

# **State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Bihar**

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Ref. No. - 200

Patna, Date:- 05/05/2022

## **Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA, Bihar, constituted on 12-08-2021 convened on 03<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022**

A meeting of SEIAA was convened on Tuesday, 03.05.2022. Following members were present in the meeting.

### **Present: -**

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| 1. Shri Atul Aditya Pandey | - | Chairman.        |
| 2. Shri Arun Prakash       | - | Member.          |
| 3. Shri Sudhir Kumar       | - | Member Secretary |

### **Agenda Item No.- 01 to 06**

#### **◆ Sand mining projects for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance projects:-**

1. Proposed sand mining project at Dumra Ghat on Batane River of District:- Aurangabad, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2028/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263247/2022).
2. Proposed sand mining project at Dhongra Ghat on Batane River of District:- Aurangabad, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2027/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263297/2022).
3. Proposed sand mining project at Raipur Ghat on Batane River of District:- Aurangabad, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2025/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/264225/2022).
4. Proposed sand mining project at Tilouthu Ghat on Son River of District:- Rohtas, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2021/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263211/2022).
5. Proposed sand mining project at Darihat Ghat (3.10 Ha) on Son River of District:- Rohtas, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2023/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263124/2022).
6. Proposed sand mining project at Darihat Ghat (4.80 Ha) on Son River of District:- Rohtas, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2022/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263032/2022).

- **Proposal discussed in SEAC** on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and recommended for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance.
- **Recommendation of SEAC** The SEAC recommend for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance.
- a) The Project Proponent has to submit the Replenishment Study Report for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 for the concerned sand ghats. Till the time the Replenishment Study is conducted (Pre & Post monsoon), ***sand mining shall be done up-to the depth of one meter only.*** The sand ghat wise Replenishment Study (Pre & Post monsoon) has to be submitted for the year 2022-23 to this committee by **December, 2022 (or November 2022)**, for further consideration by the committee. If the Replenishment Study (sand ghat wise) is not submitted by **December, 2022, (or November 2022)** the approval for the Environmental Clearance extension shall stand revoked.
  - b) The other conditions (specific and general) as contained in the original Environmental Clearance shall be applicable to this Environmental Clearance extension as well, apart from the extant guidelines and court orders.
  - c) The Project Proponent must ensure no mining activity is carried out during monsoon season.
  - d) During presentation, the project proponent stated that the sand extracted will be stacked in the secondary storage point adjoining the sand mining lease areas. Regarding this, the committee cautioned the Project Proponent to ensure no illegal sand mining is carried out in the garb of secondary storage point, especially during the rainy season (**July-September**). The project proponent was also cautioned that all necessary measures should be in place to check illegal sand mining.
  - e) Sand Mining shall be carried out till the time as the Hon'ble Supreme Court has allowed in Civil Appeal No. (S).3661-3662/2020.
  - f) The sand mining should be carried out in strict compliance of all the relevant extant guidelines of the Government, applicable Acts/Rules and the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal/ any other Hon'ble Courts, for environmental protection.

- **Resolve of the SEIAA:-**

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In view of the consideration of SEAC and its recommendation to grant for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance, the SEIAA resolved to grant for Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance with above conditions as imposed by the SEAC in its MoM (Ref. No. 198, dated 030.5.2022) and additional conditions as follows:-

- a) Submit quarterly Compliance report of Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance.
- b) Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance upto 31.12.2022 or till the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. (S). 3661 - 3662/2020 whichever is earlier.
- c) The project Proponent shall obtain fresh Environmental Clearance in case of change in scope of the project, if any.

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◆ **Sand mining projects for rejection of Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance projects:-**

7. Proposed sand mining project at Baghtarpa Ghat on Batane River of District:- Aurangabad, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2024/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263624/2022).

➤ **Proposal discussed in SEAC** on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and recommended for rejection of Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance.

➤ **Recommendation of SEAC**

This sand mining ghat is having scattered vegetation, showing the signs of river bank stabilization. Hence, Committee decided to reject this mining ghat for extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for not complying the guideline issued by MoEF&CC, Gol (2016 & 2020).

➤ **Resolve of the SEIAA:-**

Considering the observation and recommendation of SEAC, the proposal of sand mining projects at Baghtarpa Ghat is rejected. The proponent must obey the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC.

8. Proposed sand mining project at Petarhi Ghat on Batane River of District:- Aurangabad, State:- Bihar, by M/s Bihar State Mining Corporation Limited (File No.: SIA/1(a)/Extension EC/2026/2022, Proposal No: SIA/BR/MIN/263663/2022).

- **Proposal discussed in SEAC** on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and recommended for rejection of Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance.

➤ **Recommendation of SEAC**

A bridge is passing over the sand mining ghat. Hence the committee decided to reject this sand mining ghat for extension of validity of Environmental Clearance, for not complying the guideline issued by MoEF&CC, Gol (2016 & 2020).

➤ **Resolve of the SEIAA:-**

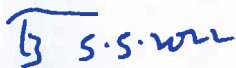
Considering the observation and recommendation of SEAC, the proposal of sand mining projects at Petarhi Ghat is rejected. The proponent must obey the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC.

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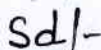
◆ **Any other matter**

The validity of Extension of Environmental Clearance granted to the projects in the meeting held on 21.04.2022 agenda item No. 01 to 34 (MoM Ref. No.-161, dated 21.04.2022), 23.04.2022 agenda item No. 01 to 33 (MoM Ref. No.-170, dated 23.04.2022) and 25.04.2022 agenda item No. 01 to 76 (MoM Ref. No.-177, dated 25.04.2022) be revised as follows:-

Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance upto 31.12.2022 or till the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. (S). 3661 - 3662/2020 whichever is earlier.



(Sudhir Kumar)  
Member Secretary, SEIAA



(Arun Prakash)  
Member, SEIAA



(Atul Aditya Pandey)  
Chairman, SEIAA

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4. The Chairman, SEAC, Bihar;
5. Member Secretary, BSPCB, Patna;
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