

STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), BIHAR

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**MINUTES OF 1st MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL
COMMITTEE (SEAC). CONSTITUTED ON 12.08.2021**

VENUE: SEIAA Office

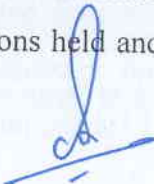
DATE: 31st August, 2021

Minutes/Proceeding of the Meeting

1. Opening Remarks of the Chairman: In light of the newly constituted SEAC vide MoEF&CC, Government of India notification S.O-3271 (E) dated 12.08.2021 the Chairman and Members extended a warm welcome to each other. Thereafter, the meeting was started as per the agenda adopted for the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of 1st Meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee held on 31st August, 2021: The State Expert Appraisal Committee, hereinafter called the SEAC, was informed that no representation has been received regarding projects considered in meeting held on 26-27th March 2021. Minutes of meeting of SEAC were confirmed. The typo errors, if any noticed during processing of these cases may be corrected in the light of facts and figures provided by the respective Project Proponent.

3. Consideration of Proposals: The SEAC considered proposals as per the agenda adopted for 1st meeting. The details of deliberations held and decisions taken in the meeting were as under:



AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Passenger Ropeway at Brahmayoni at Village: Maranpur, Tehsil: Gaya, District: Gaya, State: Bihar – Environmental Clearance

(File No.: SIA/7(g)/1279/2021, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIS/169076/2020)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Passenger Ropeway at Dungeshwari, Bodhgaya at Village: Larpur, Tehsil: Bodhgaya, District: Gaya, State Bihar - Environmental Clearance

(File No.: SIA/7(g)/1281/2021, Proposal No.:SIA/BR/MIS/169085/2020).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

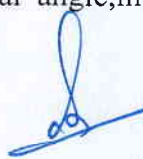
Passenger Ropeway at Vanavar Hills at Village: Sultanpur, Tehsil: Makhdumpur, District: Jehanabad, State: Bihar – Environmental Clearance

(File No.: SIA/7(g)/1280/2021, Proposal No.:SIA/BR/MIS/169094/2020).

1. The Project Proponent (M/s. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation) along with its consultant M/s. RITES, made a presentation on the key parameters and salient features of the project and responded to the queries raised by the last SEAC meeting held on 26-27th March 2021.
2. Dr. Gopal Sharma, Chairman was categorical in pointing out that an alternative alignment plan has not been submitted for the projects as desired by the earlier Committee in its meeting dated 26-27th March 2021. However, the Consultants argued that providing an alternate alignment plan for category 'B' project is not desirable but all the Committee members unanimously disagreed with this view of the consultant. Dr. Anshumali, Member, reiterated that due to the larger public impact, this tourism-oriented project will have an alternative plan to ensure multiple implications of the project development, were duly considered.
3. Dr. Bibha Kumari, joined by the Chairman, took a detailed analysis about the flora and fauna distribution in both the core and buffer zone of the project, across seasons. The Member Secretary also suggested to trans-locate the tress which is going to be uprooted during the commissioning of the project. Dr. Bibha Kumari also emphasised on the tree

translocation a tedious process, which has to be done very carefully. Once the tree is identified, the earth around the roots (at least 4 feet in diameter and depth) is dug and the roots are treated with chemicals to help in the transportation.

