of E.C. for extraction of stone/boulder amounting to 5,88,000 m³ stone/ boulder for two yrs from four different localities (sites) of Mining & Mineral Permit area (Boroi River) under Borgang Range as per GPS co ordinate submitted. The material is required for development of NH-52.

Resolution No. 3/23

Project proposal for collection of Stone/Boulder from Boroi River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The proposal is for extraction of Stone/ Boulder from the river bed of Boroi River Mining permit area. The Members of the committee scrutinised the documents for extraction of stone/ boulder amounting to 4,41,000 m³ for 2 yrs from different locations of the river bed as mentioned and approved mining plan is recommended for issuance of E.C. for extraction of mining material as proposed with necessary terms & conditions. However, the project proponent has to take care for maintaining the wholesomeness of river system during extraction of boulder/ stone from the aforesaid area. The Chairman, SEIAA, Assam is requested to arrange monitoring of the extraction area time to time.

Resolution No. 3/24

Project proposal for extraction of Lime Stone at Gorampani Range under Dina Hasao Forest Division (West) Haflong by M/s Khorongma Umrangso.

The Members' examined the proposal for extraction of lime stone from 4.93 ha area under Garampani Forest Range. The project falls under 1(a) & considered as B₂ category. The committee recommended the proposal for issuance of EC subject to submission of Mining Plan with necessary terms & conditions.

Resolution No. 3/25

Project proposal for collection of GSB from Bargang River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The Members of the committee scrutinised all the documents and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for collection of 1,20,000 m³ GSB for three yrs from four locations of mining and mineral permit area(Borgang river) as per GPS coordinates submitted with necessary terms & conditions.

Resolution No. 3/26

Project proposal for collection of Stone from Bargang River Mining Permit area under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The documents provided by the pronent are examined and scrutinised by the Members of the committee and recommended for issuance of E.C. for collection of Stone/ boulder from 4 different mining locations of Borgang river amounting to 1,47,000 m3 each location for 3 yrs with necessary terms & conditions. The requirement of mining material is for development of 4 lane NH 52.

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Project proposal for collection Ordinary earth from Patta Land under Sonitpur Forest Division by M/s RAMKY-TK (JV)

The Members of the committee scrutinised all the documents submitted by the project proponent and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for exacavation of 8,997 m³ ordinary earth for two yrs from P.P. land bearing dag no.26 & patta no.36 of 2 No.Monabari Lahorijan as per G.P.S. coordinates submitted. The material is required for development of NH-52.

Resolution No. 3/28

Project proposal for collection of sand from PanJan River Karbi Anglong East Forest Division, Diphu by Mrs. Milli Teronpi.

The Members of the committee scrutinised all the documents submitted by the project proponent and recommended the proposal for issuance of E.C. for extraction of 2,000 m³ Sand for two yrs from Deopani River Sand Mahal No.18 under Karbi Anglong East Division with terms and conditions and as per GPS coordinates.

SEIAA Resolution 3/4(1). It is resolved that the recommendations of the SEAC be accepted and issue of prior EC be processed as per SEAC recommendation.

(ii) 10 project proposals received at the SEIAA office since the last SEAC meeting were also sent to the SEAC for discussion and the SEAC had taken the decisions, as shown below, in its meeting held on 30/05/2017. These are placed before the SEIAA for consideration.

Resolutions of the SEAC taken at its meeting held on 30/05/2017

Resolution No. 3/29

Project proposal for excavation of earth/Clay from Earth/clay mahal, umrangso, under Dima Hasao Forest Division (West) Haflong by Sri Loben Bathari.

Certificate of resource availability from to forest department may be submitted by its proponent for farther necessary action.

Resolution No. 3/30

Project proposal for collection of Sand from Kw/5/Chaygaon River Mining Contract area No.1 under Kamrup West Forest Division, Bamunigaon by Sri Dipak Rabha.

The committee after threadbare discussion found that as described by DFO, Kamrup West Division (part-1), an EIA report may be submitted to the committee. However as per MOEF EIA notification, 2006 for mining for 11.0 ha, the EIA study is not recommended. Therefore, the committee recommended for issuance of EC amounting to 5000 cum/yr for 5yrs and extendable for another 2 yrs subject to obtaining DFO"s report on environmental status of the area.

