



STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, ASSAM
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India
BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI 781021, ASSAM

Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam held on 21/10/2022

The 39th Meeting of the SEIAA, Assam was held at Conference Hall of the Pollution Control Board, Assam, Guwahati-21 on 21/10/2022 at 3.00 p.m.

The following Members were present

- Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.
- Sri IndreswarKalita, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Govt. of Assam and Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.
- Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma, Member, SEIAA, Assam.

Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury, Chairman, SEIAA, Assam presided over the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Actions on the recommendations of 46th Meeting of SEAC held on 29th September, 2022.

1. **Proposal for amendment of EC for mining of Stone from the “Jatinga River Minor Mineral Unit-1(Stone) under Cachar Forest Division” proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Forest Division. SEIAA.1314/2020, (SIA/AS/MIN/274755/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 46/2:

The proposal for amendment of EC for mining of Stone from the “**Jatinga River Minor Mineral Unit-1(Stone)**” under Cachar Forest Division proposed by the **Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Forest Division** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal, review and discussion. The proposal was previously discussed in the 43rd SEAC meeting held on 6th Aug 2022 and certain additional information sought. On scrutiny, it is seen that the previous EC was granted for five years against “Jatinga River Minor Mineral Unit-1(Stone) comprising 24 hect area in favour of Sri Apurba Rajmumar on 9th Oct. 2020 allowing to extract 1,07,000 cu.m. stone annually. The quantity was considered as per approved Mining Plan as well as recommendation of the DFO, Cachar communicated vide office letter No. B/7(ii)/Jatinga River Minor Mineral Unit-1 (stone)/10282-10283 dated 9th Dec. 2019. The approved quantity was granted considering maximum mining depth 2(two) meter from the unmined surface. However, the 2 (two) meter maximum mining depth has not specifically been mentioned in the EC due to overlook.

The EC (amendment) for extraction of 52,000 cu.m. stone was granted from the reserved quantity in favour of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division on 5th Feb. 2021 with validity for one year considering urgent need of stone materials for Govt. developmental works in the District of Cachar. Further, the earlier approved reserve was calculated to a maximum mining depth at 2 (two) meter.

Detailed deliberation is held and considering the issues discussed above the committee declined the amendment proposal proposed by the DFO, Cachar taking into account on the ecology and environment of the surrounding areas as well as there is no additional mineral reserve to be extracted from the mining area in question.

SEIAA Resolution 39/1:

Rejected as per observation made by SEAC.

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cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam.

Dr. Hari Prasad Sarma,
Member, SEIAA, Assam

Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury,
Chairman, SEIAA, Assam.

2. **Proposal of EC for mining of Sand from the “Jhanji River Sand Mining Permit Area, (Miching Ghat & Borbam Ghat)” under Sivasagar Division proposed by Sri Rituraj Borkatoky. SEIAA.3119/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 287527/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 46/3:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from “**Jhanji River Sand Mining Permit Area, (Miching Ghat & Borbam Ghat)**” under Sivasagar Division proposed by **Sri Rituraj Borkatoky** is placed before the SEAC for appraisal and discussion. Total project area is 4.9 hect. and EC is requested for three months validity to utilize the minable materials against Govt. works. Necessary records are scrutinized and appraised. Detailed deliberation is held. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam, recommendation of the concerned DFO and reply on EDS is discussed. Considering all the issues the committee recommended the proposal approving to *extract 3405 cu.m sand from the proposed mining site subject to the following condition:*

- *The validity of the EC will be of three months period from the date of issue of the EC.*
- *The maximum depth of mining is approved 2 (two) meters from the unmined surface.*
- *At least 5 (five) meters distance from the high rise bank of the river shall have to be kept as non mining zone to avoid river bank erosion.*
- *The proponent shall have to follow all the other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sivasagar Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to check occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO will also arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground fixing pillars before actual mining operation as mining is restricted within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC during the period of mining operation.

