

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Uttarakhand.

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(Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GOI)

No- 163/SEIAA

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Minutes of the 9th Meeting of SEIAA held on 5-07-2019 and 6-07-2019

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Uttarakhand (SEIAA) Dr S.S. Negi was attended by following:

- i. Shri Shailendra Singh Bisht, Member, SEIAA, Uttarakhand.
- ii. Shri G S. Pande, Member Secretary, SEIAA

The meeting started with welcome address by Chairman, SEIAA.

The agenda of the meeting is as under:-

Date: 05-07-2019 (2:00 PM)

1) Discussion on:-

- (i) ECs Monitoring
- (ii) Processing fees
- (iii) SO₂ study in Doon Valley
- (iv) Discussion on District Mining Foundation (DMF) and Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER)
- (v) EC of Pearl Grand – Violation case

(i) **ECs Monitoring** – The issue of monitoring of Environmental Clearances (ECs) was discussed in detail. It was observed that 942 E.Cs (183 RBM mining by Govt agencies, 639 RBM/Soapstone mining etc., 45 Construction Projects, 74 Doon Valley/Industrial, 1 Others) have been issued from 2013 to 2016. However monitoring of compliance of conditions stipulated in these E.Cs have not been done in majority of the cases. As per rules compliance reports of these conditions have to be reported every six month by the project proponents. It was decided that an advertisement may be published in atleast **one Hindi and one English** newspaper in this regard.

(ii) **Processing fees** – It has been felt by the Authority that a suitable processing fees should be levied on various project proponents for processing their cases by the SEIAA/SEAC. It has also come to the knowledge of the Authority that some States like Madhya Pradesh have started levying such processing fees. After discussion it was decided that necessary information may be gathered from other states regarding processing fees. The matter of sitting fees payable to members of SEIAA/SEAC also came up during the discussion. Accordingly it was decided to obtain such information from other states.

(iii) **SO₂ study in Doon Valley** - As per Doon Valley Notification dated 1st February, 1989 (Note 'b' below orange category) following has been provided:-

"The total number of fuel burning industries that shall be permitted in the Valley will be limited by 8 tonnes per day of Sulphur Dioxide from all sources. (This corresponds to 400 tonnes per day Coal with 1% sulphur)."

This issue was brought before the Authority and it was decided that a study in this regard is necessary. Apart from fuel burning industries Sulphur Dioxide is also emitted by vehicular transport and other sources. After discussion it was decided that Uttarakhand Environment Protection & Pollution Control Board (UEPPCB) may be requested to conduct a study for assessment of Sulphur Dioxide being emitted by fuel burning industries, vehicular transport and other

- sources in the Doon Valley. This study will be of help in effective implementation of provisions of Doon Valley Notification dated 1st February, 1989.
- (iv) **Discussion on District Mining Foundation (DMF)** - It was brought to the notice of Authority that Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dept. Of Industries vide their notification dated 17th Nov, 2017 have issued Uttarakhand District Mining Foundation (DMF) Trust rules, 2017 which, inter alia, provides for contribution as a percentage (10, 25) of royalty from mining lessees. As per the rules these funds have to be utilized for various purposes including Environmental Conservation and Pollution Control. However these funds are not being utilized in various/all districts. The Authority feels that all the District Magistrates may be requested to ensure compliance to these rules and as far as possible local Divisional Forests Officers may also be involved in implementing the environmental component under these rules.

Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) – MoEF&CC have vide its notification dated 1st May, 2018 issued guidelines for recommending CER by EAC/SEAC. It was decided that these provisions should be effectively implemented for which necessary directions may be given to SEAC and CER should be specifically mentioned while granting E.C.

- (v) **EC of Pearl Grand** – It was decided that the matter of E.C of Hotel Pearl Grand may be forwarded to SEAC to proceed as a case of violation as per MoEFCC notification dated 8th March, 2018, as the Hotel has already been constructed and is operational without prior E.C.

- (vi) **Miscellaneous** – Following matters were discussed and decisions taken:-

(a) **M/s Max Health Care** – The project proponent have already obtained E.C from MoEFCC vide letter dated – 31st May, 2018 and have approached SEIAA for issuing corrigendum for including the Bio-medical waste plant in the E.C. It was decided that since the E.C has been issued by MoEFCC, the applicant may be asked to request MoEFCC for doing the needful.

(b) Application for obtaining E.C. for short term establishment (one year only) of proposed Hot mix plant, DG set and Mobile Jaw Stone Crusher for construction of NH-72 by M/s Atlas-NKC JV at Khasra no- 1218 & 1219 vill-Majri Grant, Teh- Doiwala, Dist- Dehradun.

