

Minutes of the 30th meeting of the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, West Bengal (2023-2026) held on February 28, 2024 at 14:00 hr at the Conference Room, Paribesh Bhawan, Bidhannagar.

The 30th meeting of the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), West Bengal (2023-2026) was held on Wednesday the 30th February, 2024 at 14:00 hr at the Conference Room, Paribesh Bhawan, Bidhannagar. The following members participated:

1)	Dr. Rajesh Kumar, IPS	Secretary, SEAC	Present
2)	Prof. (Dr.) Anirban Gupta	Chairman, SEAC	Present
3)	Prof. Sampa Chakraborty	Member, SEAC	Present
4)	Prof. (Dr.) Suchandra Bardhan	Member, SEAC	Present
5)	Prof. (Dr.) Pradip Kumar Sikdar	Member, SEAC	Present
6)	Prof. (Dr.) Indranath Sinha	Member, SEAC	Present
7)	Prof. (Dr.) Aniruddha Mukhopadhyay	Member, SEAC	Present
8)	Shri Shubhendu Bandyopadhyay	Member, SEAC	Present

1) TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS :-

1.1) Terms of Reference :

1.1.1) Industry Sector :

- I. **Proposed Structural Re-Rolling Mill Steel Plant at R. S. & L. R. Plot No. - 2849, 2861, 2862/3380, Mouza – Mondalpur, J. L. No. - 37, Jamuria Industrial Estate, P. S. - Jamuria, P. O. - Mondalpur, District - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.**

Proposal No.	SIA/WB/IND1/437101/2023
Project Proponent -	M/s. Mechfast Engineering Private Limited.
Environmental Consultant -	Not engaged.

Activity:

- This is a proposal for 30000 MTPA of MS Angles, MS Channel, MS Joist, MS Bars & MS Strips at R.S. & L.R. Plot No. 2849, 2861, 2862/3380, Mouza-Mondalpur, J.L No. 37 at Jamuria Industrial State, Local P.S.- Jamuria, P.O.-Mondalpur, District- Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

Salient Features of the project:

- Salient features of the project as uploaded in the PARIVESH portal may be summed up as below –

Project Name	Re-Rolling Mill Steel Plant of capacity 30000 MTPA.
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Project Location	R.S. & L.R. Plot No. 2849, 2861, 2862/3380, Mouza-Mondalpur, J.L No. 37 at Jamuria Industrial State, Local P.S.- Jamuria, P.O.-Mondalpur, District- Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.	
Latitude and Longitude	Latitude 23°41'4.44"N and Longitude 87° 5'36.00"E	
Total Plant Area	1.39 Acre (5627.17 sqm.)	
Green belt development area	1294.24 sqm. (23% of total land area 5627.17 sqm. as per DFO approved plan)	
Products and capacity	Products	Total Production Capacity (MT/Annum)
	MS Angles, MS Channel, MS Joist, MS Bars & MS Strips	30000/1 Shift of 8 Hour
Raw materials required	M.S. Billets - 30,900 MTPA	
Working Days	300 (1 Shift of 8 Hours)	
Water requirement & source	10.71 kLD From Bore well/ADDA	
Power requirement & source	3000 KVA (only for internal industrial use like office etc.) Source : Through three phase HT power line from India Power.	
Manpower	32 Nos.	
Total cost of the project	Rs. 690.47 Lakhs	

Chronology of the Events:

- The PP had obtained Consent to Operate from WBPCB vide Memo no C0100389 vide Memo no 471-WPBA/Org(Bwn)/Cont(530)/18 dated 08.11.2023 which is valid upto 29.02.2028.
- The PP applied in prescribed format for Terms of Reference and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 20.07.2023.
- The PP was called for the ToR presentation in the 10th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 02.08.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in the meeting.
- The PP along with their consultant appeared for the presentation through video conferencing. However, the SEAC observed that neither the PP nor their consultant could deliver a proper presentation of their proposal. The presentation submitted by the PP was incomplete and inadequate in all respects. Therefore, the SEAC decided that the PP should be called for a fresh presentation of the proposal covering the detailed and entire aspects of the project (including drone photography of the site). Accordingly, the PP shall intimate through "PARIVESH" portal for a fresh presentation.
- The PP uploaded their reply in "PARIVESH" portal on 08.12.2023 requesting for presentation of their proposal in the SEAC meeting. The PP was once again called for ToR presentation in the 22nd meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 20.12.2023.
- The PP did not appear before the SEAC again for ToR presentation. The SEAC decided that the PP should explain the reasons for its absence. If the reasons are only found to be acceptable and satisfactory, the PP may be allowed to present its case in a subsequent meeting.

- The PP uploaded their reply in “PARIVESH” portal on 05.01.2024 requesting for presentation of their proposal in the SEAC meeting. The PP was once again called for ToR presentation in the 24th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 10.01.2024.
- It is noted that the PP had been called for presentation in the 10th, 22nd and 24th meetings of the SEAC held on 02.08.2023, 20.12.2023 and 10.01.2024 respectively. However, the SEAC observed that neither the PP nor their consultant could deliver a proper presentation of their proposal or did not bother to appear for the presentation in spite of being given ample opportunities. Hence, **the SEAC decided to give the PP a final opportunity for presentation failing which their proposal will be rejected.**
- The SEAC also decided that the PP should submit valid reasons for its absence on the last three occasions. If the reasons are only found to be acceptable and satisfactory, the PP may be allowed to present its case in a subsequent meeting.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 23.02.2024 requesting to present their proposal. The PP was once again called for ToR presentation in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.

SEAC Observations and Recommendations:

- The PP remained absent for their presentation. Therefore, the SEAC decided not to give any further opportunity for presentation. **Hence, the proposal may be rejected.**

2) Reconsideration proposals :-

2.1) Environmental Clearance :

2.1.1) Construction Sector :

- I. **Proposed Hotel cum Commercial Complex at South Side of Uttarayan “The New Township”, Siliguri, Plot No. – 759, 803, 805, 808, 809, 810, 811, Khatian No. – 1262, JL No. – 86, Mouza – Ujjanu, Block & PS – Matigara, under Patharghata Gram Panchayat, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/453862/2023
Project Proponent: M/s. Global Mercantile Private Limited.
Environmental Consultant: M/s. Ultra-Tech.

