

# Himachal Pradesh State Expert Appraisal Committee

# SEIAA Secretariat, Himachal Pradesh

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MINUTES OF THE 106th MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPOSAL RECEIVED THROUGH PARIVESH 1.0 PORTAL HELD IN CONFERENCE HALL, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SHIMLA, ON DATED 21-22, FEBRUARY, 2025

The 106th meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of the project proposals received through PARIVESH 1.0 portal for Environmental Clearance was held on 21-22 February., 2025 in the Conference Hall of Department of Environment, Science Technology& Climate Change, GoHP, Shimla. The following were present in the meeting:-

#	Name	Designation	21/2/2025
1.	Dr. Sandeep Bhatnagar, IAS (Retd.)	Chairman	✓
2.	Dr. Ashwani Tapwal	Member	√ (virtually)
3.	Dr. Satish Kumar Bhardwaj	Member	√ (virtually)
4.	Dr. Harish Sharma	Member	-
5.	Dr. R.C. Chauhan	Member	-
6.	Dr. Ranbir Singh Rana	Member	√ (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 105th MEETING OF SEAC,

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 105th meeting of SEAC held from 23rd to 24th January, 2025.

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

2.1 Sh. Arun Kumar S/o Sh. Bharat Singh, Village-Baila, P.O. Kansar, Tehsil-Dadahu, District-Sirmour, H.P.

Brief outline of the project:

a) Online Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/65332/2021 (TOR's)

HP SEIAA/2021-852

SIA/HP/MIN/405479/2022 (EC)

HP SEIAA/2022-1023

Processing fee DD no. 824786 dated 29.04.2024 of Rs. 25,000/- State Bank of India.

Project type Collection of Stone Boulder, Sand & Bajri. c) Khasra No. 54 falling in Mauza Mehat, Tehsil Dadahu, Distt. Sirmour, HP

d) **Project Location** 

Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016. Jamabandi e)

Private land. f) Land Status g) Capacity 72,000 TPA.

h) Mining Area 44-04 Bighas, Private land- 3.7257 ha.

Leases with in 500 meter from the One mining lease exist: i) periphery of the area applied. 1. Sh. Prem Lal (24-12 Bighas)

Letter of Intent Lol extension issued on 31/8/22 valid upto 13/8/2025. j)

**EMP Cost** Capital Cost- Rs. 8.49 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs. 3.79 Lakhs/PA k)

I) CER cost Rs. 16.00 lakhs

The proposed project is Collection of Stone Boulder, Sand & Bajri.

Online proposal for Terms of Reference was submitted on dated 14/07/2021 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 17/06/2021 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 14/07/2021.

The SEAC in its 81th meeting recommended the Standard ToR issued by the MoEF&CC, Gol for preparing EIA/EMP report with the following additional conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall make provision for providing four plastic waste shredder, four plastic waste baling machine & four compactor to the concerned ULBs/ PRIs through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.
- The project proponent shall provide 6 solar lights through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.

The project proponent was granted TOR's on dated 24.09.2021. Online proposal for granting Environment Clearance was submitted on dated 15/12/2022 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 22/12/2022 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat.

After completion of EIA report, the proponent through SPCB hold the public hearing (PH) on dated: 28/06/2022 for said project being B1 category project and proceedings of PH were received on 24.08.2022 from the Director DEST and forwarded to Member Secretary, HP SEIAA on dated 02.01.2023.

Accordingly, after the completion of procedural process *ibid* for Cat B1 projects, the case was relisted in 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 23-24<sup>th</sup> March, 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. The project proponent shall submit copy of order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 27/12/2012 in IAN/ 2-13/ 2011 &729-731/ 2011mentioned in Joint Inspection Report.
- 2. The project proponent shall recheck analysis of GLC- PM 2.5 and PM 10 with air modeling and shall prepare the windrose diagram of the site to plan the installation of PCDs.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit the details of Laboratory and personnel involved in carrying the air quality samples to far off located lab. Proof of same be furnished.
- The project proponent shall submit revised plantation plan with kml file, location of plantation with khsara no., revenue records of land.
- 5. The project proponent shall submit affidavit to install solar lights for which budget of Rs. 10.00 lack shall be earmarked as per commitment made during the public hearing over and above of the CER costs.

