

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Jharkhand held on 10/06/2013

The 4th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority was convened on 10/06/2013 at the Authority's office. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Gurdeep Singh, Chairman, SEIAA. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Gurdeep Singh. Chairman, SEIAA.
2. Dr. Amitava Bandyopadhyay. Member, SEIAA.
3. Shri A.K. Mishra. Member-Secretary, SEIAA.


Dr. A. K. Saxena, Chairman, SEAC attended the meeting as Special Invitee.


1. Minutes of the meeting of SEIAA, Jharkhand held on May 18, 2013 were confirmed.
2. The Authority considered the letter of Principal Secretary Road Construction Department, Jharkhand on the subject "4-laning of Ranchi-Rargaon-Mahulia section of NH-33 in Jharkhand under NHDP phase - III: Environmental Clearance for Borrow pits - regd."

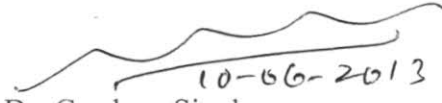
Authority Noted that:

- The Environmental Clearance for the said project had been issued by M.O.E.F vide office order No10-58/2009-IA-III dated 14.11.2012.
- M.O.E.F vide office Memorandum F. No. 2-30/2012-IA-III dated 18.12.2012 has rationalized procedure for EC for Highways projects involving borrow areas for soil/earth. It states that instead of EC for individual borrow pits, it would be more workable if project proponent applying for EC for highways project also combines borrow mining of soil/earth in EIA & EMP report of project. It further states accordingly "Separate EC for mining of soil/earth from borrow areas, which are part of a highway project, is not required".
- The EC was given on 14.11.2013 by M.O.E.F.
- Principal Secretary, Road Construction Department, Gov. of Jharkhand has requested for permission to mine earth/local soil to be communicated to Mining Department /NHAI/Ms. Madhucon Project Ltd.

The Authority examined the matter and decided that because the EC has been issued by M.O.E.F., therefore, for conditions not covered in the EC, or for any clarification relating to the EC, the matter may be referred to M.O.E.F.


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Member, SEIAA

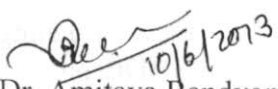

Dr. Gurdeep Singh,
Chairman, SEIAA

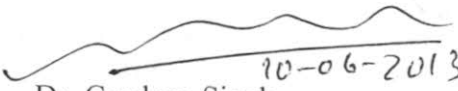
3. The recommendation of the SEAC in its previous meeting was "Prior to end of meeting matter regarding recommendation for grant of EC for State and Central Govt. Projects at Sl. No 1,6,7,8 and 18 are the projects related to NH and roads came up for deliberations. SEAC reviewed the information including the mine plans and was satisfied the same. Members of SEAC requested Chairman and Secretary of SEAC to go through the desired information once it is submitted by PP and in case the same is in order authorised them to forward the recommendations to SEIAA for their consideration and grant of EC."

SEIAA considered the aforementioned recommendation of the SEAC and were of the view that the recommendation of the SEAC is mandatory. Therefore, SEAC should forward the recommendation and not by any delegated body or part of SEAC.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairman.


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