Activities:

- This is a proposal for Hotel cum Commercial Complex comprising of One Block of G+9 storied building. Total land area of the project is 14529.75 sqm and total built up area is 57281.59 sqm.

Salient Features of the project:

- Salient features of the proposed project as uploaded by the PP in the PARIVESH portal is as below –

Land area	14529.75 sqm.
Block Details	One Block of Hotel cum Commercial Building – G+9 storied
Total Built-up Area	57281.59 sqm

Expected population (operation phase)	5547 (Fixed – 672, Floating – 4827, Service – 48) persons
Construction phase population	465 persons
Total Water requirement	422 KLD
Fresh Water requirement	228 KLD
Wastewater generated	194 KLD
Wastewater recycled	194 KLD (to be reused in landscaping, flushing, HVAC & yard washing)
Wastewater discharged	0 KLD (Zero discharge)
Solid Waste disposal	920 kg/day
Ground Coverage	6480.08 sqm (44.60%)
Service Area	595.41 sqm (4.10%)
Road/Paved Area	3885.86 sqm (26.74%)
Exclusive Tree Plantation Area	3007.92 sqm (20.70%)
Open Parking Area	560.48 sqm (3.86%)
No. of plantation proposed	246 nos.
Nos. of Parking spaces proposed	420 nos.
Total Power requirement	3756 KVA, WBSEDCL
Backup power	DG sets (2 x 630 KVA, 1 x 380 KVA)
Latitude & Longitude of the project	26° 43' 27.85" N, 88° 23' 59.56" E
Maximum Height of the Building	49.8 m.
Project Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 1,23,59,79,825/-

Chronology of the Events:

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2023.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 22nd meeting of the SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 20.12.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.
- Based on the application made, documents uploaded / submitted, and the presentation made by the PP/Consultant, the SEAC noted that the project site is located at a distance of 5.98 km. from the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary as confirmed by P.C.C.F. Wildlife, WB vide his no. 1668/WL/2W-682(Part-IV) dated 21.06.2023 and hence does not fall within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The SEAC made the following observations:

Mandatory documents:

- 1) The fire safety recommendation issued by the West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services has been granted for the proposed construction of G + 2 storied building. However, it is observed that the present application is for G+9 storied building. Clarification in this regard may please be submitted.
- 2) Direction of north and south shown in the master plan are confusing. Services like RWH tank, STP and MSW handling should not be at the other side of the canal/nalah. The orientation plan should be revised.

Water and waste water

- 3) The total water requirement for the project is 422 KLD and the fresh water requirement is 228 KLD. But the capacity of the STP proposed as per the sanction plan is 200 KLD. Reasons for the above may please be submitted.
- 4) Permission for installation of a second well to be sought from SWID.
- 5) Water level and quality monitoring data from at least five nearby wells to be submitted with compliance report.
- 6) All services like raw water tank, domestic water tank etc. should be incorporated in a single plan and the plan should be uploaded.
- 7) Flow diagram for raw water treatment should be submitted.
- 8) Location of panchayat drain should be marked in a plan.
- 9) Piezometer with automatic water level recorder should be provided.

Rainwater Harvesting

- 10) The 11 recharge structures proposed should not be placed together; rather they should be distributed at various locations all over the site; recharge should be made at staggered levels. Recharge structures should be designed based on the subsurface lithology study. Revised proposal in this regard should be submitted.

Solid Waste

- 11) Disposal plan for the solid waste generated.

Building materials and energy consumption

- 12) PP shall adopt a bird-safe façade treatment with bird-friendly glass solutions that provide the greatest chance for birds to identify the glazing surfaces and avoid collision.
- 13) Energy consumption: WBECBC (No. 07-PO/O/C-I11/4M-14/2016(Part-1) dated 13th January, 2020) compliance documents and certificate from competent authority should be furnished.

Need based EMP

- 14) EMP as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020 to be submitted. Consents from the beneficiaries of the social part of EMP should be furnished. Any other local need should be identified.

Miscellaneous

- 15) Contour map of the area should be provided.
- 16) HVAC position and location should be specified.
- 17) Distance of construction activity from the bank of the nallah.

The SEAC recommended that the above documents may be submitted in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the application.

- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 19.02.2024, which was considered in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.

SEAC observations and recommendations:

- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 30th SEAC meeting held on 28.02.2024. It was mentioned in the ADS raised by SEAC that services like RWH tank, STP and MSW handling should not be at the other side of the canal/ nallah. The orientation plan should be revised.

- However, the PP has uploaded the earlier plan without [revision/ relocation of the service facilities as desired by SEAC](#).
- Therefore, the SEAC decided that the PP may be called for a clarification regarding the above in the next meeting.

II. Proposed development of a residential & resort complex project comprising of villas, guest rooms alongwith recreational and hospitality facilities at Dag No. - 155, 161 – 164, 210, 399 – 401, 403 - 414, 418 – 420, 422 – 442, 454, 455, 458 - 460, 462 – 505, 513, 578 – 580, 583 – 586, 588 – 597, 604, 605, Mouza - Somsara & Srirampur, P.S. - Dadpur, P.O. – Hanral, Dadpur Gram Panchayat, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN – 712149, West Bengal.

Proposal No.:

SIA/WB/INFRA2/446647/2023

Project Proponent:

M/s. Purti Hotels And Resorts Private Limited.

Environmental Consultant:

M/s. Centre for Sustainable Development.

Activity:

- This is a proposal for development of a residential & resort complex project comprising of villas, guest rooms alongwith recreational and hospitality facilities. Total land area 1,81,704.01 sqm. (as per land deed) and 1,81,056.82 sq.m (As per physical survey). Total built up area is 57,792.93 sq.m.

