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Patna, Date:- 04/05/2018.

Minutes of meeting of SEIAA, Bihar, dated 24th & 25th April, 2018

A meeting of SEIAA was held on 24th April, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. and 25th April, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in the Chairman's Chamber of SEIAA, (2nd Floor) Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna - 23.

Present:-

1. Shri B. N. Jha (Chairman)
2. Shri Nityanand Singh Maurya (Member)
3. Sri Lalan Prasad Singh, IFS (Member Secretary)

Resolved the followings:

- A. The first meeting of SEIAA, Bihar, Constituted recently by the Govt. of India MoEf.CC (Dated 05.04.2018) is taking place more or less after 9 months. From some unconfirmed sources it has come to the knowledge of SEIAA that between this intergnum some of the project proponents might have withdrawn their proposal or they might have got them placed in pieces, wherever possible, before DEIAA for obtaining EC at district level. Therefore SEIAA decided -
 - (a) To obtain information from all the P.Ps to communicate SEIAA if they have withdrawn their proposals for any reason whatsoever; so that SEIAA shall not have to consider proposals which might have been withdrawn by Project Proponents.
- B. In the last meeting of SEIAA, held on 29th June, 2017 many such proposals were discussed which were made available by SEAC after their appraisal. The SEIAA after consideration/assessment of those proposals decided to get approved mining plan as this essential document was not available at the time of assessment. The SEIAA decided to obtain modified mining plan (termed so by the mining Deptt. because left over various blocks of the same stretches of river have been added in the new plan, as well as co-ordinates of some blocks have been corrected). In some of the proposals clarification from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer (D.F.O.) regarding Forest / Sanctuary land / NP land) were also wanting. The then SEIAA finally decided to (i) defer consideration of

proposals and also (ii) Assessment of proposals by new SEIAA as its tenure left was very short.

In the above context the old proposals recommended by the then SEAC and once Assessed by the then SEIAA has been considered by the new SEIAA.

The agenda of New SEIAA was circulated for two sittings vide letter no.- 08, dated – 19-04-2018, letter no.- 09, dated – 21-04-2018, & letter no.- 10, dated – 24-04-2018, by this Office.

In the following proposals mining plan was wanting-

File No.- SIA/1(a)/467/17, SIA/1(a)/468/17, SIA/1(a)/469/17, SIA/1(a)/470/17, SIA/1(a)/471/17, SIA/1(a)/472/17, SIA/1(a)/473/17, SIA/1(a)/474/17, SIA/1(a)/475/17, SIA/1(a)/476/17, SIA/1(a)/477/17, SIA/1(a)/478/17, SIA/1(a)/479/17, SIA/1(a)/480/17, SIA/1(a)/482/17, SIA/1(a)/484/17, SIA/1(a)/486/17, SIA/1(a)/487/17, SIA/1(a)/488/17, SIA/1(a)/490/17, SIA/1(a)/491/17, SIA/1(a)/492/17, SIA/1(a)/493/17, SIA/1(a)/494/17, SIA/1(a)/495/17, SIA/1(a)/496/17, SIA/1(a)/497/17, SIA/1(a)/498/17, SIA/1(a)/499/17, SIA/1(a)/500/17, SIA/1(a)/501/17, SIA/1(a)/502/17, SIA/1(a)/503/17, SIA/1(a)/508/17, SIA/1(a)/509/17, SIA/1(a)/510/17, SIA/1(a)/511/17, SIA/1(a)/512/17, SIA/1(a)/513/17, SIA/1(a)/514/17, SIA/1(a)/515/17, SIA/1(a)/516/17, SIA/1(a)/517/17, SIA/1(a)/518/17, SIA/1(a)/519/17, (total 47 proposals).

In some proposals letter from Divisional Forest Officer (D.F.O.) regarding the land not falling within PF/RF/NP/Sanctuary were also wanting.

