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Minutes of the 491st Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 14.09.2021

The meeting of 491st State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 14.09.2021 at the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg

2. Shri Paras Nath

3. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma

Chairman, SEIAA, U.P

Member, SEIAA, U.P

Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P.

Agenda-A: -Complaints/letters -Nil

Agenda-B: -Replies-Nil

Agenda-C: Minutes of 557th SEAC-2 Meeting Dated 12/08/2021

 Building Stone Mining at Arazi No.-288, Khand No.-03, Village- Majhol, Tehsil- Charkhari, Mahoba, U.P., Smt. Santosh Kumari, M/s Ekta Construction., Area -0.809 ha. File No. 6306/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/202776/2021

SEIAA noted that the project has already been taken in its 487 meeting dated 03.09.2021 in which SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC that the matter shall be discussed after submission of online information on prescribed portal. Hence no further action is required.

 Sand Mining Project at Gata No.- 03mi, Kharid No.-02, Village- Gogaon, Tehsil-Sadar, District-Mirzapur, U.P., Smt. Dayawati Singh, M/s Shri Ramayan Construction, Area: 5.0 ha File No. 6307/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/63504/2021

The SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of the SEAC to issue the additional ToRs to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. The SEIAA also added the following points to TOR;-

- 1- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 2- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and Lol. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and Lol.
- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 4- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.

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- KMI. file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
- 6- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khands along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.
- 7- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipments or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report. This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
- 8- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
- 9- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (ii) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.
- 10-In case of expansion / renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - c. Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.
- 11-Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.
- 12-Replenishment study, duly approved by the competent authority for approving DSR for the district should be submitted.
- 13- Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 5,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- "Hi-Tech Township" at Village- Kalli Paschim, Maati, Ali Nagar Khurd, Ashraf Nagar & Ahamad Nagar, Raibarell Road, Lucknow., Shri Deepak Kumar Gupta, M/s Garv Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. File No. 6309/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/63494/2021

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to defer the matter as matter as per the request made by the project proponent. Hence it will be taken after submission of online request on prescribed portal.

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 Building Stone Mining at Gata No.-2101/2, Khand No.-03, at Village- Sijahri, Tehsil-Sadar, Mahoba., Shri Mohd. Waseem, Area-1.149 ha., File No. 6313 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 63532/2021

The SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of the SEAC to issue the additional ToRs to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. The SEIAA also added the following points to TOR;-

- 1- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 2- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and Lol. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and Lol.
- 3- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 4- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
- 5- KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
- 6- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khands along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.
- 7- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipments or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report.

 This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
 - 8- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
 - 9- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - (iii) If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (iv) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.
 - 10-In case of expansion / renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - c. Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.
 - 11-Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.

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- 12-Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 1,149 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- Building Stone Mining at Gata No.-1939, Khand No.-04 New, at Village-Pahra, Tehsil & District-Mahoba., Smt. Sudha Singh., Lease area-2.024 ha. File No. 6317/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/63510/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to issue additional ToR. SEIAA gone through file documents and DM, Mahoba letter dated 12.05.2021 regarding amendment in DSR. SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of the SEAC to issue the additional ToRs to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. The SEIAA also added the following points to TOR:-

- 1- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 2- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and LoI. In case there is any difference clarification/amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and LoI.
- 3- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 4- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
- 5- KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
- 6- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khands along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.
- 7- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipments or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report. This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
- 8- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
- 9- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (ii) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.

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- 10-In case of expansion / renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - c. Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.
- 11-Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.
- 12- Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 2,024 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- Building Stone Mining at Gata No.-323, Khand No.-05 New at Village- Mochipura, Tehsil
 District- Mahoba, U.P., Shri Rajendra Kumar Paliwal, Lease area-2.024 ha. File No. 6319/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/63604/2021

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of the SEAC to issue the additional ToRs to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. The SEIAA also added the following points to TOR:-

- 1- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 2- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and LoI. In case there is any difference clarification/amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and LoI.
- 3- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 4- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
- 5- KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
- 6- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khands along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.
- 7- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipments or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report. This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
- 8- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.

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- 9- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - (iii) If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (iv) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.
- 10-In case of expansion/renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - c. Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.