Salient Features of the project:

- Salient features of the project as uploaded in the PARIVESH portal may be summed up as below –

Total Land Area (as per deed)	1,81,704.01 sqm.
Total Land Area (as per physical survey)	1,81,056.82 sqm.
Ground Coverage Area	38,002.35 sqm. (20.99% of Land Area)
Proposed Waterbody	24,474.07 sqm. (13.52 %)
Exclusive Tree Plantation Area	31,395.06 sqm. (17.34%)
Other Green Area	2,658.327 sqm. (1.47%)
Service Area	1,765.44 sqm. (0.98%)
Paved Area	35,276.53 sqm. (19.48%)
Semi - Paved Area	3,584.191 sqm. (1.98 %)
Amenities	3,732.98 sqm. (2.06%)
Villa Plot Open Area	40,167.87 sqm. (22.19%)
Building Profile	Resort Complex: Main Resort Block - G+1 storied - 1 no. 2 BR Block – Single storied - 4 nos. 1 BR Block - Single storied - 10 nos. Staff Block - G+3 storied - 1 no. Spa Block - Single storied - 1 no. Family Block - G+1 storied - 1 no.

	Sarai Block - G+1 storied - 2 no. East End Suite - G+1 storied - 1 no. Pool Pavilion - Single storied - 1 no. Specialty Restaurant - Single storied - 1 no. Club Block - G+1 storied - 1 no. Residential Complex: Villas - G+1 storied - 62 nos.
Block usage	Residential & Resort Complex
Total Built-up area	57,792.93 sqm.
No. of villas	62 Nos.
Source of Water	Ground Water
Quantum of Water required (operation stage)	553 kLD
Quantum of Fresh Water required	361 kLD
Quantity of Wastewater Generation	196 kLD (to be treated in STP)
Treated Wastewater Recycled	192 kLD
Quantity of Wastewater Discharge	00 KLD
Quantity of Solid Waste Generation	617.6 kg/day
Total Population	Total - 2,101 persons (Resort Boarders - 332 persons, Villa Residents-388 persons, Residing staff - 57 persons, Non – residing staff - 179 persons, Floating population - 150 persons, Restaurant Users - 995 persons)
Electrical Load	7,062 kW (3,044 kW for resort and 4,018 kW for villa) by WBSEDCL
Solar Power Utilization	73.4 kWp
D.G. Sets	2X 1000 kVA for resort and 5 X320 kVA for villa
Parking Provided	453 nos. (open parking for resort complex = 157, open parking for villa complex = 296)
Total no. of Trees	1,963 nos.
Max. Height of the Building	13.8 m
Project cost (Rs.)	Rs.145.09 crores

Chronology of the Events:

- The PP had obtained sanctioned master plan for a land parcel of 1,79,113.86 sqm. for plotted development in the year 2018. A total of 62 nos. plots for villas is mentioned in the sanction plan. No built-up area is given in the sanction plan.
- The PP obtained a revised master plan technically vetted by the District Engineer, Hooghly Zilla Parishad on a land area of 1,81,704.01 sqm. (as per Deed), 1,81,056.82 sqm. (as per survey) for construction of 62 nos. villas along with resort. The total built up area (including sanctioned and exempted areas) is equal to 57,792.93 sqm.
- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance for the proposed project and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 05.10.2023.

- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 18th meeting of the SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 08.11.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.
- The SEAC noted that a complaint has been received from Shri Ankur Sharma, Advocate against devastation of environment by the developers of “Purti Resorts” at Mouza - Somsara & Srirampur, P.S. - Dadpur, P.O. – Hanral, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN – 712149.
- Based on the application made, documents uploaded / submitted, and the presentation made by the PP/Consultant, the SEAC made the following observations:

Mandatory documents

1. Land documents (RoR) for the entire project area of 1,81,704.01 sqm. Land conversion and mutation in the name of the project proponent should be provided for all the dag nos. mentioned in the sanctioned building plan.
2. Mouza map along with land summary schedule should be submitted.
3. Concurrence from the competent authority regarding solid waste disposal, storm water and waste water discharge, if any, should be submitted.
4. DFO approved plantation plan as directed in the notification issued by SEIAA vide no. 2495/EN-T-II-I/011/2018 dated 17.12.2019 should be submitted.
5. The sanctioned building plan appears to be only technically vetted by District Engineer, Hooghly Zilla Parishad. Plan sanctioned by the competent authority should be submitted.

Water & waste water

6. Management plan for rejects from softener of WTP should be submitted. Management of any other waste from WTP should also be indicated
7. Litholog including the local ground water levels in wells should be provided. Depth of the monitored wells should be submitted. Proposal for installation of piezometer with automatic water level meter should be submitted. The design of the piezometer should also be submitted.

Rainwater harvesting

8. Rainwater recharge should be done in medium to coarse sand bed. The recharge pits should be designed accordingly.

Solar

9. Solar energy utilisation to be done through grid connection and net metering.

Need based EMP

10. EMP as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020 to be submitted. Consents from the beneficiaries of the social part of EMP should be furnished. Any other local need should be identified.

Miscellaneous

11. Safety precaution measures around the water body should be provided.

The SEAC recommended that the above documents may be submitted in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the application.

- An inspection of the project site was conducted by the SEAC on 13.12.2023 and the SEAC raised some additional queries to the PP.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 12.01.2024 along with the reply of the queries raised during the inspection of the project site, which was considered in the 25th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 17.01.2024.

- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 25th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 17.01.2024. After careful consideration and detailed deliberation, the committee observed that the PP should upload / submit the following documents in the PARIVESH portal :-
 - 1) Need-based assessment for the project in terms of O.M. of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020 does not specifically indicate the prospective beneficiaries / authorities. Consents from the beneficiaries of the social part of EMP should be furnished. Any other local need should be identified.
 - 2) The entire solar panels should be accommodated in the resort area to facilitate net metering / grid metering.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 20.02.2024, which was considered in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.

SEAC observations and recommendations:

- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 30th SEAC meeting held on 28.02.2024 and after careful consideration and detailed deliberation the committee **recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance** for the proposed project.