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The project proponent had submitted the documents w.r.t. queries raised by SEIAA. 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 Project Proponent shall re-conduct GLC- PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> analysis& water analysis and submit video graphy of complete process with complete report as to authenticate the results.

The project proponent submitted the clarification and compliance to above observations on dated 27-01-2024.

After submission of compliance of the observations, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th January, 2024. 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.

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 dully endorsed by SEIAA.

The project proponent submitted the documents on dated 18.12.2024. The committee observed that the proposed mining site is also located in the stretches which are indicated in the updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.

The case was listed in 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 23/1/2025. 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 of the following:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit kml file of the areas proposed for the plantation with jamabandi, cocordinates of land with area, species, no of plants year wise for annual monitoring and verification.
- 2. The project proponent did not submit the details as observed in 90<sup>th</sup> meeting, no justification of analyzing samples in far of laboratory hence shall submit the details of Laboratory and personnel involved in carrying the air quality samples to far off located lab. Proof of same is furnished.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit a certificate of competent authority as to ascertain that the mining activities shall have no impact on Renuka project.

The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply.

The proposal was listed in 106th SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, 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 condition that:

- 1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ 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 under CER in consultation with concernred Dy. Commissioner shall install one electric vehicle charging station.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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).
- 5. The Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The project proponent in consultation with concerned DFO shall setup a nursery of vertiver grass and shall distribute them to PWD/NHAI for slope stability measures.
- 9. The project proponent shall take adequate measures for not causing any harm, damage to the upstream reservoir on the river.
- 10. The project proponent shall undertake plantation for the restoration of excavated land area on annual basis and it will be assessed through vedio graphy with geo coordinates on half yearly basis.

### 2.2 Sh. Hari Krishan Sharma, S/o Sh. Laxmi Dutt Sharma, Village-Tikkar, PO-Salogra, Tehsil & District-Solan, HP.

Brief outline of the project:

a) Online Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/416365/2023 HP SEIAA/2023-1041

b) Processing fee DD no. 936050 dated 20.05.2024 of Rs. 15,000/- Punjab National Bank.

c) Project type Extraction of Sand.

d) Project Location Khasra number 259/167, 260/167, 139, 140 & 247/168 falling in Mauza Mohal

Deothi, Tehsil & Distt. Solan, HP.

e) Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016 f) Land Status Private Land, Hill Slope (Leased Land)

g) Capacity 2,205 TPA.

h) Mining Area 06-14 Bighas, 0.5042 ha, Private land, hill slope. Leases with in 500 meter from the Two mining leases exist within 500 meters:-

periphery of the area applied. 1. Sh. Devender Sharma (07-16 Bighas)

2. Sh. Amit Bindal (09-13 Bighas)

j) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 12.08.2022 (Valid for one year i.e. up to 11.08.2025)

k) EMP Cost Capital Cost- Rs.5.06 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.3.06 Lakhs/PA

I) CER cost Rs. 4.00 lakhs

The proposed project is Extraction of Sand.

Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 09/02/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 13/02/23 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 28/02/2022.

The case was listed in 90th meeting of the SEAC held on 23-24th March, 2023 with the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit affidavit that trees mentioned by forest department in JIR shall not be cut by the project proponent in the proposed mining area.
- 2. The project proponent shall give details of land details of proposed approach road with kml file and ownership revenue record, dully attested by Mining Department.

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- 3. The project proponent shall submit revised NOC of Jal Shakti Vibhaq after revising the permission details.
- 4. The project proponent shall submit kml file of land, with revenue records, ownership details proposed for undertaking plantation under EMP for monitoring purpose.

After submission of the compliance by the project proponent the case was again appraised in 94th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th August, 2023 with following observations:

- The Project Proponent shall submit revised tatima containing approach road to mining site duly signed by the revenue officer concerned.
- 2. The project proponent shall submit a prospective plantation plan. 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.

The project proponent submitted the clarification and compliance to above observations on dated 29.11.2023.