After discussion it was decided that E.C may be considered for proposed Hot mix plant and DG set. The E.C for Mobile Jaw Stone Crusher cannot be considered in Doon Valley under the applicable guidelines.

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2) Consideration of following proposals for E.C, received after appraisal of SEAC:-

- i. M/s Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium & Sports Complex at Raipur, Dehradun

The Authority agreed with the recommendations of SEAC and decided to grant the Environment Clearance with the terms and conditions proposed by it subject to submission of satisfactory Compliance Reports of E.C issued vide No- 515-8(37)/2014 dated- 31st May, 2014 earlier may be obtained Building & Construction Project.

- ii. M/s Base Hospital, Almora by Director Medical Education.

The Authority generally agreed with the recommendations of SEAC. It was observed that rainwater harvesting (storage tank & roof top solar energy generation) may be included in the DPR of the project. An undertaking to this effect was given by the representative of Health Department, Uttarakhand. Besides this

local Forest Department should be consulted in planting of trees under EMP. With these conditions it was decided to grant the Environment Clearance.

iii. M/s Govt. Medical College at Almora.

The Authority generally agreed with the recommendations of SEAC. It was observed that rainwater harvesting (storage tank & roof top solar energy generation) may be included in the DPR of the project. An undertaking to this effect was given by the representative of Health Department, Uttarakhand. Besides this the green belt indicated in the EMP was not found adequate and project proponent was asked to increase it corresponding to the size of project. Local Forest Department should be consulted in planting of trees under EMP. With these conditions it was decided to grant the Environment Clearance.

iv. M/s Akshaya Patra Foundation at Sudhowla, Teh- Vikasnagar, Dist- Dehradun.

The Authority agreed with the recommendations of SEAC and decided to grant the Environment Clearance for Proposed Installation of Green Insulated DG Set and Establishment of Food Cooking facility (Mid-Day Meal) with the terms and conditions recommended by it.

v. M/s Oberai Motors at Majra, Dehradun.

The Authority agreed with the recommendations of SEAC and decided to grant the Environment Clearance for Installation of DG Set, enhancement of man power along with painting facility for Passenger Motor Car Service Centre in the existing complex with the terms and conditions recommended by it.

vi. M/s Premier Nutraceuticals Pvt. Ltd at Selaqui.

The Authority agreed with the recommendations of SEAC and decided to grant the Environment Clearance for Manufacturing of Pharmaceutical Formulations and proposed installation of green insulated DG set with the terms and conditions recommended by it.

vii. M/s Sharon Bio-Medicine at Selaqui, Tehsil- Vikasnagar, Dist- Dehradun.

The Authority agreed with the recommendations of SEAC and decided to grant the Environment Clearance for proposed expansion of plant capacity, installation of LPG fired boiler and DG set for manufacturing of Pharmaceutical Formulation with the terms and conditions recommended by it.

viii. M/s Trident Chemicals at Vill- Toli Panuwanaula, Dist- Almora.

The Authority agreed with the recommendations of SEAC and decided to grant the Environment Clearance for installation of proposed manufacturing unit of Paper Sizing Chemical and Rosin Derivatives with the terms and conditions recommended by it.

ix. M/s Gokul Residence (A V Infratech) Ajabpur Kalan Opp. Tehri Bhawan, Mothrowala Road, Dehradun.

The Authority does not agree with the recommendations of SEAC-

It is clear that as per MoEF Notification S.O- 2125 (E) dated- 13.12.2007, inter alia, all those projects which are not covered under the EIA Notification but which fall under the orange category as per MoEF notification dated 1st February, 1989 shall be considered by the SEIAA.

As this project is having built up area (BUA) less than 20,000 sqmt, Environment Clearance for the project is being granted for installation of DG set.

x. M/s Valley Hotel & Resort at Selaqui

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It was decided that the matter of E.C of M/s Valley Hotel & Resort may be forwarded to SEAC to proceed as a case of violation as per MoEFCC notification dated 8th March, 2018, as the Hotel has already been constructed and operational without prior E.C.

xi. M/s Himalayan Retreat India LLP, 15, Chander Road, Dehra Dun.

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The Authority decided to grant the Environment Clearance to the project with the terms and conditions recommended by it, subject to submission of copy of approval obtained from Uttarakhand Tourism Department.

xii. M/s Katyani Associates, 40-D, Race Course, Dehradun.

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The meeting ended with thanks by Chairman, SEIAA

(Dr. S.S. Negi)
Chairman

(S.S. Bisht)
Member

(G.S. Pande)
Member Secretary, SEIAA

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- 4- Member Secretary, SEAC, Uttarakhand.
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(G.S. Pande)
Member Secretary,
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