- III. Proposed construction of 3 Nos. G+1 Storied Building at Block A, B, C, Under Group - D Mercantile, MC – 9, Kolkata West International City, R.S. Plot No. :20 to 21, 23 to 24, 39, 41 to 45, 47 to 52, 54 to 73, 79 to 87, 89 to 91, 93 to 97, 112, 116 to 118, 121, 126 to 128, 150 to 160, 163 to 164, 216 to 218, 222 to 223, 835 to 843, 845 to 848, 60/1068, 61/1069, 62/1070, 65/1071, 66/1072 150/1073, 1305 to 1307, 1311, L.R. Plot No. : 24 to 25, 27 to 28, 37, 39 to 43, 45 to 50, 52 to 76, 82 to 90, 92 to 99, 118 to 119, 122 to 123, 126, 131 to 133, 155 to 166, 169 to 170, 222 to 224, 228 to 229, 849 to 853, 856 to 857, J.L No. : 54 and 106, Khatian No. : 985 and 1004, Mouza-Kona, Balitikuri, Bankra, Pakuria, Tetulkuli, Khalia & Salap, PO & PS-Domjur, Dist.-Howrah, West Bengal.**

Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/441704/2023
Project Proponent: M/s. Kolkata West International City Private Limited.
Environmental Consultant - M/s. Ind Tech House Consult.

Activity:

- This is a proposal for construction of 3 Nos. G+1 Storied Building at Block A, B, C, Under Group - D Mercantile, MC – 9, Kolkata West International City, Howrah over the land of 81463.220 sqm. Total built-up area of the project 63863.019 sqm.

Salient Features of the Project:

- Salient features of the proposed project as uploaded in the PARIVESH portal by the PP is given below –

Plot Area	81463.22 sqm.
Block details	3 Nos. G + One Storied Building at Block A, B, C
Expected Population (as per NBC, 2016)	2339 Nos.

Total Water requirement (as per NBC, 2016)	120.4 kLD
Fresh Water requirement	59.2 kLD
Wastewater generated	83 kLD
Wastewater recycled	During Dry season 61.2 kLD During Wet Season 44.7 kLD
Wastewater discharged	During Dry season 13.6 kLD During Wet Season 30.1 kLD
Solid waste generation & disposal (as per NBC, 2016)	0.66 TPD
Total Built-up Area	63863.019 sqm.
Ground Coverage with percentage of the total land area	32176.036 sqm. (39.5 %)
Service Area (Elec. Station, Pump Room, Security Room) with percentage of the total land area	353.640 sqm. (0.43 %)
Waterbody Area (if any), with percentage of the total land area	1379.287 sqm. (1.7 %)
Exclusive Tree Plantation Area with percentage of the total land area	16505.696 sqm. (20.26%)
Total Paved Area with percentage of the total land area	4654.095 sqm. (5.71 %)
Area for services (Deck Area)	1061.285 sqm. (1.30 %)
Other area, if any. (Over Ground Water Tank)	493.630 sqm. (0.61 %)
Open Car Parking	3303.399 sqm. (4.59 %)
Open Truck Parking	3739.066 sqm. (0.61 %)
Area For SWM	133.820 sqm. (0.16 %)
Area for STP	100.128 sqm. (0.12 %)
Roads	17563.138 sqm. (21.56 %)
Peak power demand load for the project	792 KW
Solar power plant generation in KW & % of the connected load	8 KW and more than 1 % of connected Load
No. of Parking spaces proposed	Car Parking 319 Truck Parking 83
No. of Trees proposed	700 Nos.
Backup Power	2 @ 500 KVA each
Project Cost (Rs.)	Rs.158.65 Crores

Chronology of Events:

- M/s. Kolkata West International City Pvt. Ltd. (KWIC), Howrah obtained EC vide No. 572/EN/T-II-1/126/2008 dated 09-03-2016 for their township project for a built up area of 2922411.278 sqm. on a land parcel of 367.811 acres.

- The present project proposal is within the above township.
- The Project Proponent (PP) applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 20.09.2023.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 16th meeting of SEAC, WB held on 04.10.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.
- Based on the application made, documents uploaded / submitted, and the presentation made by the PP/Consultant, the SEAC made the following observations:

Mandatory documents:

- 1) Complete land documents showing individual dag nos. and their status of conversion and mutation in the name of the project proponent.
- 2) The sanction plan by KMDA shows existence of a private land measuring about 0.33 acres completely enclosed within the land parcel. It is observed that there is no means of access for that parcel of land. The PP shall provide necessary means of public access to that land plot. The sanction plan should be revised accordingly.
- 3) The sanction plan is not in consonance with the SEIAA Notification vide no. 2495/EN/T-II-1/011/2018 dated 17.12.2019. Scaled up drawings of the STP and the rainwater harvesting tank should be shown in the sanction plan.
- 4) Concurrences regarding water supply, treated waste water and storm water discharge, solid waste disposal from the Competent Authority.
- 5) The Power of Attorney for the project has been given to M/s. Kona Logistics Park Private Limited. However, the project applicant is M/s. Kolkata West International City Private Limited. Also, M/s. Kolkata West International City Private Limited has subleased the land for the proposed project to M/s. Kona Logistics Park Private Limited. Necessary clarification regarding the above should be submitted.
- 6) LR Plot No. 119 and 45 is yet to be mutated. Mutation in the name of the PP should be submitted.
- 7) The land parcel as per the lease deed is 19.959 acres, as per ROR 20.435 acres and as per KMDA approved sanction plan it is 20.13 acres. Reasons for the discrepancies should be submitted.
- 8) Individual floor plans should be submitted.
- 9) The PP should submit a declaration regarding there will be no manufacturing or storage of chemical or any other hazardous products.
- 10) Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan should be submitted.
- 11) Salient features of the project to be submitted.

Green Belt Development

- 12) The plantation plan has been certified by the Forest Range Officer. DFO approved plantation plan should be submitted.

