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**STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA)**  
**:MEGHALAYA:**  
**Silviculture Building, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong - 793 001**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA,**  
**HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, AT 2: 00 PM,**  
**VENUE: OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

Members present in the Meeting:

1. Shri T.T.C. Marak, IFS (Retd.)..... Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr. H.J. Syiemlieh, Professor, Dept. of Geography, NEHU ...Member, SEIAA
3. Shri S.A. Nongsiej IFS, CCF, SF & E .....Member Secy. SEIAA

**Proceedings:**

The meeting was chaired by Shri T.T.C. Marak, IFS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members and then invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion.

The Member Secretary informed about the action of the decisions taken in the SEIAA meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 and circulated the Minutes of the said meeting. The meeting approved the actions taken and confirmed the proceedings. Then the following agenda items were discussed in the meeting.

**Agenda: 1:**

ADDITION OF 'Not to allow use of Local Coal in Thermal Power Plant operated in the State of Meghalaya as Coal mining has been stopped by Hon'ble NGT and Hon'ble Supreme in the State' as additional EC Condition in the EC granted by SEIAA, Meghalaya to M/s Meghalaya Power Ltd, Lum Shnong, East Jaintia Hills, and as per direction of the NGT Committee headed by Hon'ble Justice B.K. Katakey, Former Judge of Guwahati High Court, through MoEF & CC, North Eastern Regional Office, Shillong.

The Member Secretary circulated copies of letter No. RONE/E/NGT/O.A No.110(THC) of 2012/147 dtd.18.04.2019, received from MoEF & CC, North Eastern

Regional Office, Shillong, with its enclosure, relating to 'PARA 16' in the Eleventh sitting of the Committee headed by Hon'ble Justice B.K. Katakey, Former Judge of Guwahati High Court, held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

After a thorough deliberation on the subject, and also taking into account of the new incumbent (Chief Conservator of Forest, SF & E -cum- Member Secretary) assuming office only recently, the meeting of the SEIAA could not be convened immediately. The SEIAA unanimously decided to add the additional EC condition as instructed by the NGT Committee in the EC of the M/s Meghalaya Power Ltd, Lum Shnong, East Jaintia Hills, vide No. SEIAA/PROJECT-4/2007/20 dtd.20.08.2009, as under - Specific Condition, No. 11(A) - *'The PP shall not use coal in Thermal Power Plant procured from the local source since illegal activities of coal mining is rampant in the State.'*

**Agenda: 2**

**- ECs granted by DEIAAs post the MoEF & CC, O.M. dated 12.12.2018, relating to NGT Order dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018-in O.A. No.186 of 2016.**

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting - Letter dated 05.02.2019, sent by SEIAA, Meghalaya to all Chairmen, DEIAAs for compliance relating to MoEF & CC, O.M. dated 12.12.2018- on the NGT direction, that EC to be granted only by SEIAA.

The Secretary informed the meeting that DEIAA, E.K.H. on 16.02.2019 granted ECs. to (i) Shri B.M. Syiem for his mining project at Mawlynrei, Near Mawkasiang, EKH and (ii) to Shri E. Khongnohbeh for his mining project at Nongiri Laitlyngngai, Pynursla, EKH, after the DEIAA, EKH had received the above NGT Order on 05.02.2019. Hence the M.S, SEIAA, in compliance to MoEF& CC, O.M. dated 12.12.2018 (NGT Order), informed the Chairman, DEIAA, EKH that those two ECs stand 'Stayed' till the SEIAA, Meghalaya decided on the matter.

The SEIAA after discussion on the subject, unanimously decided to seek action taken report from the Deputy Commissioner, EKH, the DFO(T) and the Member Secretary, MSPCB, Shillong on the subject and place the matter again in the next meeting..

Member Secretary to take necessary action.

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**Agenda 3. :****E.C. Applications transferred off-line by DEIAAs to SEIAA**

The Member Secretary circulated the List of offline EC applications transferred/forwarded by the DEIAAs, copy of PCCF & HoFF's letter relating to District Survey Report (DSR) and MoEF & CC's O.M. No. F.No.L-11011/175/2018-IA-II (M), dated 12.12.2018 in the meeting.

The Member Secretary stated that on preliminary checking, it was found that some applications had been accepted and screened by DEIAAs and the sites had been visited by DEACs and also recommended to DEIAAs for grant of the EC.

The SEIAA after a thorough discussion on the subject,unanimously decided that:

- (1) *For Projects which had been forwarded by the DEIAA to the DEAC, after site visit been conducted and thereafter recommended by the DEAC for grant of EC, such applications shall be verified, if (i) complete- in all respects they shall be forwarded to SEAC, Meghalaya for further scrutiny and comments and (ii) incomplete, the EC applications shall be returned to PP for re-submission along-with all complete documents and there-after, they shall be forwarded to SEAC for their views.*
- (2) For others which have been recently received by DEIAAs and forwarded to SEIAA, but not scrutinized by DEIAAs/not yet sent by the DEIAA to the DEAC, the PPs are to submit fresh application online.
- (3) Granting of ECs relating to B2 projects shall be subject to grant of EC only on completion of the preparation of the District Survey Report (DSR).

The office of SEIAA is authorized to check the EC Applications and do the needful as stated above.