SEIAA Resolution 39/2:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

3. **Proposal asking EC for mining of Sand from “Tituwa P.P. Land Sand Mining Permit Area”, under Kamrup West Forest Division proposed by Sri Dipak Rabha. SEIAA.3039/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 263943/2022).**

Resolution 46/5:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from “**Tituwa P.P. Land Sand Mining Permit Area**” under Kamrup West Forest Division proposed by **Sri Dipak Rabha** is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and discussion. The project area is 0.59 hect. and falls in “periodic patta land”. Scrutinized the required documents and appraised accordingly. It is observed that the Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam on 16th May 2021, JVR conducted on 13th pt, 2019 and submitted the proposal to this office on 26th March 2022 after a lapse of ten months and reason of such delay is best known to the proponent. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam and other records are deliberated in detail. *The committee after thorough discussion rejected the project proposal on the following reasons.*

- *The proposed mine area runs parallel to the Kushi River embankment only about 35 meter distance and the project might cause failure of the embankment.*
- *The satellite image and the photograph submitted in the Mine Plan indicate the mineral matters are soil only and not sand as proposed.*
- *Even if, the minable materials are sand (supposing it to be true), fishery project is not possible in the proposed site as proposed in the Mine Plan.*

SEIAA Resolution 39/3:

Rejected as per observation made by SEAC.



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4. **Proposal of asking EC for mining of Sand from “Jhanji River Sand (Lawjan) Mining Permit Area”, Jorhat Division proposed by Sri Rahul Neog. SEIAA. 3118/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/287765/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 46/6:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of sand from **“Jhanji River Sand (Lawjan) Mining Permit Area”**, Jorhat Division proposed by **Sri Rahul Neog** is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and discussion. Necessary records are scrutinized and appraised. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam and recommendation of the concerned DFO is discussed in detailed. The committee after thorough deliberation recommended the project proposal approving to *extract 3000 cu.m sand from the proposed mining site within a period of two years subject to the condition that : (a) Mining depth is approved 2 (two) meters from the unmined surface and (b) excavation is approved leaving a distance of 5 (five) meters from the high rise bank of the river. The proponent is allowed to extract 1500 cu.m. Sand from the proposed mining site annually strictly following all the other terms and condition laid down in the approved Mining Plan.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to guard occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO will also arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground fixing pillars before actual mining operation as mining is restricted within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC during the period of mining operation.

SEIAA Resolution 39/4:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

5. **Proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary clay from “Charmajuli Pam Ordinary Clay Mining Permit Area” under N.K Forest Division proposed by Sri Tarun Barman. SEIAA.3027/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/256407/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 46/10:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of ordinary clay from **“Charmajuli Pam Ordinary Clay Mining Permit Area”** under N.K Forest Division proposed by **Sri Tarun Barman** is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, review and appraisal. The project proposal was discussed in detail in the previous SEAC meeting and certain additional information sought including view of the concerned Water Resources Department with regards to vulnerability of the proposed mining site.

The Water Resources Department, Assam vide letter No. GED/Tech/NOC/2020/937/Pt.-IV/266 dated 29th March 2022 clearly certified that mining site cannot be within 500 meter from the Brahmaputra River bank. Since the present mining proposal falls very much within the 500 meter non mining zone area demarcated by the Water Resources Department as such the mining project proposal is rejected.

SEIAA Resolution 39/5:

Rejected as per observation made by SEAC.



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6. **Proposal of E.C for mining of Brick earth from “Manaha Brick Earth Mining Permit Area” under Nagaon Division proposed by Sri Pranab Talukder. SEIAA.3079/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/275289/2022)**

SEAC Resolution 46/12:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of Brick Earth from “**Manaha Brick Earth Mining Permit Area**” under Nagaon Division proposed by **Sri Pranab Talukder** is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and deliberation. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam vide letter dt. 28th March 2022, recommendation of the concerned DFO and reply furnished on EDS are discussed in detail. The committee after due deliberation recommended the proposal approving to *extract 4000 cu.m. brick earth from the proposed mining site within a period of 1 (one) year subject to the condition that the mining depth is approved 1 (one) meter on both the proposed plots. The proponent shall have to strictly follow all other terms and condition laid down in the approved mining plan in course of mining operation.*

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to guard occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO will also arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground fixing pillars before actual mining operation as mining is restricted within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC during the period of mining operation.

SEIAA Resolution 39/6:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.