Resolution No. 3/31

Project proposal for extraction of G.S.B from Tarajuli Mining Permit area under Sonitpur East Forest Division, Biswanath Chariali.by M/s. T.K.Engineering Consortium Pvt. Ltd.

After threadbare discussion and scrutinisation, it is found that the permit detail of Forest department is not available with the application which may be submitted to the committee.

Resolution No. 3/32

Project proposal for extraction of Earth from Ghiladhari Mining Permit area under Sonitpur East Forest Division, Biswanath Chariali by M/s. T.K.Engineering Consortium Pvt. Ltd.

The project proponent has submitted form 1, Mining Plan and the letter from the DFO, Sonitpur East Forest Division, Biswanath Chariali, DD of Rs.1,00,000/- and requested for Environmental Clearance. However, a copy of ref. letter dated 7/2/2017 be submitted by the project proponent before final processing.

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The committee, after securitization, found that the Govt. Forest department's permit is not available, which may be submitted to the committee.

Resolution No. 3/34

EC for extraction of Sand & Stone/ Gravel from Motonga Sand & Stone Mahal No.5 under Baksa Forest Division, Muchalpur, Baksa, BTAD, Assam by Sri Madhab Choudhury.

After threadbare discussion and scrutinizing of the documents, the committee recommended for issuance of E.C. for a period of 5 years @ 3750 m³/yr for sand and 1250 m³/yr for stone which may be extended for another 2 years with necessary terms & conditions.

Resolution No. 3/35

Project proposal for collection of Sand & Gravel from Durpang River Mining Contract area under Lakhimpur Forest Division by Sri Bishnu Pratim Borah.

The committee after threadbare discussion and securitization the documents, recommends for issuing of E.C. for a period of five years which may be extended for another 2 years after a certificate on resource availability with terms & conditions.

Resolution No. 3/36

Project proposal for collection of Sand from Doomdooma River Mining Contract area for Sand No.DD/3 under Doomdooma Forest Division, Dist: Tinsukia, Assam by Sri Abhijit Bhengra.

The project proponent has submitted incomplete application Form-1. The party may be requested to submit the filled up application.

Resolution No. 3/37

Project proposal for Ordinary earth from Solengi earth mining permit area under Sonitpur east Forest Division for Govt. Development work by M/s. ECI Engineering & Const. Co. Ltd

The committee after threadbare discussion and scrutinisation of documents, recommended for issuance of E.C. for a period of 2 (two) years with terms and conditions amounting to 4.5 lakh cum/yr.

Resolution No. 3/38

Project proposal for extraction of Earth from Ghiladhari Mining Permit area under Sonitpur East Forest Division, Biswanath Chariali by M/s. T.K.Engineering Consortium Pvt. Ltd.

The Committee resolved to ask the proponent to submit a copy of the letter NHIDCL/GHY/2017/5428 dtd 7/02/2017 for further processing.

SEIAA Resolution 3/4(2). It is resolved that the recommendations of the SEAC be accepted. In case of SEAC Resolutions, 3/34 (Madhab Choudhury) and 3/35 (Bishnu Pratim Borah), copies of the court verdicts are to be submitted for verification before issue of EC. In case of SEAC Resolutions 3/29, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38 (6 proposals), the parties are to be asked to submit the required documents and meet other requirements as suggested. In case of SEAC Resolution 3/30, the need for an EIA is to be further examined and the matter may be referred back to SEAC for a clear recommendation.

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Item 5. Administrative and Financial matters of SEIAA.

(i) Ex-post-facto approval of the posts of contractual staff for the SEIAA office

The Chairman, SEIAA has written to the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department for taking necessary steps for getting the ex-post-facto approval of the Finance Department for the following posts of contractual staff for the SEIAA office (letter No. SEIAA. 212/2014/ Pt-II/548 dated 15/06/2017):

1. Accountant: 1 post

2. Computer Assistant: 2 posts

3. Peon: 2 posts4. Driver: 3 posts.

These posts were approved for the SEIAA office establishment in the joint meeting of the SEIAA and SEAC, Assam, held at the Conference Hall of the P & D Department, third floor, Assam Secretariat, Government of Assam on 17/12/2013 and on several dissuasions held by the present SEIAA with the Government, the Principal Secretary has underlined the need for EX-Post-Facto approval of the Finance Department, Government of Assam for release of fund, etc.