**Agenda 4:****EC Applications (B2) received ONLINE in Form 2 as Form 1M is not available in the MoEF & CC portal-**

The Member Secretary, circulated (1) the List of online EC applications uploaded by Project Proponents, (2) recent O.M. No. F. No.22-8/2018-IA. III dtd. 20.04.2018 - relating to Application for EC, (3) MoEF & CC's O.M.No. F.No.L-11011/175/2018-IA-II (M) dated 12.12.2018 and (4) copy of PCCF & HoFF's letter relating to District Survey Report (DSR) in the meeting.

The Secretary apprised the meeting that PPs submitted online applications in Form 2 as Form IM is not available in the MoEF & CC portal. As per O.M. dtd. 20.04.2018 for B2 projects the PPs have to submit their application in Form 1M. Advice had been sought from MoEF & CC, NER, Shillong and the Technical Cell, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, if Online application submitted in Form 2 by PP (for B2 Category projects) could be accepted instead of Form 1M. (Reply is awaited)

The SEIAA after discussion on the subject, unanimously decided that:

- (1) In Public interest and to meet the time-line, since till the date of this meeting, the MoEF & CC did not communicate/reply to the SEIAA, Meghalaya's letter, hence after taking into consideration to MoEF & CC's O.M. dated 12.12.2018, Para 2(ii) which was mentioned that 'Form 1M is to be made more comprehensive', the SEIAA, unanimously decided that all the online EC applications as applied by PPs in Form 2, shall be accepted for further scrutiny.
- (2) The online EC application shall be checked/verified, if (i) complete documents are furnished, (that is - Forwarding letter, PFR, Mining Plan, Form 1M, Non Forest Clearance, Registered Land document, Latest LoI, EIA/EMP, Cluster certificate, Color photographs -on four corners, NOC from Local Durbar and other essential documents are clearly scanned and uploaded) it shall be forwarded to SEAC, Meghalaya for necessary action as per EIA 2006 and its subsequent amendment and other MoEF & CC's OMs /Circulars and (ii) if incomplete, the EC application shall be returned to PP for resubmission along-with all essential documents and there-after to be forwarded to SEAC for necessary action.
- (3) Recommendation to SEIAA by the SEAC for issue of ECs relating to B2 projects shall be subject to grant of EC only on completion of the District Survey Report (DSR).

The Member Secretary and the Secretariat of SEIAA is authorized to check the EC Applications and take further necessary action.

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**Agenda 5: Other (Miscellaneous)**

(1) *M/s Meghalaya Cement Ltd., Thangskai, Lumshnong, East Jaintia Hills - prayer by the Company for amendment of EC condition, relating to production from TPD to MTPA.*

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting copies of (1) SEIAA's letter dated 25/07/18, (2) PP's petitions dtd. 26.03.2019, 10.05.2019, 17.05.2019 and (3) PP's EC No. SEIAA/PROJECT-2/2007/18 dtd. 25.03.2009.

The Member Secretary apprised that EC was granted to this project in 2009. He stated that SEIAA, Meghalaya during 2008-2013 granted EC (new/extension/renovation) to 6 (six) Cement plants in the State and in all cases, production was given in TPD. Hence advice was sought from MSPCB on the subject vide letter dated 01.04.2019. (Reply is awaited).

The SEIAA after a thorough deliberation on the subject, unanimously decided that the word 'MTPA' in bracket, next to TPD as appeared in the Introductory Para 2, shall be inserted subject to average production of 2600 TPD not exceeding 8,58,000 TPA.

Member Secretary to take necessary action.

**Agenda 5: (2)**

*SEAC letters -three nos. dated 06/06/2019 relating to late submission of replies by M/s Adhunik Cements Ltd., (Dalmia Cements) for their TOR proposals for limestone mines at Umsomootang- Block - I, Block- II and Block -IV, East Jaintia Hills Meghalaya, their application was accepted on 13/03/19.*

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting copy of the three SEAC letters dated 06.06.2019 received from SEAC, Meghalaya.

As per these letters the SEAC stated that the PP *M/s Adhunik Cements Ltd., (Dalmia Cements)* have delayed to submit reply/furnish information for their TOR proposals for limestone mines at Umsomootang- Block - I, Block- II and Block -IV, East Jaintia Hills Meghalaya, with reference to the SEAC queries online, dated 07.10.2016. PP furnished reply to the queries only on 09.10.2018. The SEAC, suggested that the three TOR applications mentioned above may be delisted, as per MoEF & CC's O.M. No. J-11013/5/2009/-IA-II (Part) dtd. 30.10.2012, for non submission of required information sought by SEIAA/SEAC within 6(six) months period.

The SEIAA after a thorough discussion on the subject, unanimously decided to accept the suggestion of the SEAC for delisting of TOR proposals for limestone mines proposed by *M/s Adhunik Cements Ltd., (Dalmia Cements)* at Umsomootang- Block - I, Block- II and Block -IV, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya, as per MoEF & CC's O.M. No. J-

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11013/5/2009/-IA-II (Part) dtd. 30. 10. 2012, on account of non submission of required information sought by SEIAA/SEAC, Meghalaya within 6 (six) months period. The PP shall apply afresh online.

Member Secretary to take action.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

  
Chairman,  
SEIAA, Meghalaya.

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