Following proposals fall within this category bearing File No.- SIA/1(a)/467/17, SIA/1(a)/468/17, SIA/1(a)/469/17, SIA/1(a)/472/17, SIA/1(a)/474/17, SIA/1(a)/475/17, SIA/1(a)/479/17, SIA/1(a)/482/17, SIA/1(a)/486/17, SIA/1(a)/487/17, SIA/1(a)/488/17, SIA/1(a)/491/17, SIA/1(a)/494/17, SIA/1(a)/495/17, SIA/1(a)/496/17, SIA/1(a)/499/17, SIA/1(a)/502/17, SIA/1(a)/503/17, SIA/1(a)/508/17, SIA/1(a)/509/17, SIA/1(a)/510/17, SIA/1(a)/511/17, SIA/1(a)/512/17, SIA/1(a)/513/17, SIA/1(a)/514/17, SIA/1(a)/515/17, SIA/1(a)/516/17, SIA/1(a)/517/17, SIA/1(a)/518/17, SIA/1(a)/519/17, SIA/1(a)/520/17 (total 32 proposals).

Now modified composite mining plan (as stated in paragraph 'B' above) of all the proposals (approved by competent authority) applied to this office has been made available and letter of concerned Divisional Forest Officer (D.F.O.) has also been furnished (barring a few). From a perusal of modified mining plan and related other maps submitted it appears that-

- (i.) For the rivers flowing in Gaya district, the long stretches (Lilajan, Falgu, Mohana, Morhar, Buddha, Dhardhar & Paimar) have been subdivided into smaller blocks



and proposals for obtaining E.C. from this Authority has been submitted. Many consecutive blocks in a long stretch appears to be divided into smaller blocks living a Gap of 500 meter or more.

- (ii.) For a few blocks the P.P has also submitted its proposal (for sand mining) to MoEF&CC, GoI.
- (iii.) Some projects in B₁ Category (again for River Sand mining) of some stretches are also under consideration before SEAC.
- (iv.) Co-ordinates of some sand mining blocks have been corrected though proposals for E.C. is yet to be received in this office.
- (v.) And certain proposals for EC for the same stretches of the rivers have been re-constituted and applied for EC by the same P.P. for whole Gaya District.
- (vi.) PP has submitted following proposals for consideration presently which appears identical.

Name of River	No. of Blocks
Lilajan	04
Falgu	08
Mohana	04
Morhar	19
Buddha	09
Dhardhar	02
Paimar	02
Gulshekhra	01
Sorhar	01

- (vii.) Earlier First mining plan was made available for several Blocks (Ghat); however now in modified mining plan the number of New Blocks have increased considerably.

In this situation a question arises as to why some portion of the river (in between two consecutive blocks) has been left out for mining or not applied for EC when the P.P. has got whole river stretch of Gaya district in the tender for mining. A doubt also arises if the bigger stretches of rivers has been divided to circumvent EIA process.

The P.P. and RQP were asked to explain the justifications for dividing bigger stretches of river into smaller blocks for mining. They narrated that due to presence of bridges,



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prohibited places (temple, Burning ghat, etc); proximity of market (for sand), convenience of approach, proximity of habitation and other reasons the mining blocks are not in contiguity and they are separated. They also added that Deptt. of Mines and Geology, Govt. Of Bihar has verified making of Blocks on their stated reasons.

Due to doubt arising as stated above the SEIAA decided to obtain a clarification from the Deptt. of Mines and Geology, Bihar and take further decision on the EC on the basis of such clarification when it is available. The SEIAA also desired to have a new map from P.P. depicting all mines, old, New, Reconstituted, Category A, B₁, B₂, EC granted or proposal under consideration, and fresh proposal, in offing.

Agenda Letter No. – 10, Dated – 24-04-2018 whose file No. – SIA/1(a)/ 485/17, SIA/1(a)/ 489/17 & SIA/1(a)/ 520/17.

The wanting documents/information has now been made available by the P.P. There are only two proposals on river Paimar having area < 25 ha. and also two proposals on river Gulshekhra having area < 25 ha. but on Gulshekhra river only one Proposal applied in SEIAA, Bihar. The SEIAA decided to grant EC for these three proposals. However the P.P. shall furnish corrected letter from D.F.O. wherein for the applied mine blocks name of Rev. Blocks, and site (Ghat) is same but name of river is different. Presently the P.P. may furnish an undertaking related with this issue.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks from the Chair.



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