



# Himachal Pradesh State Expert Appraisal Committee

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### MINUTES OF THE 107<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE HALL, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SHIMLA, ON DATED 22.03.2025

The 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of the project proposals received for Environment Clearance was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 in the Conference Hall of Department of Environment, Science Technology & Climate Change, GoHP, Shimla. The following were present in the meeting:-

#	Name	Designation	22/3/2025
1.	Dr. Sandeep Bhatnagar, IAS (Retd.)	Chairman	✓
2.	Dr. Ashwani Tapwal	Member	✓
3.	Dr. Satish Kumar Bhardwaj	Member	✓ (attended virtually)
4.	Dr. Harish Sharma	Member	-
5.	Dr. R.C. Chauhan	Member	-
6.	Dr. Ranbir Singh Rana	Member	✓ (attended virtually)
7.	Sh. Parveen Gupta, Addl. Director, DEST & CC	Member Secretary	✓

The agenda item wise deliberations are as under:-

#### ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 106<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF SEAC,

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2025.

#### ITEM NO. 2: PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR APPRAISAL:-

- 2.1 Sh. Bahadur Singh, M/s Shiv Shakti Dolomite/Baryte Mine Jwana, Prop: Sh. Bahadur Singh, Village-Bhatyori, P.O. Bhakras, Tehsil-Shillai, District-Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh.

##### Brief outline of the project:

- a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/428129/2023  
HP SEIAA/2023-1083
- b) Processing fee UPI transaction number 421190885693 of Rs. 20,000/- dated 29.07.2024, SBI Shimla East.
- c) Project type Extraction of Dolomite/Barytes
- d) Project Location Khasra number 3647, 3649, 3656, 3657 & 3658 falling in Mohal/Mauza-Gundah, Panchayat-Bakras, Tehsil-Shillai, District-Sirmour, HP.
- e) Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2008-09 attested on 25.04.2023
- f) Land Status Private Land.
- g) Capacity 22,200 TPA.
- h) Mining Area 13-11 Bighas, 1.38 ha, Private land, hill slope.
- i) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied. No mining lease exists within 500 meters.
- j) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 12/09/2022 (Valid for one year i.e. up to 11/09/2023)
- k) EMP Cost Capital Cost Rs.6.25 Lacs and Recurring Cost Rs. 1.44 Lacs annually.
- l) CER cost Rs 9.50 Lakhs.

The proposed project is Extraction of Dolomite/Baryte. Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 17/05/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 26/06/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 27/05/2023.

The case was listed in 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA, subject to fulfillment of conditions annexed at Annexure-I with following special condition that:

1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per  $\leq$  ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ Transfer in the Bank Account Number mentioned in EC letter; to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) shall device a plan for this purpose within one month for that area in consultation with project proponent.
2. The project proponent shall provide one Pattal & Duna making machines & one sanitary napkin machine within 15 days from the date of issuance of EC letter to DEST&CC, Shimla for further distribution under CSR. Pattal & Duna Machines will be purchased from authorised/ approved sources and CMC/AMC will be assured with supplier for at least three year from date of installation. The Project proponent shall be responsible for functioning of the machines.
3. The project proponent shall prepare kml file of proposed land for undertaking plantation under EMP for monitoring purpose, and submit within one month with revenue records to SEIAA.
4. The project proponent shall build proper retaining wall of adequate size and MS sheets shall be fixed above it for holding the over flow of muck and debris.
5. The project proponent shall sensitize and create awareness among people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of SUP in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MoEF&CC on 12/08/2021. A report, along with photographs, on the measures taken shall also be included in the six monthly compliance reports being submitted by the project proponents.

The case application was referred back by the SEIAA in its 64<sup>th</sup> meeting held on dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 with the directions that the case may be re-examined by the SEAC w.r.t. destabilization of the hill and surrounding areas in view of the drone video footage and KML file, also the proposed site gradient is very steep and there are agriculture field surrounding the site.

Therefore, the case application was again listed before the SEAC in 97<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7/12/2023. The SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting after compliance to the following observations:

1. The case may be referred back to the Deptt. of Industries, for further clarification to the fact that the proposed mining site has no access/ approach road and is surrounded by agriculture farmland apart from the fact that slope gradient is very high and why it should be considered for grant of EC.