SEIAA Resolution 3/5(1). The SEIAA, Assam approved the matter of Ex-post-facto of the posts in the SEIAA Office and requested the Secretary, Environment and Forests to pursue the matter.

(ii) Contractual staff of the SEIAA office

- (a) The names and designation of the contractual employees engaged for the Office of the SEIAA Assam were as follows:
 - 1. Sri Kosheswar Phukan- Accountant-cum-Cashier
 - 2. Sri Jayanta Deka- Computer Operator-cum-Office Assistant
 - 3. Ms Dipsikha Deka- Computer Operator-cum-Office Assistant
 - 4. Sri Pranab Kalita- Driver for car allotted to the Secretary to the Goyt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur-6, cum member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam
 - 5. Sri Rintu Das- Driver for car allotted to the Chairman SEAC, Assam
 - 6. Sri Upen Das- Driver for car allotted to the Chairman SEIAA, Assam
 - 7. Sri Prasanta Kalita- Office peon-cum-processor.
 - 8. Sri Hasan Ali- Office peon attached to Chairmen SEIAA, Assam & office works
- (b) The persons in Sl. Nos. 2, 5, and 6 either resigned or did not have their engagements renewed and could be deemed to have left the SEIAA office.
- (c) The person at Sl. No. 1 was released by the earlier Chairman, SEIAA on the ground that the Government has assigned a FAO (additional duty) for the SEIAA. However, it has been found that the Sr. FAO given the additional responsibility of the SEIAA cannot keep day-to-day accounts and records of other financial transactions. It has been found that the cashbook has not been updated for a long time and drafts/cheques received as processing fee have not been deposited to the bank (several of these have lost validity and the SEIAA now has to write to the parties concerned for issue of new draft/cheque). It has been found very difficult to manage the SEIAA office without an Accountant. Sri Kosheswar Phukan (Sl. No. 1), who was selected by the due selection process earlier, being available and willing to work, is therefore reengaged on contractual basis in the same capacity w.e.f. 08/05/2017.
- (d) Further, as one Computer Operator-cum-Office Assistant can hardly cope with the day-to-day work of the SEIAA office (the person at Sl. No. 2 had resigned), Ms Pritirekha Devi has been engaged purely as temporary measures as Computer Operator-cum-Office Assistant with effect from 01/04/2017.

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(e) With respect to persons at Sl. Nos. 4, 5 and 6 (drivers), only one driver (Sl. No. 4) is now working as contractual staff as the SEIAA has only one vehicle at its disposal now, it is not proposed to engage any other driver for now. However, the Chairman has written to the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department as well as to the PCCF, Govt. of Assam for replacement of the present vehicle used by the Chairman, SEIAA (which is more than 10 years old) and allotment of a new vehicle for the Chairman, SEAC. It is to be noted that if this second vehicle is allotted, another driver will have to be engaged on contractual basis.

SEIAA Resolution 3/5(2). The SEIAA, Assam noted and approved the measures as above The Secretary, Environment and Forests has assured to take up the matter of vehicles with the PCCF, Assam.

(iii) Annual budget and salary of the contractual staff

(a) As discussed in the joint meeting of the SEIAA and the SEAC, the Chairman has submitted the budget proposal for an amount of Rs. 78,18,040.00 (Rupees seventy eight lakh eighteen thousand forty only) for 2017-18 to the PCCF vide letter No. SEIAA 212/2014/Pt-II/490 dated 16/05/2017 as shown below. The PCCF has forwarded the proposal to the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Department of Environment and Forest vide his letter No. FG.24/SEIAA/2013/Pt dated 29/05/2017. This has now been forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary in charge of Environment and Forest for getting approval under supplementary budget, 2017-18.