Water and wastewater:

- 13) The STP capacity mentioned in the sanction plan is of 80 kLD. However, the STP proposal submitted is 100 kLD. Necessary clarification regarding the above should be submitted. Scaled up drawings for STP should be submitted. Expected water quality at inlet and outlet should be submitted.

- 14) Discharge of treated wastewater into the canal should be permitted by competent authority.
- 15) Separate water balances are required for dry and rainy season.
- 16) It appears that there is a mixing/ confusion over rainwater and storm water management. It should be properly addressed and to be clarified.
- 17) Piezometer should be installed to continuously monitor the groundwater level by installing automatic water level meter. The lithological log of the piezometer and ground water level should be submitted with compliance reports.
- 18) Smart flow water meter with totalizer at inlet for fresh water, for inlet, recycle and discharge of wastewater/ treated wastewater with provision for water quality monitoring at all such points.
- 19) As per NBC, 2016, in the schedule water supply, for mercantile buildings the population calculation has been given as 1 person of 3 m² of street floor and sales basement areas + 1 person per 6 m² of upper sale floors. However, the population calculation submitted is given as 30 persons per sqm. Revised population calculation should be submitted as per NBC, 2016.
- 20) Environmental Management Plan for waterbodies should be submitted. Embankment preservation should be done as per guidelines.

Rainwater Harvesting :

- 21) Detailed design with pit-log of rainwater harvesting recharge structure should be submitted. A clear description of the rainwater harvesting plan vis-a-vis the storm water management plan should be submitted.
- 22) Scaled up drawings of the rainwater harvesting tank and borewell should be uploaded.
- 23) Only rooftop area should be considered for rainwater harvesting. Storm water from the yard should not be taken to any rainwater recharge structure for possible recharge. Calculation for the quantity of rainwater to be harvested should be recast.
- 24) First flush divertor for rainwater harvesting to be installed.

Solar:

- 25) Roof plan with solar PV array should be submitted.

Need-based activities

- 26) EMP as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020 to be submitted. Consents from the beneficiaries of the social part of EMP should be furnished. Any other local need should be identified.

The SEAC recommended that the above documents may be submitted in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the application.

- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 14.11.2023, which was considered in the 19th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 22.11.2023.
- Based on the submission made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the PP has not submitted specific replies to the queries raised. Therefore, the PP is requested to submit specific and proper replies to the above-mentioned queries.

- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 19.12.2023, which was considered in the 23rd meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 03.01.2024.
- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 23rd meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 03.01.2024. After careful consideration and detailed deliberation, the committee deferred the proposed project for further consideration in the next SEAC meeting.
- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 25th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 17.01.2024. After careful consideration and detailed deliberation, the committee observed that the LR Plot Nos. 119 and 45 is yet to be mutated. Mutation in the name of the PP should be submitted.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 16.02.2024, which was considered in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.

SEAC observations and recommendations:

- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 30th SEAC meeting held on 28.02.2024 and observed that the mutation in the name of the PP is yet to be done. Therefore, the PP is once again requested to submit the mutation of all the plots in the name of the PP.

The SEAC recommended that the above documents may be submitted in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the application.

All the documents should be duly signed both by the project proponent and the environmental consultant.

The SEAC will further consider the case on submission of satisfactory reply on the above-mentioned queries only through “PARIVESH” portal.

IV. Proposed setting up of Medical Institution and Hospital Building of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani at Mouza – Basantpur, JL No. 90, LR Plot No. 83 & Mouza – Ghoragacha, JL No. 91, LR Plot No. 124 & 389, PS – Chakdah, Dist – Nadia, West Bengal. (VIOLATION CASE)

Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/401336/2022

Project Proponent - M/s. HSCC India Limited.

Environmental Consultant - M/s. Ultra Tech.

Activity:

- This is a proposal for setting up of Medical Institution and Hospital Building of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani.

Salient Features

- Salient features of the proposed project as uploaded in the PARIVESH portal may be summed up as below –

Block details	As per Table given below			
	Buildings	Floors	Total Ground Coverage area (Sq.m)	Total Build-up Area (Sq.m)

Institutional Area				
1.	OPD Block Phase I	G+5	7685.9	30701.15
2.	Hospital Block	G+5	22574.16	88548.08
3.	Ayush Block	G+1	1932.16	3290.39
4.	Admin	G+1	1461.04	2476.16
5.	Library	G+2	971.04	2337.26
6.	Medical College Labs Block	G+6	3208.48	15788.26
7.	Medical College Offices	G+4	804.86	3858.86
8.	Connecting Corridor	G	317.00	317.00
9.	Nursing College	G+4	804.86	3846.78
10.	Auditorium	G+4	2446.29	6398.14
Residential Area				
1	UG Hostel (Male)	G+12	417.00	4910.70
2	UG Hostel (Female)	G+5	417.00	2334.10
3	PG Hostel (Male)	G+13	575.30	7012.00
4	PG Hostel (Female)	G+11	351.50	3427.50
5	PG Hostel (Married)	G+13	570.80	6640.90
6	Nursing Hostel (Female)	G+12	569.90	6628.50
7	Nursing Hostel (Male)	G+12	346.00	3778.30
8	Amenities Block 1	G	684.20	684.20
9	Amenities Block 2	G	845.20	845.20
10	Staff Housing Type 2 (2 Blocks)	G+8	498.50	8736.80
11	Staff Housing Type 3	G+2	581.30	1686.54
12	Staff Housing Type 4	G+5	616.90	3196.70
13	Staff Housing Type 5	G+5	860.30	5047.01
14	Director's Bungalow	G+1	257.80	436.50
15	Guest House	G+1	2114.40	3067.77
16	Dharamshala Block	G+1	1084.67	2138.36
Service Area				
1	STP 1	B	800.00	800.00
2	UGT 1	B	360.00	360.00
3	UGT 1	B	360.00	360.00
4	Electrical Substation 1 cum utility block	G	210.00	210.00