After submission of the compliance by the pp on dated 14/8/2024 the case was listed in 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 with observations that:

1. The project proponent shall submit revised KML file of the proposed mining area indicating boundary pillar coordinates.

The documents were submitted as per the observations and check list on dated 18.12.2024.

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025. The Project Proponent did not appear before the committee; therefore, SEAC deferred the case for next meeting.

2.2 Sh. Pankaj Kumar, S/o Sh. Sushil Kumar, Village-Manpur Devra, Tehsil-Paonta Sahib, District-Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh.

**Brief outline of the project:**

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| a) | Proposal No.   | SIA/HP/MIN/428294/2023<br>HP SEIAA/2023-1087                             |
| b) | Processing fee | Having transaction number 419715258151 of Rs. 20,000/- dated 15.07.2024. |
| c) | Project type   | Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.                                       |

d)	Project Location	Khasra number 604/2, 667/607, 967/668 & 663/607 falling in Mohal/Mauza Manpur Devra, Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour, HP.
e)	Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2018-19, verified on 18.12.2021
f)	Land Status	Private Land.
g)	Capacity	57,712 TPA.
h)	Mining Area	32-00 Bighas, 2.6974 ha, Private land/river bed.
i)	Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.	No mining lease exists within 500 meters.
j)	Letter of Intent	Extension of Letter of Intent issued on dated 21/06/2023 (Valid for one year i.e. up to 08/05/2024)
k)	EMP Cost	Capital Cost Rs.9.73 Lakhs and Recurring Cost Rs. 3.02 Lakhs /PA
l)	CER cost	Rs. 12.00 lakhs.

The proposed project is Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri. Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 06/05/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 19/07/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 24/05/2023.

After submission of the compliance by the project proponent the case was again listed in 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting with following observations:

1. The legal provisions shall be checked as per JIR conditions.
2. Letter to concerned department/Mining Officer shall be forwarded.
3. Legal cell of DEST&CC shall also be consulted for clarification.

The pp has submitted the documents as per check list on dated 18.03.2025 and w.r.t. Point no. 3 the Ld. LO has stated that,

*.....in my opinion, the Authority may proceed as per the directions passed by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 2516/2021- Gajender Rawat vs. U.O.I & Ors. vide order dated 31.07.2024 and 23.12.2024.*

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025. The SEAC, after appraisal of the proposal, decided to list the case after submission of the following compliance:

1. The project proponent shall submit clarification from the concerned authority regarding applicability of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ petition(s) (Civil) No(s), 202/1995 w.r.t. the Assan Wetland Conservation Reserve permission from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife and/or Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Assan barrage.
2. The project proponent shall submit revised KML file after matching it with the boundaries shown in Tatima.
3. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking or affidavit confirming the construction of a 200-meter-long retaining wall to prevent the impact of mining activities on the adjoining area.

### 2.3 Sh. Anchit Thakur, Prop: M/s Prem Stone Crusher, Village Nayagram, PO Jhajra, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

#### Brief outline of the project:

a)	Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/434431/2023 HP SEIAA/2023-1093
b)	Processing fee	DD no. 002713 dated 29.04.2024 of Rs. 15,000/- HDFC Bank
c)	Project type	Extraction of Stone.
d)	Project Location	Khasra number 445 falling in Mauza/Mohal Dhalathon, Tehsil Nalagarh, District Solan, HP.
e)	Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2017-18.
f)	Land Status	Private Land, Hill Slope.
g)	Capacity	11,228 TPA (including waste)

h)	Mining Area	05-07 Bighas, (0.40 ha) Private land/hill slope
i)	Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.	One mining lease exist within 500 meters: 1. Sh. Gulzar Mohammed (17-04 Bighas)
j)	Letter of Intent	Letter of Intent issued on dated 04/05/2023 (Valid for one year i.e. up to 03/05/2024)
k)	EMP Cost	Capital Cost: Rs. 6.83 Lakhs, Recurring Cost: Rs. 2.29 Lakhs annually.
l)	CER cost	nil.

Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 21/07/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 22/07/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 26/07/2023.

The case was listed before the SEAC in 95<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26/9/2023.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided to appraise the case in next meeting after compliance of the following observations:

1. The project proponent shall submit revised KML file of the proposed mining area indicating boundary pillar coordinates.
2. The project proponent shall submit the details of approach road (kh. No.s revenue record, agreement), with NOC of GP to use the existing road if any.

The project proponent has submitted the documents on dated 01-02-2024 to this office and during the appraisal process a representation was also received by villagers of Kundlu through Sh. Jagjit Singh Rana (Advocate), Chamber No. 36, Judicial Complex, Nalagarh, District Solan, H.P. for non issuance of Environment Clearance to Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

There after examining the matter by this office, the representation was forwarded on dated 03.11.2023 to the office of Pollution Control Board and Director Industries for their opinion about installation of stone crusher and grant of mining lease to M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

Now, this office has received a reply from HPPCB office on dated 08.01.2024 stating that State Board does not have any objections on installation and grant of mining lease to the unit subject to conditions as mentioned in the letter. And as per the reply received from Mining Officer, Solan through Director Industries, on dated 04.01.2024, it has been informed that the joint inspection committee has considered each and every aspect of both these proposed mining lease areas and hence recommended grant of mining lease in favour of Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher after completing all codal formalities.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided that:-

1. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not consider the case at this stage for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28th April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.
2. In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report duly endorsed by SEIAA.
3. Meanwhile the sub-committee of SEAC shall visit the site.

The sub-committee of SEAC along with Officers/Officials from DEST&CC visited the site on dated 22.12.2024 to verify the facts and submitted site inspection report before SEAC Committee for appraisal. DSR of district Solan was approved by the SEIAA.

The case application was again listed in 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 31/12/2024.

After deliberating the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in the next meeting after submission of the decision of the Hon'ble High Court.

Now, project proponent has submitted the reply on dated 24.02.2025, along with the decision of Hon'ble High Court dated 01.01.2025 which is as below:

*.....In these circumstances, the counsel for the said Unit submits that the applicant may be permitted to operate the said stone crusher, subject to his depositing the said amount. Accordingly, we permit the Unit as such to operate, after requisite deposit has been made. The earlier order dated 18.12.2024 regarding inspection to be made every month of such units, shall be strictly adhered to by the Board.*

It was informed that application stands disposed off before Hon'ble Court.

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025. The SEAC, after appraisal of the proposal, decided to list the case after submission of the following compliance:

1. The project proponent shall submit clarification from the Department of Industries that; there is no implication of Hon'ble High Court orders for the proposed mining.
2. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking or affidavit confirming the construction of retaining wall to prevent the impact of mining activities on the adjoining area.

2.4 Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher, Village-Nayagram, P.O. Jhajra, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

Brief outline of the project:

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| a) Proposal No.   | SIA/HP/MIN/434908/2023<br>HPSEIAA/2023/1092   |
| b) Processing fee   | DD no. 002714 dated 29.04.2024 of Rs. 20,000/- HDFC Bank                                  |
| c) Project type   | Extraction of Stone.  |
| d) Project Location   | Khasra number 41 & 69 falling in Mauza/Mohal Kundlu, Tehsil-Nalagarh, District Solan, HP. |
| e) Jamabandi  | Jamabandi for the year 2018-19  |
| f) Land Status  | Private Land, Hill slope.   |
| g) Capacity   | 42,232 TPA.   |
| h) Mining Area  | 14-00 Bighas, 1-05-35 Hect., Private land/hill slope                                      |
| i) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied. | No mining lease exist within 500 meters:  |
| j) Letter of Intent   | Letter of Intent issued on dated 04/05/2023<br>(Valid for one year i.e. up to 03/05/2024) |
| k) EMP Cost   | Capital cost: Rs 9.99 Lakhs and Recurring cost: Rs 2.92 Lakhs.                            |
| l) CER cost   | Nil.  |

Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 12/07/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 22/07/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 21/07/2023.

