State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Bihar

2nd floor, Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna - 800 023.

Ref. No. - 267

Patna, Date:- 18 11 2020

Minutes of the meeting of SEIAA, Bihar, convened on 30th October, 2020

A meeting of SEIAA was convened on 30-10-2020. Following members were present in the meeting:-

Present :-

- 1. Shri B. N. Jha
- 2. Dr. Nityanand Singh Maurya
- 3. Shri Sudhir Kumar, I.F.S.

- Chairman.
- Member.(Joined through VC)
- Member Secretary.

Agenda Item No.- 01

Sand Mining Project on Ganga River at Diara Malahi Ghat, of District- Patna, Area - 24.90 Ha (File No. - SIA/1(a)/647/19), Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/31544/2019).

- Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st, 22nd May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.
- Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

Agenda Item No.- 02

Sand Mining Project on Ganga River at Ramnagar Karari Kachhar Ghat, of District- Patna, Area - 23.50 Ha (File No. - SIA/1(a)/641/19). Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/31556/2019).

- Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st and 22^{std} May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.
- Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

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Agenda Item No.- 03

Sand Mining Project on Ganga River at Rupas Ghat, of District- Patna, Area - 14.80 Ha (File No. - SIA/1(a)/627/19). Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/51277/2019).

- Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st, 22nd May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.
- Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

Agenda Item No.- 04

Sand Mining Project on Son River at Baidrabad Ghat, of District- Arwal, Area - 24.80 Ha (File No. - SIA/I(a)/675/19), Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/32551/2019).

- Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st, 22nd May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.
- Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

Agenda Item No.- 05

Sand Mining Project on Son River at Sonbarsa Makbulpur Alauddin Ghat, of District- Arwal, Area - 6.0 Ha (File No. - SIA/1(a)/674/19), Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/32593/2019).

- Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st, 22nd May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.
- Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

Agenda Item No.- 06

Sand Mining Project on Son River at Aslampur Dullah Ghat, of District- Arwal, Area - 15.0 Ha (File No. - SIA/1(a)/677/19), Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/32620/2019).

Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st, 22nd May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.

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Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

Agenda Item No.- 07

Sand Mining Project on Son River at Chhapra 04 Ghat, of District- Arwal, Area - 7.0 Ha (File No. - SIA/1(a)/678/19). Online Proposal No.:- SIA/BR/MIN/32633/2019).

- Proposal discussed in SEAC on 19th, 21st, 22nd May, 2020 and recommended for Environmental Clearance with Standard as well as specific Conditions.
- Proposal discussed in SEIAA on 30th June, 2020.

The SEIAA noted that applications for Environmental Clearance for mining in River Bed are not having a valid Mining Plan whereas Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 makes it essential to have a valid Mine Plan. Accordingly the Deptt. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar and Project Proponent may be requested to provide the same for consideration of grants.

> SEIAA noted that:-

- a) Deptt. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar vide their letter No. 2739/M dated 22.09.2020 has intimated the Bihar Minerals (Concession, Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation & Storage) rules, 2019 rule positions [No. 17 (5)] where they have pointed that "The mining plan, once approved shall be valid for the entire mineral concession period unless revised/mulified during the mineral concession period."
- b) Old Sand ghats have know been included within area of newly created ghats and remaining period for extended lease period is also short.

Resolve of the SEIAA:-

SEIAA decide to hold grant of Environmental Clearance for remaining short time period of extended validity of leases and to enquire urgently from the Deptt. of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Bihar as well as Project Proponent whether previous Environmental Clearances granted to M/s Broad-Son Commodities Private Limited & M/s Westlink Trading Private

granted to M/s

Limited whether have obtained mine leases or not and whether actual mining is in operation or not.

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(Sudhir Kumar), IFS Member Secretary, SEIAA Sd/-(Nityanand Singh Maurya), Member, SEIAA

(B. N. Jha) Chairman, SE IAA