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- 11-Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.
- 12-Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 2,024 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- Sand/ Morrum Mining at Khand No.-9/27 to 9/29, Village- Mohammadabad Kewat Ka Purwa, Tehsil-Chayal, Kaushambi, U.P., Shri Jagdish Singh., M/s Maa Vaishno Traders, Lease Area: 21.50 ha. File No. 6326/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/63600/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to issue additional ToR. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that verified geo-coordinates as per mining plan has not been submitted. SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of the SEAC to issue the additional ToRs to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. The SEIAA also added the following points to TOR;-

- Project proponent shall submit verified geo-coordinates as per mining plan along with EIA.
- 2- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 3- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and Lol. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and Lol.
- 4- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 5- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
- 6- KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.

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- 7- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khands along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.
- 8- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipments or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report. This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
- 9- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
- 10- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (ii) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.
- 11-In case of expansion / renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.
- 12-Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.
- 13- Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 21,500 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- Sand/Morrum Mining From Yamuna River Bed at Khand No.-01, Village- Daulatpur Kachhar, Tehsil-Bhognipur, District-Kanpur Dehat., Shri Inder Singh, Area: 8.5 Ha. File No. 6322 / 5710/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/63620/2020

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file, documents and DM Kanpur Dehat letter no. 32/upkhanij-e-nivida seh e-nilami/2020 dated 18.01.2020 regarding amendment in DSR. SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC adding following specific condition as follows:-

 Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.

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- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain the forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per law under the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
- The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
- In compliance to Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 13/01/2020 in IA no. 158128/2019 and 158129/2019 in Writ petition no. 13029/1985 (MC Mehta Vs GOI and others) anti-smog guns shall be installed to reduce dust during excavation.
- Replenishment study, duly approved by the competent authority for approving DSR for the district should be submitted within one year. In the absence of replenishment study keeping in mind various orders issued by Hon'ble NGT and development works in the State EC is accorded for a period of one year.
- 6. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
- 7. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 8,500 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
- Soil Excavation at Gata No.-1038, 1033, 1035, 1036, 1045, 1046, 1047, Village-Aata, Tehsil- Sadar, Unnao. Shri Ankit., Area-0.8377 Ha). File No. 6323/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/213842 /2020

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that lease period is not mentioned in the minutes of SEAC, agreement between the project proponent and the farmer is also not readable. Hence SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit the relevant documents.

 River bed mining at Khand No.-83/2/1, 83/2/3, Village-Sundarwali, Tehsil- Nagina, Bijnor, Smt. Asha Rani, Area: 1.062 Ha. File No. 6324/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 209684 /2020

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as

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suggested by the SEAC but the SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate". And adding following conditions:-

- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain the forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per law under the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
- The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake regrassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
- In compliance to Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 13/01/2020 in IA no. 158128/2019 and 158129/2019 in Writ petition no. 13029/1985 (MC Mehta Vs GOI and others) anti-smog guns shall be installed to reduce dust during excavation.
- 4. Replenishment study, duly approved by the competent authority for approving DSR for the district should be submitted within one year. In the absence of replenishment study keeping in mind various orders issued by Hon'ble NGT and development works in the State EC is accorded for a period of one year.
- 5. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
- 6. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 1,062 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.

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With the permission of the Chairman:-

1- Regarding Cancel/Revoke the Environment Clearance of Group Housing Project "Palm Olympia" at Plot no. GH-02, Sector- 16C Greater Noida which has been granted without Compliance of Condition mentioned in First EC.

SEIAA noted that the above matter was taken in its 481st meeting dated 05.08.2021. SEIAA reviewed the case and opined that the notice shall be referred to UPPCB for necessary action.

2- Regarding Cancellation of the Environment Clearance issued on dated 12-10-2013 for expansion of residential Township Project "Crossing Republik" Village- Dundhare NH-24, By Pass Ghaziabad, U.P. M/s Crossing Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

SEIAA noted that the above matter was taken in its 481st meeting dated 05.08.2021. SEIAA reviewed the case and opined that the notice shall be referred to UPPCB for necessary action.

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(Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma) Member-Secretary SEIAA (Shri Paras Nath) Member SEIAA (Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg) Chairman SEIAA