The case was listed before the SEAC in 95<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26/9/2023.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the fact, the SEAC decided to appraise the case in next meeting after compliance of the following observations:

1. The project proponent shall submit revised KML file of the proposed mining area indicating boundary pillar coordinates.

2. The project proponent shall submit NOCs from the competent authority w.r.t. electricity line and road crossing along the proposed mining area.
3. The project proponent shall submit the details of approach road (kh. NO.s revenue record, agreement), with NOC of GP to use the existing road if any.

The project proponent has submitted the documents on dated 01-02-2024 to this office and during the appraisal process a representation was also received by villagers of Kundlu through Sh. Jagjit Singh Rana (Advocate), Chamber No.36, Judicial Complex, Nalagarh, District Solan, H.P. for non issuance of Environment Clearance to Sh. Ankit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

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Now, this office has received a reply from HPPCB office on dated 08.01.2024 stating that State Board does not have any objections on installation and grant of mining lease to the unit subject to conditions as mentioned in the letter. And as per the reply received from Mining Officer, Solan through Director Industries, on dated 04.01.2023, it has been informed that the joint inspection committee has considered each and every aspect of both these proposed mining lease areas and hence recommended grant of mining lease in favour of Sh. Ankit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher after completing all codal formalities.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided that:

1. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not consider the case at this stage for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28th April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.
2. In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report duly endorsed by SEIAA.
3. Meanwhile the sub-committee of SEAC shall visit the site.

The sub committee of SEAC along with Officers/Officials from DEST&CC visited the site on dated 22.12.2024 to verify the facts and submitted site inspection report before SEAC Committee for appraisal. DSR of district Solan was approved by the SEIAA.

The case application was again listed in 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 31/12/2024.

After deliberating the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in the next meeting after submission of the decision of the Hon'ble High Court.

Now, project proponent has submitted the reply on dated 24.02.2025, along with the decision of Hon'ble High Court dated 01.01.2025 which is as below:-

*.....In these circumstances, the counsel for the said Unit submits that the applicant may be permitted to operate the said stone crusher, subject to his depositing the said amount. Accordingly, we permit the Unit as such to operate, after requisite deposit has been made. The earlier order dated 18.12.2024 regarding inspection to be made every month of such units, shall be strictly adhered to by the Board.*

It was informed that application stands disposed off before the Hon'ble High Court.

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025. The SEAC, after appraisal of the proposal, decided to list the case after submission of the following compliance:



1. The project proponent shall submit clarification from the Department of Industries that; there is no implication of Hon'ble High Court orders for the proposed mining.
2. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking or affidavit confirming the construction of retaining wall to prevent the impact of mining activities on the adjoining area.

**2.5 Sh. Ram Lok, S/o Sh. Shiv Ram, Village Pohini, P.O. Namhol, Tehsil Sadar, District-Bilaspur, HP.**

**Brief outline of the project:**

a) Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/442305/2023 HP SEIAA/2023-1128
b) Processing fee	UTR number PUNBL24212844478 of Rs. 15,000/- dated 30.07.2024.
c) Project type	Extraction/ Collection of Dolomitic Limestone and Sand stone.
d) Project Location	Khasra number 21/2 falling in Mauza/ Mohal Pohni/8, Tehsil Sadar, Distt. Bilaspur, HP.
e) Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2017-18.
f) Land Status	Private Land, Hill slope.
g) Capacity	10,540 TPA.
h) Mining Area	09-04 Bighas, 0.6923 ha, Private land/hill slope
i) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.	No mining lease exist within 500 meters:
j) Letter of Intent	Extension of Letter of Intent issued on dated 02/09/2024 (Valid up to 25/04/2025)
k) EMP Cost	Capital Cost Rs. 3.42 Lakhs and Recurring Cost Rs. 2.72 Lakhs annually.
l) CER cost	Rs. 4.00 Lakhs.

The proposed project is Extraction of Dolomitic Limestone and Sand stone.

Online proposal for amendment in EC was submitted on dated 07.09.2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 13.12.2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 05.09.2023 and 30.11.2023.

