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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON
23rd April, 2018, AT 3: 00 PM, IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

The Members present in the Meeting:

1. Shri.T.Blah, IAS (Retd.)..... Chairman, SEIAA
2. Prof. B.K.Tiwari,Member, SEIAA,
3. Shri. P.S.Nongbri,IFS, CCF, SF &EMember Secy. SEIAA

Proceedings :

The meeting was chaired by the Shri T. Blah, IAS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA. He welcomed Prof. K. K. Tiwari, Member, SEIAA for the meeting and then invited the Member Secretary to present the Agenda points for discussion.

First, the Member Secretary circulated the Minutes of the last SEIAA meeting dated 08.12.2017 and informed about the action taken on the decisions arrived at in the said meeting. The meeting confirmed the Minutes and approved the actions taken. Then the following agenda items were discussed:

Agenda : 1: Monitoring of Sand Mining or River bed Mining project(category B2) by SEIAA, DEIAAs and MSPCB (MoEF & CC- NE Regional Office letter dated 16 Feb. 2018) :

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting a copy of the letter dated 16.02.2018 received by SEIAA from MoEF&CC's Regional Office, NER, Shillong and read Para 'i' of the letter which related to supervisory jurisdiction of SEIAA over the DEIAAs in accordance with Appendix- XI and para 8 of the S.O. 141(E) dated 15.012016. He also read Para 'ii' of the said letter which mentioned about monitoring and enforcement of EC conditions and EMP by the Regulatory Authorities- the SEIAA, the

DEIAA and the MSPCB, as specified in Appendix XXI of the said SO. The Secretary informed in the meeting- (a) that all DEIAAs had been instructed by the Secretariat of SEIAA to seek advice (if required) on any issues relating to grant of EC, (b) SO/OMs relating to procedures for processing of EC applications had already been sent to DEIAAs. (c) Copies of the EC granted by SEIAA had been sent as Sample EC to DEIAAs and (d) at the same time all DEIAAs had been instructed to submit to SEIAA copies of ECs granted by the DEIAA. The SEIAA gave ex-post-facto approval to the action taken (a) to (d) by the Member Secretary.

After deliberation and discussion on the subject and on the SO 141(E) dated 15.01.2016, the SEIAA unanimously decided: 1) to continue the process of supervisory to DEIAAs wherever required and to give advice to the DEIAAs and on any matters relating to grant of ECs whenever sought-for by the DEIAA.

2) On matter relating to monitoring and enforcement of EC conditions and EMP by the SEIAA, as specified in Appendix XXI of the said SO, the SEIAA felt though the SEIAA would not in position to visit and undertake monitoring of all B2 projects, physically but can undertake such monitoring selectively if the situation so warranted. Hence unanimously decided that on behalf of the SEIAA, either the SEAC, Meghalaya or Departments of the Central Institutions of Excellent, like NEHU or Registered Institutions, recognized by MoEF & CC who are experts in the field of environment monitoring, may be selected to undertake monitoring of B2 projects on their compliances to ECs Terms and Conditions, granted by SEIAA, Meghalaya. The Member

Secretary to prepare the Report on the matter and place the same in the next SEIAA meeting for final decision.

Agenda : 2 . *Validity of O.Ms:* No. L-11011/47/2011-IA-II (M) dtd.24.06.2013 and No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I)dtd.24.12.2013- post the notification of S.O. 141(E) dtd.15.01.2016 - relating to brick earth & ordinary earth mining/B2 projects..

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting a copy of the O.M. No. F. No. 22 - 76/2017-IA-III dtd. 13.02.2018 issued in continuation to the above said O.M. dtd.24.12.2013. The Member Secretary informed that the clarification sought by SEIAA on applicability and validity of the above 2(two) O.Ms relating to brick earth mining/ordinary earth mining post S.O.141(E) dtd.15.01.2016 notification had not been replied by MoEF&CC till date.

The Secretary informed in the meeting that in the back-drop of the recently OM dtd.13.02.2018, issued by MoEF&CC in continuation to the above O. M. dtd.24.12.2013, the said 2(two) OMs of 2013 had been forwarded to all DEIAAs and DFOs (T) for information and necessary action. The Meeting gave post-facto approval to the action taken by the Member Secretary.

After deliberation and discussion on the subject, the SEIAA unanimously decided 1) to remind the State Govt. on the relaxation proposal submitted by SEIAA to the Govt. for non-mechanized brick earth/ordinary mining \leq 5ha in the State, communicated earlier, vide letter dated 19.06.2017 and 2) that the SEIAA decision dated 30.03.2017,- read '*EC for even \leq 5ha non- mechanized brick earth/ordinary earth shall*

requires Mining Plan(MP)' - based on SEAC's suggestion under S.O.141(E) dtd.15.01.2016, may be taken for reviewing, only if the State Govt. amend the MMMCR, 2016 by inserting a provision in the Rule that non-mechanizes brick earth/ ordinary earth mining \leq 5ha does not require MP.

Agenda : 3 : M/s Meghalaya Cement Ltd. application, requesting for amendment of the word 'TPD' to MTPA, granted to the Company in 2008.

The Member Secretary circulated in the meeting a copy of the letter dated 29.02.2018 received by SEIAA from MCL. After deliberation and discussion on the subject, the SEIAA unanimously decided that justification with supporting documents from competent authorities regarding the necessities for amendment shall be asked from the Company.

The Member Secretary to take necessary action.

Agenda 4 : Any other/Misl. :

- 1) On the Agenda - Discussion/proposal/idea for 'Regional EMP' Discussion/proposal for 'Socio-economic development of the neighbourhood habitats' be undertaken cumulatively by Cement Companies in East Jaintia Hills.

After discussion on the subject, the SEIAA unanimously decided that more data on the matter are required. The Member Secretary to take necessary action

- 2) **Delisting of MUDA proposed Sanitary Landfill at Umsawlia, New Shillong**

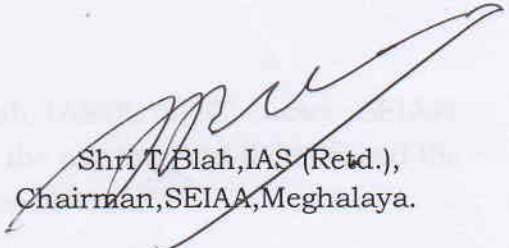
In pursuance to the office memorandum issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change, O.M - No. J-11013/5/2009-IA-II (Part) dated 30.10.2012, the SEIAA has unanimously decided to de-list the proposed Municipal Solid Waste

Management Facility for Shillong proposed to be implemented by Urban Affair Deptt. State Investment Program Management Unit (SIPMIU), Shillong as the project proponent have failed to respond to the queries raised / information sought by the SEAC/ SEIAA, Meghalaya, for more than 6 (six) months. If the project is to be considered again by the SEIAA, the project proponents shall apply afresh.

The Member Secretary to take necessary action.

The meeting ended with the vote of thank to & from the Chair.

Dated, Shillong,
The 4th May, 2018.


Shri T. Blah, IAS (Retd.),
Chairman, SEIAA, Meghalaya.

Memo.No. SEIAA/ (ESTT-2/2008)/PT-16/2015/165-A Dated Shillong, the May, 2018

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1. The Member, SEIAA, Meghalaya for information.
2. Concerned files for record.

Member Secretary,
SEIAA, Meghalaya.