	5	Electrical Substation 2	G	150.00	150.00
	6	Electrical Substation 3	G	150.00	150.00
	7	Electrical Substation 4	G	60.00	60.00
	8	ESS-1 Expansion	G	1866.93	1866.93
	9	STP-2	G	696.72	696.72
	Total			57650.21	222786.81
Expected Population		Outdoor Patients 900 Bangalow- 9 Guest House – 28 Staff Housing (Type 2, 3,4 & 5) – 855 Hostel (7 no) – 1397 Fire station – 34 Market place Amenities – 103 Main Utility Block – 209 Hospital Beds – 960 Hospital Staff + Patient Attendants – 5760 Floating Population/Visitor – 960 O & M – 220 Administration -245 Nursing College – 542 medical College – 542 medical College office – 303 Library – 150 Auditorium - 3839 Total – 17056 persons			

Salient Features of the project :-

Features	As per Stipulated Conditions for EC vide No. 2279/EN/T-II-1/002/2018 dated 21.11.2019	As per Sanction Plan
Total Land area for development	727731 sqm (179.82 Acres).	727731 sqm (179.82 Acres).
Total Built-up area	222786.81 sq.m	222786.81 sq.m
Ground coverage with percentage of the total land area	57650.21 sq.m (7.9% of Land Area)	57650.21 sq.m (7.9% of Land Area)
Service area with percentage of the total land area	4653.65 sq.m (0.6% of Land Area)	4653.65 sq.m (0.6% of Land Area)
Exclusive Tree Plantation Area with percentage of the total land area	145546.2 sq.m (20% of Land Area)	145546.2 sq.m (20% of Land Area)
Other green area with percentage of the total land area	94430.5 sq.m (13% of Land Area)	94430.5 sq.m (13% of Land Area)
Total Paved Area with percentage of the total land area	68981 sq.m (9.5% of Land Area)	68981 sq.m (9.5% of Land Area)
Other Open Area with percentage of the total land area	356469.4 sq.m (49.0% of Land Area)	356469.4 sq.m (49.0% of Land Area)
No. of Beds	960 nos.	960 nos.
Total Water requirement	4185 kLD	3500 kLD (from PHE Haringhata,

Features	As per Stipulated Conditions for EC vide No. 2279/EN/T-II-1/002/2018 dated 21.11.2019	As per Sanction Plan
		Kalyani supply)
Fresh Water requirement	4185 kLD	2603 kLD
Wastewater generated	2170 kLD	906 kLD
Treated Wastewater Recycled	1960 kLD	897 kLD
Treated Wastewater Discharge	210 KLD will be discharged to common sewer after treatment in the STP	618 KLD will be discharged to nearby canal after treatment from STP only in monsoon season.
Solid Waste disposal	3927.9 kg/day Bio Medical Waste – 1603 kg/day Total 5530 kg/day	Municipal Solid Waste – 3158 kg/day Bio Medical Waste – 360 kg/day Total 3518 kg/day
Total project cost (Rs.)	Rs. 1200 Crores	Rs.1007.15 crores
Electricity Load	14 MVA Source: WBSEDCL	14 MVA Source: WBSEDCL
D.G. Sets for Back Up power	DG Sets 6 (5x 2 MVA & 1x 1 MVA)	DG Sets 6 (5x 2 MVA & 1x 1 MVA)
Total no. of trees	9096 nos.	As per DFO approved plantation plan.
Car Parking Provided	2999 nos.	Required: 2708 Provided: 2999

Chronology of the event:

- Earlier the project proponent (PP) had received stipulated conditions for EC vide letter No. 2279/EN/T-II-1/002/2018 dated 21.11.2019.
- The PP applied in prescribed format for Terms of Reference under violation category and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 19.07.2022 and as per the recommendation of SEAC, SEIAA issued ToR under violation category vide No 1783/EN/T-II-1/048/2022 dated 23.08.2022.
- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance under violation category by submitting Final EIA report and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 06.10.2022.
- The SEAC recommended for Environmental Clearance under violation category for the project in the 54th SEAC meeting held on 19.10.2022 and forwarded the proposal before the SEIAA.
- The total amount (RP&NCRAP + Penalty) to be submitted by the PP was fixed at **Rs. 5.03575 crores + Rs. 10.0715 crores = Rs.15.10725 crores** (Rupees Fifteen Crores Ten Lakhs Seventy-Two Thousand and Five Hundred) only.
- SEIAA considered the proposal in its 79th meeting held on 10.11.2022 and deferred the proposal for additional information.
- The PP uploaded their reply on 12.02.2024 in the portal.
- SEIAA received a letter from Mr. Satish Kumar, Sr. Manager (Civil), M/s. HSCC (India) Limited vide No. HSCC/AIIMS Kalyani/2023 dated 22.09.2023 for waiver of penalty & NCRAP and exemption of EC for AIIMS, Kalyani and decided to forward the letter to MoEF&CC for clarification on requirement of prior EC for the proposed project.

- SEIAA considered the ADS reply uploaded by the project proponent on 12.02.2024 as well as the letter dated 05.02.2024 from MoEF&CC and decided to refer back the application to SEAC in its 32nd meeting held on 16.02.2024 for revisiting the amount calculated for penalty and remediation plan and NCRAP in light of the guidance issued by MoEF&CC. However, SEIAA also noted *“the Hon’ble Supreme Court through its order dated 02.01.2024 and 02.02.2024 has stayed the operation of O.M. dated 07.07.2021 and 20.01.2022 issued by MoEF&CC till further orders. Hence, we are to abide by the same and the project being a violation, the final decision for EC can only be taken by SEIAA on vacation of the above stated orders.”*

SEAC observations and recommendations:

- The matter is placed in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB held on 28.02.2024 and after careful consideration and detailed deliberation the committee observed that, considering the O.M. dated 08.01.2024 of MoEF&CC, wherein it is mentioned that the Hon’ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No. 1394/2023 titled Vanashakti vs. Union of India, has stayed the operation of both the Office Memoranda dated 7th July, 2021 and dated 28th January 2022 issued by the MoEF&CC, the proposal for ToR under violation category cannot be processed further at this stage. Accordingly, **the proposal is referred back to SEIAA.**

V. Proposed Residential Complex ‘Utsodhaara HIG-1’ at Plot No. – HIG-1 at Utsodhaara: Teesta Township, JL No. 02, Mouza- Dabgram, Block- Rajganj, P.S.- New Jalpaiguri, P.O.- Satellite Township, Pin – 734015.