The case was listed in 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

The project proponent did not appear before the Committee; therefore, the case appraisal was deferred by SEAC. Now, pp has submitted the extension of Letter of Intent dated 02.09.2024.

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025.

**The SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of Environmental Clearance by the SEIAA subject to the fulfillment of standard conditions with following additional special conditions that:**

1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per  $\leq$  ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ transfer of funds in the bank account number mentioned in EC letter to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) may device a plan for this purpose as per CER guidelines.
2. The project proponent shall sensitize and create awareness among people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of SUP in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MoEF& CC on 12/08/2021. A report, along with photographs, on the measures taken shall also be included in the six monthly compliance report being submitted by the project proponents.
3. The project proponent shall ensure that mining is carried out strictly in accordance with the approved mining plan failing which strict action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the proponent and environmental compensation shall be imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
4. The Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.

5. The Geological Wing of the Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh and Project proponent shall ensure that the mining outside the riverbed on Patta Land/ Khatedari Land be granted when there is possibility of replenishment of material. In case, there is no replenishment then mining lease shall only be granted when there is no riverbed mining possibility within 5 KM of the Patta Land/ Khatedari land.
6. The Midterm review of hill slope mining activity shall be undertaken in case of any deviation from terms and conditions of EC/ Mining plan the EC shall be withdrawn along with environmental compensation imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
7. The project proponent will ensure that no harm to the adjoining land or environmental degradation is caused due to mining activities and the mining activities are undertaken strictly as per approved mining plan.
8. This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
9. The project proponent shall ensure that the mining activity is carried out after leaving the required buffer zone and distance from existing habitation/village. Measures will be taken to protect the nearby habitation from noise, water and air pollution.
10. The project proponent shall provide a sanitary napkin vending and disposal machine in nearby Girls Sr. Sec. School in 15 days under the CER through DEST&CC with provision of O&M cost for five years.
11. The project proponent shall construct 170-meter-long retaining wall to prevent the impact of mining activities on the adjoining & to protect the downstream area.

## 2.6 ATAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SUPER SPECIALTIES (AIMSS), Village-Chamyana, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

### Brief outline of the project:

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| a) | Online Proposal No.          | SIA/HP/INFRA2/416107/2023<br>HP SEIAA/2023-1053   |
| b) | Project type                 | EXPANSION PROJECT<br>Construction of Additional block of ATAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SUPER SPECIALTIES"(AIMSS)<br>Building and construction project (Category 8-a).       |
| c) | Project Location             | Khasra number 682/2/1, 683/1 and 684/1, village-Chamyana/ Malyana, District-Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.   |
| d) | Built up area                | Previous area: 28,556 Sq. Meter<br>Proposed area: 14,406.143 Sq. Meter  |
| e) | Plot area                    | Previous area :1700 Sq. Meter (4.20 acres)<br>Total Proposed area: 45,286 Sq. Meter   |
| f) | Parking proposed             | Previous:30 cars and 70 Ambulances<br>Proposed: 201(car + Ambulance)  |
| g) | STP                          | Previous: 185 KLD<br>Proposed: 40 KLD<br>Total after expansion: 225 KLD   |
| h) | ETP                          | Previous: 15 KLD<br>Proposed: 30 KLD<br>Total after expansion: 45 KLD   |
| i) | Water consumption            | Previous water requirement: 224 KLD<br>Proposed water requirement (for proposed expansion blocks):<br>124.18 KLD  |
| j) | Total waste water generation | Proposed waste water generation: 0.4 KLD  |
| k) | Power requirement            | Previous: Appr. 2490.10 KVA<br>Proposed: 998 KVA  |
| l) | Project cost                 | Previous cost: Rs. 213.01 Crores<br>Proposed cost: Rs. 54.60 crores   |
| m) | EMP Cost                     | Previous: Capital Cost: Rs. 553 lakhs;<br>Recurring Cost: Rs. 12 lakhs (construction phase).<br>Expansion Proposed: Capital Rs. 726.00 Lakhs Recurring Rs. 126.00 Lakhs |
| n) | CER Cost                     | Previous : Capital Cost: Rs. 43 lakhs   |



Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 01/03/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 17/03/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 28/06/2023.

