

STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY : MEGHALAYA:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEIAA, MEGHALAYA, HELD ON 5th July, 2018, AT 3: 00 PM, IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE CHAIRMAN.

The Members present in the Meeting:

- 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. B. 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 23.04.2018 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 (Mo EF & CC- NE Regional Office letter dated 16 Feb. 2018):

The Member Secretary presented a Report as directed in the last meeting on the above Agenda and re-circulated copies of D.O. letter No.J-11013/2/2013/-IA-I dated 07.02.2014, addressed to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, received from the Secretary, MoEF, New Delhi and copies of State Govt. Notification No. ENV.4/2000/Vol.I/1116 dated 20.08.2014. The Member Secretary, read both the correspondence in the meeting. After the briefing by the Secretary, the Members

scrutinized the D.O. and the Notification, and noted that Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong is the Monitoring Agency to monitor the stipulated EC conditions granted by SEIAA, Meghalaya and the MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Shillong to undertake random monitoring on the same. It was also noted that in a year, an average of about 10% of EC granted by the SEIAA in the last three year is to be monitored by the Regional Office.

After deliberation and discussion on the subject, and as the SEIAA, Meghalaya at present does not have infrastructure nor equipped for monitoring, the SEIAA unanimously decided, to inform the Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Shillong, w.r.t. their letter above,dated-16/02/2018 - that the SEIAA, Meghalaya shall be abided by the above mentioned Instruction/Order, for monitoring of the EC stipulated Conditions, granted by the SEIAA.

The Member Secretary to take necessary action.

Agenda: 2 Monitoring compliance of Status of Environment Clearance stipulated

Conditions- in respect of SMB-Marten Sanitary Landfill, Mawlai, Shillong - E.C. No. SEIAA/Projet-13/2009/8 dtd. 14/08/2009.

The Member Secretary briefed the Members on the above Agenda and circulated in the meeting, a copy of the above E.C. The Secretary also circulated a copy of the Complain letter received from Forest & Environment Dept. on spillages of wastes from the above dumping ground to the Riat Khwan Reserve Forests, near-by.

After deliberation and discussion on the subject, the SEIAA unanimously decided, - (1) to examine Status Compliance to EC Conditions in respect of SMB-Marten Page 2 of 4

Sanitary Landfill, Mawlai, Shillong, in the next meeting, (2) to request the both the monitoring Agencies- Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board and Mo EF&CC, Regional Office, Shillong to furnish a copy of a latest Monitoring compliance of Status of Environment Clearance Stipulations with reference to SMB-Marten Sanitary Landfill, Mawlai, Shillong and (3) to seek report from the CEO, Shillong Municipal Board and the Director Urban Affairs Department, Shillong on the matter.

The Member Secretary to take action, immediately.

Agenda: 3: Six monthly Reports on Compliance to stipulate EC Conditions by project proponent(PP): The Member Secretary placed in the meeting some Six monthly Reports on Compliance to stipulate EC Conditions submitted by project proponents. The Members in the meeting observed that there is non-clarity in the Reports.

After deliberation and discussion on the subject, the SEIAA unanimously decided that the all PPs shall be directed to submit clear compliance to EC stipulated Conditions. The Meeting also felt the need for the Monitoring Agencies to submit their observations in every PP's half yearly on the compliance, to the SEIAA.

The Member Secretary to take necessary action.

Agenda 4 : Any other/ Misl. :

(1) River Sand mining - the Meeting after taken note from the copy of the ECs granted by DEIAAs in the State, that only stone quarries/stone mining had been granted ECs, while trucks were seen plying with loaded of sand every day. The

Meeting felt the need to protect the water body environment in the State by checking that the commercial river sand mining are regulated as per Mo EF & CC notification S.O. 141(E) dtd.15.01.2016.

After deliberation and discussion on the subject, the SEIAA unanimously decided that the Deputy Commissioner is to be requested to do the needful as per Acts/Rules.

(2) Underground water-commercial drilling: In order to maintain ground water level in the State, the meeting felt the need to check whether the commercial drilling of the ground water will affect under-ground water reserve. The meeting, unanimously decided that the Ground water Acts/Rules/Policy of the Central and State Govt. are needed to be examined, relating to criteria for drilling, the Terms and Conditions in the NOC given by the Granting Agencies in the Drilling Permission.

The Member Secretary to take necessary action.

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

Dated, Shillong, The 12th July, 2018. Shr/7/Blah, AS (Retd.), Chairman, SEIAA, Meghalaya.

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

Member Secretary, SEIAA, Meghalaya.