Budget 2017-48 for SEIAA, Assam

Sl. no	Particulars	Amount
1.	Salary requirement since Jan/15 to March/18 (statement enclosed)	17,67,400.00
2.	Honorarium to the Chairman and the Member, SEIAA @ Rs. 30000 p.m. for 12 months	7,20,000.00
3.	Members sitting fee for 14 nos of numbers of members— (14x3000.00x18) @ Rs. 3000.00 per member for 18 nos of sittings in a year	7,56,000.00
4.	Daily allowance as per Govt approved rate Rs. 520 x 14 x 20 + 260 x 4 x 18	1,49,760.00
5.	Reimbusement of Vehical fares- Jht to B/m- Rs. 6000x2x18 = 2,16,000 N/Ghy to B/m- Rs. 1500x1x18 = 27,000 G.U. to B/m- Rs. 1500x5x18 = 1,35,000 Kokrajhar to B/m- Rs. 3500x1x18 = 63,000 Tezpur to B/m- Rs. 4000x1x18 = 72,000	5,13,000.00
6.	POL for SEIAA/SEAC, Chairman vehicle Rs. 62x60ltsx12x2	89,280.00
7.	Purchase of 2 nos new vehicles	20,00,000.00
8.	Refreshment Exp- lunch, tea, snacks, servicing, drinking water, etc @ Rs. 13,250x18 sittings	2,38,500.00
9.	Audit fee for 5 years	1,50,000.00
10.	Misc. office expenditure stationery Printing ink, A4 & legal paper etc.	3,00,000.00
11.	Site inspection by SEIAA & SEAC members being traveling allowance L/S	4,00,000.00
12.	Website, Net/online system, telephone installation as required Govt.	4,00,000.00
13.	Repairing of 12 years old allotted vehicle of Chairmen of SEIAA	1,00,000.00
14.	Purchase and Installation of 2 nos of 1.5 ton Air Conditioner	1,20,000.00
15.	Repairing of 2 nos of Air Conditioner	15,000.00
16.	Temporary loan refundable to PCB, Assam, Bamunimuidam, Ghy-21	99,100.00
	Total Rs.	- 78,18,040.00

(b) Salary for contractual staff is computed on the basis of Assam Service ROP Rules 2017 given effect from 01/04/2016. The Honorarium for the Chairman is included on the basis of an earlier resolution of the SEIAA/SEAC and in tune with the revision of pay-scales. Alternatively, sitting

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allowances may be paid for days of attending office by the two non-officials, the Chairman and the member of the SEIAA..

(c) The salary component in Sl. No. 1 above includes an estimated amount of Rs. 9,77,242.00 (Rupees nine lakh seventy seven thousand two hundred forty two only) shown below for contractual salary not paid (subject to verification of records).:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Period for which worked	Salary not paid for the period	Amount not paid (Rs.)	Total to be paid
1	Jayanta Dutta	Computer operator-cum-office assistant	02/06/2014- 31/01/2017	01/01/2015— 31/01/2017	8000x15+ 12000x10	240000
2	Dipsikha Deka	Do	02/06/2014 - till date	01/01/2015 - 28/02/2017	8000x15+ 12000x11	252000
3	Pranab Kalita	Driver	24/01/2014 – till date	01/01/2015 - 31/03/2015 & 01/04/2015 - 15/04/2015	6000x3 + (6000 x 1)/2	21000
4	Upen Das	Do	21/01/2014— 15/06/2016	01/01/2015 - 15/06/2016	6000x15+ 9000x2.5	112500
5	Rintu Das	Do	21/01/2014— 01/01/2015	01/01/2015 - 09/01/2015	(6000/31) x 9	1742.00
6	Prasanta Kalita	Peon	01/01/2014 - till date	01/01/2015 - 28/02/2017	5800x15+ 8000x11.	175000
7	Hassan Ali	Peon	01/01/2014 - till date	01/01/2015 - 28/02/2017	5800x15+ 8000 x 11	175000
	Total					977242.00

The contractual salary not paid may be released now subject to availability of fund.