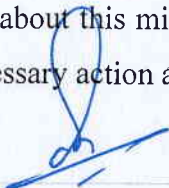
4. Dr. Ramakar Jha, Member, on his part, expressed displeasure over the casual approach of the Consultant for not providing the contour map and soil testing report which is essential for deciding the suitability of the site and nature of follow-up construction work that is to be undertaken for this project.
5. Shri Ranjan Kumar, and Dr. Aditya Mohanty, Members showed displeasure about non-availability of any details of parking space for vehicle in view of the anticipated increase in tourist load in future. The Project proponent was requested to provide complete details of parking space for vehicles, based on a pragmatically justified calculation made about the projected increase in tourism load.
6. Shri Mokhtarul Haque, Member emphasized the need to check the tourist vehicle somewhere near the main road itself so as to avoid congestion near the LTP leading to noise, emission pollution. He also emphasized to undertake ornamental/ fruiting trees of various ficus species to increase green cover along the approach road.
7. On this point, Shri S. Chandrasekar IFS, Member-Secretary categorically pointed out that the legal status and ownership of the sites to be identified for parking space must be submitted.
8. Based on discussion, the Committee sought additional information from the project Proponent/consultant, which was necessary for appraisal of the project from both a) environmental and b) developmental angle, in the next meeting. The list of desired information is given in Annexure-1.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Proposed "Warehouse Project" at Village: Afajalpur Dhobghatti, Tehsil: Hajipur, District: Vaishali, State: Bihar by Alcaso Infra Space Private Limited (Total Plot Area: 1,02,090.19 m², Total Built-up Area: - 67,126.800 m²) – Environmental Clearance (File No: SIA/8(a)/1277/2021, Online proposal No.: SAI/BR/MIS/197523/2021)

1. The proposal was listed for appraisal in the last meeting of SEAC held on 26-27th March 2021. However, dated 26th March 2021 the project proponent informed that due to some unavoidable reason they cannot attend the meeting.
2. In the meeting, the Chairman pointed out that he has received an information that the said project had already obtained prior environmental clearance at the Central level i.e., MoEF&CC vide letter no F. No. 21-28/2021-IA.III dated 25.05.2021
3. The technical officers/ environmental engineer of SEIAA/SEAC, Mr. Chandan Kumar and Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh, appraised the committee that neither the project proponent nor their consultant i.e., M/s Grass Roots Research & Creation India Private Limited, had submitted any letter to the SEIAA, Bihar about withdrawal of their previously submitted proposal from the SEIAA, Bihar. Further no information regarding the grant of prior environmental clearance at the Central level was ever communicated to SEIAA, Bihar. Rather it was found from the details provided by the project proponent on PARIVESH portal of MoEF&CC, New Delhi that they had not even bothered to inform the MoEF&CC that the decision on this project is pending at SEIAA, Bihar.
4. All members of the committee expressed displeasure at this irresponsible act of both the Project Proponent and Consultant. The Committee decided to send a letter to MoEF&CC regarding deliberate concealment of information by the project Proponent, which is liable for revocation of prior environmental clearance granted to the project as per para 8 (vi) of the EIA Notification, 2006.
5. The Committee also recommended to inform National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) of the Quality Council of India (QCI), the agency that accredits EIA Consultants in the country, about this misconduct of the M/s Grass Roots Research & Creation India Private for necessary action at their end.



LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN 1st MEETING OF SEAC, BIHAR HELD ON 31st AUGUST 2021

S. No.	Name	Designation	Attendance 31.08.2021	Signature
1.	Dr. Gopal Sharma	Chairman	Present	
2.	Dr. Ramakar Jha	Member	Present	
3.	Dr. Bibha Kumari	Member	Present	
4.	Dr. Anshumali	Member	Present	Through VC
5.	Dr. Aditya Mohanty	Member	Present	
6.	Shri Mokhtarul Haque	Member	Present	
7.	Shri Ranjan Kumar	Member	Present	
8.	Shri Ajit Samaiyar	Member	Absent	
9.	Shri S. Chandrasekar	Member Secretary	Present	

Signature(s) of Members Present

Sd/
(Dr. Ramakar Jha)
(Member, SEAC)

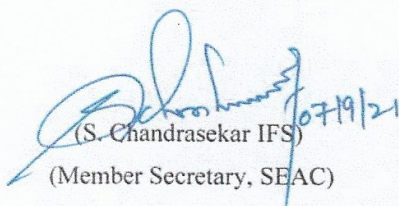
Sd/
(Ranjan Kumar)
(Member, SEAC)