The Environment Clearance was granted by HPSEIAA vide proposal number SIA/HP/MIS/193365/2021, HPSEIAA-2021-812 in the name of the Additional Director INDIRA GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE, SHIMLA situated at Khasra no 682/ 1, 678, 682/2/2 and 638/ 1 situated in village-Chamyana, Near Bhattakufar, Shimla.

The project proponent has applied for constructing of additional blocks (Blood Bank, Mortuary, Diagnostic labs, guest room and other infrastructure).

The case was listed in 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7-8 August, 2023. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the Committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting after compliance to the following observations:

1. A sub-committee of SEAC shall visit the project site to check and assess all environmental clearance terms and conditions compliance of existing developments project physically and submit its report to the Committee in its next meeting for expansion.

According to observation a sub committee of SEAC along with Officers/ Officials from DEST&CC also visited the site on dated 02.01.2025 to verify the facts and submitted site inspection report before SEAC Committee for appraisal.

The case was listed in 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 23/1/2025. The case was discussed in details and after reviewing the information submitted by the project proponent, the inspection report, and other relevant facts, the Committee made the following observations:

1. The earlier Environment Clearance (EC) for the existing block of the AIMSS, granted by HPSEIAA on August 11, 2022, was also identified as a violation under similar circumstances.
2. The project proponent initiated construction activities for the additional block of the Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties (AIMSS) without obtaining prior Environmental Clearance (EC), which constitutes a violation of the EIA Notification, 2006.
3. Approximately 60% of the construction work for the Mortuary and Bio-Medical Waste Plant, along with a single-story building, was already completed without prior approval.
4. The construction of Diagnostic Labs, Guest Rooms, and associated facilities in a four-story building was found to be nearly 50% complete.
5. The Critical Care Centre was approximately 30% complete at the time of inspection.
6. Construction debris (muck) was observed in front of the Diagnostic Labs building, indicating improper management of construction waste.
7. The project proponent has committed repeated violations, disregarding the terms and conditions of EC and procedures mandated under the EIA Notification.
8. The SEAC expressed serious concerns over the repeated non-compliance by the project proponent and emphasized the need for stringent measures to address such violations.

In view of the above facts, it was recommended that the case may be referred to Authority for giving further appropriate decision in the matter.

The SEIAA Authority in its 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting held w.e.f. 24-25 February, 2025 decided that the matter may be referred back to SEAC:

1. To examine the matter as per the EIA notification. Since it is the case of expansion, the MOEF&CC, Govt provisions vide circular No.J-11011/618/2010-1A(II)(1) dated 30/05/2012 may also be examined.
2. SEAC may also consider to issue show cause notice to the project proponent as why appropriate fine should not be imposed for violation.

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025.

After careful examination of the application and site visit report etc., the SEAC, after appraisal of the proposal, decided to list the case after submission of the following compliance:

1. In view of the construction activities undertaken prior to obtaining prior Environmental Clearance and the resulting environmental damage, the SEAC recommended the imposition of environmental compensation cost
  - a. Rs. 10,000/- to the Project Proponent i.e. IGMCO,
  - b. Rs. 1.00 lac to the HSC,
  - c. Rs. 25.00 lakhs each to the contractors who are directly undertaking the construction activities without adhering to the environmental norms viz M/s. HIMCON Consultancy and Rs. 25.00 lakhs to M/s Krishna Builders-CCB.
  - d. DEST&CC to issue a cautionary notice to Health department for ensuring the compliance to environmental norms.
2. The project proponent shall submit certified compliance of the conditions imposed in earlier Environment Clearance issued by SEIAA, Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Department of Environment, Science Technology & Climate Change shall assess the damage and suggest a mitigation plan to be implemented through these contractors.
4. The Project Proponent shall submit an undertaking that they shall not repeat such violation again through a resolution.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

  
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Member Secretary, HPSEAC

  
**Dr. Sandeep Bhatnagar, IAS (Retd.)**  
Chairman, HPSEAC

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Copy to following for information and further necessary action please:

1. The Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Himachal Pradesh.
2. Case files of all projects, Guard file.

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**Member Secretary**  
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