After submission of the compliance, the case was listed in 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 6/1/2024, but the project proponent did not appear before the Committee, therefore the case appraisal was deferred. The case was again listed in 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. 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.

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 dully endorsed by SEIAA and subject to following observation that:

1. The plantation may be undertaken in the vicinity of project site along with proposed site as suggested by project proponent. The project proponent will include to undertake the plantation in small patches of land as well.

The project proponent submitted the incomplete documents on dated 18.12.2024.

The case was listed in 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 23/1/2025. 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 of the following:

1. The project proponent reply not tenable, hence shall submit kml file of the areas proposed for the plantation with jamabandi, cocordinates of land with area, species, no of plants year wise for annual monitoring and verification.

The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply. The proposal was listed in 106th SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, 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 condition that:

- The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ 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 under CER in consultation with concernred Dy. Commissioner shall install one electric vehicle charging station.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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).
- 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.

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- 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 Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The project proponent shall undertake plantation for the restoration of excavated land area on annual basis and it will be assessed through vedio graphy with geo coordinates on half yearly basis.
- 2.3 Sh. Parth Mehta, Legal heir S/o Late Sh. Kuldeep Mehta, Village-Chaunti, P.O. Luhri, Tehsil Anni, District-Kullu, HP. Correspondence Address:- Sh. Kuldeep Mehta, S/o Dwarka Dass Mehta, Prop. M/s MKC Stone, Village-Chaunti, P.O. Luhri, Tehsil Anni, District Kullu, HP.

Brief outline of the project:

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/440034/2023 (HP SEIAA/2023-1110)

b) Processing fee Transaction number 422101852053 of Rs. 15,000/- dated 08.08.2024

c) Project type Extraction of Stone/boulder, RBM & Sand.

d) Project Location Khasra number 1444 & 1445 falling in Mauza/Mohal Bargaal, Tehsil-

Kumarsain, Distt. Shimla, HP.

e) Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2018-2019

f) Land Status Private Land. g) Capacity 50,152 MTPA.

h) Mining Area 00-66-83 Hectare/ 6.50 bighas, Private land/hill slope.

Leases with in 500 meter from the No mining leases exist within 500 meters.

periphery of the area applied.

j) Letter of Intent LOI valid upto 7/1/2026

k) EMP Cost Capital Cost- Rs.8.25 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.1.44 Lakhs annually.

I) CER cost Rs. 4.00 Lakhs.

The proposed project is Extraction of Stone/boulder, RBM & Sand.

Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 11/08/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 18/11/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 31/10/2023. The case was listed before the SEAC in 96th meeting held on 29/11/2023 with the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit a certificate from the Director (Industries) to the fact that the proposed mining site is recommended/approved on the basis of the District Survey Report prepared & approved by SEIAA authorities in conformity with the SO No. 141 (E), SO No. 3611(E) and as per Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines, 2016 and Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 published by MoEF&CC, Gol.
- 2. The project proponent shall submit a certificate from the Director (Industries) to the fact that no river bed mining lease exists in 5 k.m. radius from the periphery of the area applied.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit geo referenced land use change map depicting all the features.

The project proponent submitted the clarification and compliance to above observations on dated 27-12-2023.

After submission of compliance of the observations, the case was again listed in 98th meeting of the SEAC held on 6th January, 2024. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not recommend the case 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.

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 dully endorsed by SEIAA.

After submission of the compliance, the case was listed in 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 19th to 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024. 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 clarifications from the competent authority i.e. Forest Department whether forest clearance required to construct approach road for the mining site or not.

The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply.

The proposal was listed in 106th SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, 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 condition that:

- The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ 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 in consultation with concernred Dy. Commissioner shall install one electric vehicle charging station under CER
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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).
- 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 Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 11. The project proponent in consultation with UHF Nauni shall setup plant nursery. The project proponent shall undertake plantation for the restoration of excavated land area on annual basis and it will be assessed through vedio graphy with geo coordinates on half yearly basis.