Proposal No.

SIA/WB/INFRA2/412503/2022

Project Proponent -

M/s. Ambuja Neotia Teesta Development Pvt. Ltd.

Environmental Consultant -

M/s. Centre for Sustainable Development.

Activity:

- This is a proposal for a single residential block - B+G+13 storied. It consists of 6 wings having Podium of G storied. Wings – A, B, C, D, E, F – Residential with total Built-up Area of the project is 61,805.40 sq.m. Total Land area of the project is 14,705.69 sq.m. Total no. of flats 310 flats.

Salient Features of the project:

- Salient features of the proposed project as uploaded by the PP in the PARIVESH portal is as below –

Total land area	14,705.69 sq.m
No. of stories	1 Residential block - B+G+13 storied - It consists of 6 wings Podium of G storied. (Wings – A, B, C, D, E, F – Residential)
No. of Flats	310 flats
Total Population	Residents - 1,964 persons Residential Floating - 196 persons Service staff - 80 persons Total - 2,240 persons
Source of Water	Groundwater supply

Total Water Requirement (Operation Stage)	299 KLD
Fresh Water requirement	182 KLD
Treated Wastewater Recycled	110 KLD
Treated Wastewater Discharge	103 KLD
Treated Wastewater generated	213 KLD
Wastewater Generation	217 KLD
Roof Top Rainwater Reused	7 kLD
Total Solid Waste disposal	0.615 tonnes/day
Total Built-up area	61,805.40 sq.m
Plinth Area at Ground Floor Level	7,229.54 sq.m (49.16% of Land Area)
Exclusive Tree plantation area	2,966.82 sq.m (20.17% of Land Area)
Paved area	1,349.76 sq.m (9.18% of Land Area)
Internal Road Area	2,962.47 sq.m (20.15% of Land Area)
Service area	197.10 sq.m (1.34% of Land Area)
Electricity Load	1,745.6 kW by WBSEDCL
D.G. Sets for Back Up power	1 no. of 500 kVA + 1 no. of 400 kVA
Car Parking Provided	361 nos. car (Ground covered - 183, Ground open - 60, Basement - 118) 310 nos. two wheeler (Ground covered - 132, Basement - 178)
Total no. of trees	225 nos.
Total project cost (Rs.)	Rs. 102 Crores

Chronology of the event:

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 19.01.2023.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 65th SEAC meeting held on 08.02.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the committee recommended that the following submission / clarifications should be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal by the project proponent for further consideration :-
 - i) Detailed land document showing land conversion and mutation in the name of the project proponent for the Plot No. R.S. 214(P), 215(P), 51(P), 52(P), 53(P), 216(P), 217(P), 218(P), 220(P), 221(P), 222(P), HIG-1.
 - ii) Concurrence from the concerned authority for storm water discharge.
 - iii) The grant of permission for construction by SJDA mentions the project as 15 storied residential building, whereas the application is submitted for B+G+13 storied building.
 - iv) The clearance from AAI as submitted by the PP mentions the proposal as G+X storied residential building at HIG-1, whereas the application is submitted for B+G+13 storied building.
 - v) Impact of the basement on the shallow ground water flow.
 - vi) Display board indicating environmental parameters and beneficiaries of the social part of EMP should be installed.
 - vii) The PP shall install the following :-
 - a) Solar smart meter for recording generation.

- b) Smart flow water meter with totalizer at inlet for fresh water, for inlet, recycle and discharge of wastewater/ treated wastewater with provision for water quality monitoring at all such points.
 - c) Sensor based water quality management system.
 - d) STP with the data for inlet / outlet along with discharge quality. Flowsheets for STP should clearly indicate details of disinfection – related drawings should be consistent.
 - e) Ambient air quality monitoring station. Mist cannon to be provided for dust control in the locality. Height of the ambient air quality monitoring station to be as per CPCB norms.
 - f) Ambient noise quality monitoring station.
- Plan in this regard should be provided.
- viii) Plan and flowsheet for distributing rainwater to the harvesting reservoir and recharge structures. Regular monitoring of the water level by constructing a piezometer is necessary for examining the efficacy of recharge.
 - ix) Proposal for ground water recharge to be recasted and submitted as discussed in the meeting.
 - x) Details of the disposal of solid waste to be submitted.
 - xi) Details regarding method for disinfection discharged effluent to be submitted.
- The PP had submitted reply on 10.03.2023 in PARIVESH Portal, which was considered by the SEAC in its 70th meeting held on 15.03.2023.
 - Based on the submission made by the PP, the committee accepted the final proposal consisting of various environmental parameters and salient features of the project and **recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.**
 - SEIAA had considered the proposal in its meetings dated 13.04.2023, 25.04.2023, 09.06.2023, 06.10.2023 and 23.02.2024. The PP was requested to appear for a hearing before SEIAA on 23.02.2024. The following minutes was uploaded -
'SEIAA vide in its meeting dated 13.04.2023, 25.04.2023, 09.06.2023 and 06.10.2023 raised ADS communicating to the PP to apply for EC of the entire township. This inference was drawn on the basis of LUCC of Utsodhaara - Teesta Township submitted by the PP along with other documents. The LUCC mentions maximum permissible FAR area (Floor Area Ratio) as 6,32,665.81 sqm. PP in reply to ADS claimed that for township project EIA notification mentions only built-up area and not FAR area. Therefore, the project would not come under item 8(b) of the schedule of EIA notification'
 - SEIAA referred back the application for EC to SEAC for reappraisal.