(c) It is to be noted that the salary of the contractual staff has been revised on the basis of the above and has been implemented w.e.f. 01/03/2017 with the provision that payment of earlier salary, if any, will be done as per Assam Service ROP Rules 2017 giving effect from 01/04/2016. As per ROP Rules 2017, the contractual salary of the SEIAA staff has been fixed as given below:

Sl. No.	Designation	Contractual salary up to 31/03/2016	Contractual salary w e f 01/04/2016
1	Accountant	Rs. 12000.00	Rs. 16000.00
2	Computer Assistant	Rs. 8000.00	Rs. 12000.00
3	Peon	Rs. 5800.00	Rs. 8000.00
4	Driver	Rs. 6000.00	Rs. 9000.00

- (d) Payment of contractual salary to Sri Kosheswar Phukan- Accountant-cum-Cashier and Ms Pritirekha Devi Computer Operator-cum-Office Assistant may be released w.e.f. 08/05/2017 and 01/04/2017 respectively as per their respective eligibility under Assam Service ROP Rules 2017.
- (e) Payments of TA/sitting allowance, etc. as shown in the Budget 2017-18 may be released to the members of SEIAA and SEAC for all meetings held after 01/03/2017 as per Govt. of Assam Rules. Pending payments for meetings held earlier to 01/03/2017 may be released later after due verification.
- (f) Miscellaneous office expenses (meeting expenditure, fuel allowance to the Chairman and various office expenses) on or after 01/03/2017 may be paid from the amount of Rs. 30000.00 (Rupees thirty thousand only) drawn for Miscellaneous Office Expenditures.

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SEIAA Resolution 3/5(3). The SEIAA, Assam noted and approved the above measures as proposed.

(iv) SEIAA website

Several letters have been received from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and also other Agencies that the ECs granted by the SEIAA, Assam and the half-yearly Compliance Reports have not been uploaded in the SEIAA website and the same should be done without delay. The SEIAA website is non-functional for a long time due to lack of funds. Necessary measures including sanction of funds should be immediately taken to make the website functional by hiring an appropriate agency.

SEIAA Resolution 3/5(4). The SEIAA, Assam noted the urgency of having a functional website for the SEIAA, Assam and requested Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam to take up the matter with the party approved earlier for making the website operational within a very short time.

6. Non-submission of compliance Reports.

Note. On verification, it has been found that some of the project proponents have not submitted half-yearly compliance reports as required under the Environmental Clearance granted to them. Immediate reminders need to be sent to the defaulters. Further, since the Compliance Reports are to be uploaded to SEIAA website, the project proponents are to be asked to submit soft copies of the Compliance Reports along with the hard copies.

SEIAA Resolution 3/6. It is resolved that the SEIAA will make a thorough analysis of the Compliance Reports submitted by the parties getting prior Environmental Clearance from the SEIAA, Assam and will take necessary action against the defaulters as per the EIA Notification 2006. Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA, Assam is requested to look into the matter of Compliance Reports and to suggest appropriate measures against the defaulters in the next meeting.

7. Any other matter with permission of the Chairman

Note 1. M/S B.M. Cements Ltd. has requested for exemption of Public Hearing with respect to their Grinding unit. The previous SEIAA has decided on a TOR for EIA/EMP study and accordingly, the party completed the studies and made presentation before the SEAC. Since EIA/EMP was required, the project belonged to category B1 instead of B2. The earlier SEIAA has exempted Public Hearing citing certain reasons, but no scope for such exemption exists under the EIA notification 2006.

SEIAA Resolution 3/7. It is resolved that the earlier decision of the SEIAA taken in its meeting held on 20/05/2017 requiring the process of Public Consultation/Hearing stands.

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Note 2. Replies to communications addressed to the Member Secretary, SEIAA and received at the SEIAA office.

SEIAA Resolution 3/8. For speedy action in the matter referred to, it is resolved that Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA will help in drafting replies to all letters addressed to the Member Secretary, SEIAA by consulting the relevant files and the same will be sent to the Member Secretary for his signature. However, if the same communication is also addressed to the Chairman, the reply will be given by the Chairman to avoid duplicacy.

Note 3. Checking the drafts of the prior Environmental Clearance letters.

SEIAA Resolution 3/9. In order to speed up the process of the issue of prior Environmental Clearance (EC), it is resolved that the initial drafts prepared in the SEIAA office, will be checked and corrected by Dr. Deepak Kr. Baruah, Member, SEIAA and will be sent to the Member Secretary for his/her signature after the Chairman's approval in the relevant file.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Prof. K. G. Bhattacharyya)

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