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**State Environment Impact Assessment Authority**  
**West Bengal**  
**Minutes of SEIAA Meeting**  
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**Subject:- 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA**

**Venue:- Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106**

**From :- 02 Mar 2021**

**To :- 02 Mar 2021**

**(1) Application for Environmental Clearance for Housing Project "Hiland Bonochhaya" by M/s. Hiland Projects Limited at Mouza – Kamarpara, R.S. Dag No. 344, 346, 347, 347/1089, 350, 361 to 368, 371, 523 to 527, 527/1063, 527/1109 to 527/1113 and 527/1115, Khatian No. 563 and 564, J.L. No. 131, Sriniketan, PS – Illambazar, Dist. – Birbhum.**

**Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/NCP/76041/2018, File No. : EN/T-II-1/071/2018, Type- EC**

**INTRODUCTION**

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/NCP/76041/2018** dated 31 Aug 2018 along with copies of EIA/EMP seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL.No. **8(a) Building and Construction projects**, under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006 and the proposal is appraised at State level.

**PROJECT DETAILS**

The project of M/s **Hiland Projects Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District	Tehsil
(1.)	West Bengal	Birbhum	Illambazar

**DELIBERATION IN SEIAA**

The project proponent applied for an expansion which was recommended by SEAC. Since the said project is an existing one, SEAC was requested vide letter no. **164/EN/T-II-1/071/2018** dated **24.01.2019** to do a field inspection and appraise the project afresh.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA**

SEAC is requested to include a field verification report confirming the declarations made by the project proponent.

Therefore, the application for EC is Referred back to SEAC.

**Conclusion**

Referred back to SEAC.

**(2) Review of status of ToR and EC applications through PARIVESH portal.**

- 1. Issues regarding functioning of PARIVESH portal communicated to MoEF&CC vide letter no. 44/EN/T-II-1/077/2012(Pt.-1) dated 08.01.2021 are yet to be resolved.**
- 2. It is found that while selecting the cases for preparation of the agenda for the meeting, the title of the project is not appearing in a complete manner and does not give true reflection of the said project during generation of the agenda.**
- 3. Number of cases which are appearing in the dash board, does not tally with the corresponding detail list attached with those categories. E.g. on 02.03.2021 – number of cases ‘submitted by proponent for EC’ – is showing as 504 whereas according to the detail list it is 566.**
- 4. According to the dash board the pendency is shown only against SEIAA even in cases where the actual pendency is lying with the project proponent for want of additional documents, incomplete submissions or any other reason. There is no such category available in dashboard which reflects the pendency with proponent. This reflects a wrong signal regarding pendency with SEIAA.**
- 5. While generating the minutes of the meeting online, it is observed that many overlapping information are generated in addition to the actual content. This leads to lack of clarity in the decisions being communicated resulting in wastage of time and energy in deleting superfluous content.**

**Member Secretary may please take up the matter with the MoEF&CC / NIC for resolving the issues.**

**(3) Processing of pending ToR proposal in PARIVESH Portal**

**115 ToR proposals are found pending in the PARIVESH portal as on date. These proposals were already processed by SEAC and ToR was issued offline to the project proponent. However, these cases are still appearing as pending with SEIAA. A Notification vide No. S.O.751(E) dated 17.02.2020 was issued by MoEF&CC wherein it was mentioned that the ToR cases would be processed by SEIAA. Hence, the cases where ToR was approved by SEAC and issued offline before 17.02.2020, should be uploaded by SEIAA.**

**MISCELLANEOUS :**

**Processing of cases for mining of minor minerals of < 5 ha.**

**It is observed that a large number of cases are pending with SEIAA which relates to mining of minor minerals of < 5 ha. area which were hitherto dealt by DEIAA. Presently these cases are lying pending at the end of SEIAA. It is found in majority of the cases that the project proponents are not submitting proper documents in order to process the cases. Few of the mandatory documents which are as follows:-**

- i. Form – IM**
- ii. Valid Letter of Intent (LOI)**
- iii. District Survey Report (DSR)**
- iv. Cluster Certificate from the competent authority**
- v. Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR)**
- vi. Approved Mine Plan**

Some of the observations regarding abovementioned submittals are as follows:-

- a) As per Order dated 30.06.2020 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Southern Zone, Chennai in the Original Application No. 136 of 2017(SZ) it is directed that 'all mining leases, either major or minor, even less than 5 ha. area, has to apply and get Environmental Clearance as per the amended EIA Notification dated 15.01.2016'. As per the EIA Notification dated 15.01.2016, the project proponent is supposed to make the application in Form IM. Since Form-1M is not available in the PARIVESH portal, a clarification regarding the usage of appropriate form (Form-1 or Form-2) to be used for application of EC by project proponent is sought from MoEF&CC.
- b) Majority of such cases were submitted in the year 2017-2018. Thus the LOI which were issued during that period are being submitted by the project proponent stands invalid as on date since the validity period mentioned in the LOI has long expired. Hence, a fresh valid LOI needs to be submitted by the project proponent for all such cases.
- c) In some cases online applications are wrongly being made in the name of the consultant instead of the project proponent. The application along with the cover letter and all documents are to be submitted (offline and online) and signed by the project proponent / Authorised Signatory.

The Mining Plan, Mining Lease and LOI should be in the name of the project proponent.

- d) As per MoEF&CC Notification No. S.O.141(E) dated 15.01.2016, DSR is essential for appraisal of mining project of minor minerals and assessment of cluster applications. The project proponents are not submitting the required reference of the prevailing DSR. Thus, SEIAA is facing difficulty in processing the mining projects for grant of EC. Member Secretary, SEIAA is requested to take up the matter with L&LR Dept., GoWB as well as Commerce & Industries Dept., GoWB in order to ascertain the present status of DSR in each District.

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(Ujjwal Kumar  
Bhattacharya)

Chairman

Sd/-

(Prof. Madhumita Roy)

Member

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( K. Balamurugan )

Member Secretary