## 2.4 Sh. S.P. Sharma, Sr. Executive Engineer, Hydel Channel & B.G. Division, BBMB Sunder Nagar, District-Mandi, HP.

Brief outline of the project:

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/RIV/67240/2021(TOR's) (HPSEIAA/2021/876)

SIA/HP/RIV/444649/2023(EC's) (HPSEIAA/2021/1121)
b) Project type Hydroelectric Power Project (2x21MW).

Category 1(c)-River Valley hydro project.

c) Project Location Khasra number 53A/14 falling in Village Baggi, Tehsil Sundernagar, Distt.

Mandi, HP.

d) Installed Capacity 42 MW (2x21 MW)

e) Land Status 3.437 Ha, out of which 0.877 ha forest land, Govt. Non Forest land is 2.390 ha

and 0.170 ha is private land.

Water Requirement 100 KLD

g) Total Project Cost Rs. 284.87 Crores.

h) EMP Cost · CER cost ·

As proposed during the construction of Beas Sutlej Link Project, it was conceived that a power plant could be constructed at the exit of Pandoh- Baggi Tunnel (PBT) as sufficient head was available between Pandoh Reservoir and at the start of Sunder Nagar Hydel Channel (SNHC). Consequently a Bypass Tunnel at 170 meters upstream of Baggi Control Works (BCW) was constructed to divert the water for the prospective power plant. The upcoming Baggi Power Plant is proposed to have two units of 21 MW each on the basis of head and water availability.

The case was listed before the SEAC in its 84th meeting after compliance of the observations by the project proponent. After deliberating on the information submitted and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the issuance of Standard ToR issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI for preparing EIA/EMP report with the following additional conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall make provision to provide 10 plastic waste shredders, 10 plastic waste bailing machines to the concerned ULBs/ PRIs through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.
- 2. The project proponent shall make provision to provide 20 solar lights through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.
- The project proponent shall submit FCA before submission of the case for Environment Clearance.
- 4. The project proponent shall adopt MC, Nerchowk and shall prepare detailed plan with budgetary provisions for effective Solid Waste Management in collaboration with Department of Environment, Science & Technology & UD Department area under CER.

The case was approved in 57th meeting of SEIAA on dated 20.01.2022. Then the project proponent was granted TOR on dated 03.02.2022. Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 20/09/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 25/11/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 10/11/2023. After completion of EIA report, the proponent through SPCB hold the public hearing (PH) on dated 06/03/2023 for said project being B1 category project and proceedings of PH were received on 22-06-2023 from the Director DEST.

The case application was listed before the SEAC in 97<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7/12/2023 but the project proponent did not appear before the Committee, therefore, it was decided to defer the case for next meeting.

The case application was again listed in 99<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 07-02-2024. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, it was observed that the EIA coordinator approved by NABET was not present to attend the meeting and only one sector expert of Air Quality was present, who was also not carrying the requisite documents of authority, the SEAC decided that:

1. The project proponent shall submit a valid certificate from NABET/ QCI stating that consultants are approved by them for providing consultancy services in Himachal Pradesh specially for Hydro Power Sector. and that the approved EIA coordinator is present.

After submission of the compliance by the pp on dated 9/1/2024 and submission of fee on dated 9/7/2024 the case was listed in 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 19th to 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024. 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 area indicating boundary pillar coordinates.

The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply. The proposal was listed in 106th SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. 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. The BBMB authority shall submit the land use change papers of the proposed project site, as for what purpose it was allotted earlier and the permission now obtained for land use change from Government of H.P. including the transmission line, setting up of transmission switch yard etc.
- 2. The original paper of land diversion for project and details of land transferred to BBMB with objectives.
- 3. The BBMB shall submit a comparative tabulated terms and conditions of R&R, CSR/CER of all existing HEPs and ATR with certificates from competent authorities on account of it as no pending issue of R&R.
- 4. The BBMB Authority to submit details of CER activities undertaken so far under all projects owned by BBMB in the State with cost spent.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

Parveen Gupta

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

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Member Secretary, HPSEAC No./ 106th meeting /2025-

Dated: 3rd March, 2025

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.

**Note:** Minutes of the Meeting are being hosted on the official website of SEIAA and all concerned shall download it for taking further necessary actions relevant to their project.

Member Secretary (SEAC)