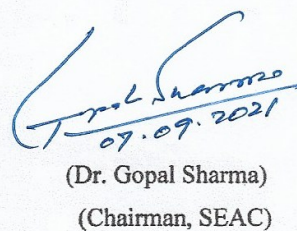
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Sd/
(Dr. Bibha Kumari)
(Member, SEAC)

Sd/
(Mokhtarul Haque)
(Member, SEAC)


(S. Chandrasekar IFS)
(Member Secretary, SEAC)


(Dr. Gopal Sharma)
(Chairman, SEAC)

Annexure-1

Passenger Ropeway at Brahmayoni, Gaya

(Proposal no. SIA/BR/MIS/169076/2020 File No SIA/7(g)/1279/2021)

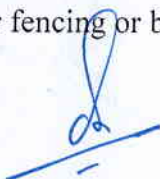
- i. Action plan for rainwater harvesting shall be submitted within 01 km periphery of the proposed project.
- ii. Submit a Contour map of the proposed project.
- iii. Submit a solid waste management plan during the operation phase.
- iv. Submit parking plan (MOU with local stakeholders) nearby lower terminal point with ownership details of the land involved. The lower terminal point (LTP) should be proposed with enough ground space to facilitate visitors' mobility smoothly without impairing local activities like noise pollution, vehicular emissions, traffic jam etc. Tourist vehicles need to be checked near the main road itself.
- v. The lower terminal point area must be geotechnically feasible to support the sustainable operation of the ropeway.
- vi. Rope-way system must be accompanied with rescue/evacuation approach road (it may be haul road) and both provisions should not be far away from each other so that in any failure situation, rescue/evacuation operations can be done timely.
- vii. Submit an action plan for green cover on both sides of the nearby approach roads.
- viii. Submit an action plan for strengthening and widening roads for smooth functioning/circulation of traffic.
- ix. Submit an action plan for fencing or barricading at the upper terminal point of Brahmayoni Ropeway for the safety of the viewers.
- x. Submit the approved Detailed Project Report(DPR) Copy.



Passenger Ropeway at Dungeshwari, Gaya

(Proposal no. SIA/BR/MIS/169085/2020 File No. SIA/7(g)/1281/2021)

- i. Detailed report on alternate site analysis/ alignment.
- ii. Action plan for rainwater harvesting shall be submitted within 01 km periphery of the proposed project.
- iii. Submit a Contour map of the proposed project.
- iv. Submit a solid waste management plan during the operation phase.
- v. Submit parking plan for lower terminal point with ownership details of the land involved. The lower terminal point should be proposed with enough ground space to facilitate visitors mobility smoothly without impairing local activities like noise pollution, vehicular emissions, traffic jam etc. Tourist vehicles need to be checked near the main road itself.
- vi. The lower terminal point area must be geotechnically feasible to support the sustainable operation of the ropeway.
- vii. Rope-way system must be accompanied with rescue/evacuation approach road (it may be haul road) and both provisions should not be far away from each other so that in any failure situation, rescue/evacuation operations can be done timely.
- viii. Submit an action plan for green covered on both sides of the approach roads.
- ix. Submit an action plan for strengthening and widening roads for smooth functioning/circulation of traffic.
- x. Submit the approved Detailed Project Report(DPR) Copy.
- xi. Submit an action plan for fencing or barricading at upper terminal point 01 & 02.



Passenger Ropeway at Vanavar Hills, Jehanabad

(Proposal no: SIA/BR/MIS/169094/2020 File No: SIA/7(g)/1280/2021)

- i. Action plan for rainwater harvesting shall be submitted within 01 km periphery of the proposed project.
- ii. Submit a Contour map of the proposed project.
- iii. Submit a solid waste management plan during the operation phase.
- iv. Submit parking plan for lower terminal point with ownership details of the land involved. The lower terminal point should be proposed with enough ground space to facilitate visitors mobility smoothly without impairing local activities like noise pollution, vehicular emissions, traffic jam etc. Tourist vehicles need to be checked near the main road itself.
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