7. **Proposal asking EC for mining of Brick earth from “M/S TMB Brick Industry Mining Permit Area” under Kamrup West Division proposed by M/S TMB Brick. SEIAA.3129/2022, (SIA/AS/MIN/ 187165/2022).**

SEAC Resolution 46/15:

The project proposal asking EC for mining of brick earth from the “**M/S TMB Brick Industry Mining Permit Area**” under Kamrup West Division proposed by **M/S TMB Brick** is placed before the SEAC for scrutiny, appraisal and deliberation. The project area is 0.556 hect. The Mining Plan approved by the DGM, Assam vide letter Dt. 13th Nov. 2020. Report on JVR dt. 5th Aug. 2020- and recommendation of the ADC, Kamrup dt, 3rd Aug. 2020 are discussed. Replies submitted by the proponent with respect to the quarries raised on EDS/ ADS are also discussed in detailed. After due deliberation the committee recommended the proposal approving to *extract 4000 cu.m brick earth from the proposed mining site within a period of two years subject to the condition that the mining depth is approved 1.5 meter from the unmined surface. The proponent is allowed to extract 2000 cu.m brick earth annually strictly following all other condition laid down in the approved mining plan.*

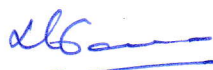
The Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup West Forest Division is requested to ensure necessary surveillance to guard occurrences of irregularities during the mining operation. The DFO will also arrange to mark the proposed mining site on the ground fixing pillars before actual mining operation as mining is restricted within the approved mining site and not beyond the limit of the same. The DFO is also requested to ensure compliance by the proponent of all the terms and condition laid down in the EC during the period of mining operation.

SEIAA Resolution 39/7:

Approved for issuance of EC as per condition laid down by SEAC.



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Agenda Item 2:

8. Regarding shifting of one well location within the approved block proposed by the ONGC under proposal No.SIA/AS/IND 2/159905/2020.

SEAC Resolution :

The proposal asking by the ONGC for shifting of NL EC 18 under Cachar District PML was discussed in the 41st SEAC meeting held on 16th July 2022. Necessary EC was granted by the SEIAA, Assam against 38 nos. of well locations under Cachar District PML on 15th March 2022 vide EC id: EC22B002AS164966 and the NL EC 18 location falls with the same PML. The committee going through the proposal asked the ONGE authority to furnish detail coordinates of the new location delineating on the map being additional information. The ONGC has furnished reply on the ADS raised thereon. Now, the committee after detail discussion recommended the proposal for shifting of location of NL EC 18 to the new location ARAA having coordinate 24^o35'38.31''N/92^o56'6.92''E.

SEIAA Resolution 39/8:

Approved for shifting the proposal as per condition laid down by SEAC.

Agenda Item 2:

SEIAA Resolution 39/9:

The matter of demitting of office by Shri Kosheswar Phukan (Retd), Contractual Sr.AA/ Accountant cum Cashier of SEIAA w.e.f. 1st October,2022 on account of his ill health, and consequent inconvenience faced in smooth running of the Office was discussed.

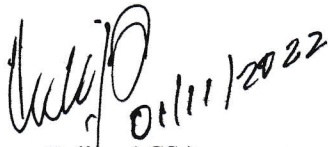
A petition submitted by Shri Kingshuk Bikash Roy Chowdhury , Age: 63 years , Retd Assistant Accounts Officer , Assam State Housing Board, Guwahati ,and resident of House No.14, Birubari, Jonakpur, P.O. Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati-781016 , requesting for engagement in the Office of SEIAA was taken up for discussion in the meeting.

In view of the official exigency faced in SEIAA, in absence of the SrAA/Accountant cum Cashier , and in the interest of public service, it was decided to engage the petitioner Shri Kingshuk Bikash Roy Chowdhury, Retd AAO, Assam State Housing Board, in the said vacant post on contractual basis for a period of Eleven months on the same terms and conditions on which the previous incumbent Shri Kosheswar Phukan (Retd) was engaged. It was also decided to appraise Government of Assam in Environment & Forest Department regarding the decision of SEIAA in respect of the Contractual engagement.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Chair.



(Sri Pradyut Kumar Choudhury)
Chairman, SEIAA, Assam
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