SEAC observations and recommendations on reappraisal :

- The SEAC in its 30th meeting held on 28.02.2024 reconsidered the proposal of the PP once again, as requested by SEIAA vide its meeting dated 23.02.2024. SEAC deliberated on the decisions taken by SEIAA in their meetings dated 13.04.2023, 25.04.2023, 09.06.2023, 06.10.2024 and 23.02.2024. Also, the various submission of the PP was considered by SEAC during the meeting. Following points emerged during the deliberation :-

1. The township project in which the present proposal of 'Utsodhaara HIG-1' proposed, is of area 81.19 acres (32.86 ha) which is well below the threshold limit of 50 ha. for applicability of Environmental Clearance under 8(b) category of the schedule of EIA Notification, 2006.
2. The Land Use Compatibility Certificate (LUCC) for the development of township as approved by the Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) clearly mentions about the sub-division of land for development of township project. HIDCO has granted Completion Certificate for development of sewerage network, fresh water supply, recycled water supply, electrical scheme, solid waste management and certified that the township is fit for construction for building subject to sanction of building plan from the appropriate authority.
3. The PP also applied for Consent to Establish under Air and Water Act for the entire township to the WBPCB as Infrastructure Development project for the township.
4. LUCC plan as approved by SJDA indicates that permissible FAR and FAR area of each individual plot adds upto 6,32,665.81 sqm. Most of these plots have area less than 1000 sqm. Only a few plots have area more than 1000 sqm. The LUCC plan only mentions about permissible FAR area. There is no mention about the built-up area in the LUCC. Only sanctioned building plan mentions about the built up area of a project based on which it can be considered for applicability either under 8(a) or 8(b) category of EC.
5. It is also mentioned in the LUCC that separate applications have to be submitted for obtaining permission for development of individual buildings within the township as per provisions of West Bengal Town and Country (Planning & Development) Act, 1979 along with payment of required development charges.
6. The Notification issued by SEIAA vide No. 2495/EN/T-II-1/011/2018 dated 17.12.2019 clearly states that SEIAA decided to issue EC based on sanction plan only for applications received from 01.01.2020.
7. The PP, M/s. Ambuja Neotia Teesta Development Pvt. Ltd., has applied for EC for their project 'Utsodhaara HIG-1' within the township in a plot of area 14,705.69 sq.m. for construction of one Residential Block - B+G+13 storied having total built up area 61,805.40 sq.m.

Considering the overall scenario of the project, SEAC is of the opinion that the township in question does not come under the purview of 8(b) of schedule of the EIA Notification since the township area is less than 50 ha. The submitted application by the PP for HIG-1, which is for one Residential Block - B+G+13 storied having total built up area 61,805.40 sq.m. on a plot area 14,705.69 sq.m. is once again **recommended for EC and forward to SEIAA under 8(a) category.**

2.1.2) Mining of Minerals :

- I. **Proposed MIN_APD_21 sand mine over an area of 6.90 ha (17.04 acres) on Raidak II River at Mouza: Gochimari, J.L. No.: 21, Plot No.: 770, P.S. & Block : Kumargram, District: Alipurduar, West Bengal.**

Proposal No.

SIA/WB/MIN/451674/2023

Project Proponent -

M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development And

Environmental Consultant -

Trading Corporation Limited.

M/s. Centre for Envotech and Management
Consultancy Private Limited**Activities:**

- This is a proposal for river bed sand mine of MIN_APD_21 Sand Mines over an area of 6.90 ha (17.04 Acres) on the Raidak II River at Mouza: Gochimari, J.L. No.: 21, Plot No.: 770, P.S. and Block : Kumargram, Dist –Alipurduar, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Provisional Grant Order for Sand Blocks vide Memo No. 04(I/301012/2022)-ICE-12011(99)/27/2022-MINES SEC-Dept of ICE Dated 03.01.2023.
- As required under the West Bengal Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, the PP got a composite 'Mining Plan' prepared for proposed sand Mine at the site by an RQP. The Plan has been approved by the State Government on 11.04.2023 and the approved plan has been uploaded at the PARIVESH portal by the PP.
- The production details as mentioned in the Mining Plan is given below :-

Year	Total Area (ha)	Thickness(m)	Replenishment Rate%	Geological Resource (cu.m)
1	6.90	3	100	207000
2	6.90	2.5104	83.68	173217.60
3	6.90	2.5104	83.68	173217.60
4	6.90	2.5104	83.68	173217.60
5	6.90	2.5104	83.68	173217.60
Total Geological Resource				899870.40

Leaving aside the safety berms and barriers, and taking into account the rate of replenishment, the mineable reserves are estimated as below:

Year	Average Mineable Area (ha)	Thickness	Replenishment Rate (%)	Mineable Reserve (cu.m)	Annual Production (cu.m)
1	5.66	3	100	169800	169800
2	5.66	2.5104	83.68	142088.64	142088.64
3	5.66	2.5104	83.68	142088.64	142088.64
4	5.66	2.5104	83.68	142088.64	142088.64
5	5.66	2.5104	83.68	142088.64	142088.64
Total Mineable Reserve (cu.m)				738154.56	738154.56

- The PP has uploaded pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.
- The PP has uploaded non-cluster certificate from the competent authority. **The sand block does not form a cluster with any adjacent sand block.**
- The PP has informed that there is no court case pending against the project.
- The PP has submitted the requisite EC processing fees as required under Notification No 924/T-II-1/021/2022 dated 23.05.2022 issued by Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal.

Chronology of Events

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Terms of Reference and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 21.04.2023 (proposal no. SIA/WB/MIN/426908/2023).
- The PP obtained Terms of Reference issued by SEIAA vide No. 1262/EN-T-II-1/378/2023 dated 05.07.2023.
- Public Hearing was conducted by WBPCB on 29.09.2023.
- The PP applied for EC in prescribed format and uploaded final EIA report in the PARIVESH portal on 20.11.2023.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 20th meeting SEAC, WB held on 29.11.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the committee observed that the plot area for the proposed project as per the geo-coordinates mentioned in the approved Mining cum Progressive Mine Closure Plan **falls within the potential mining zone** recorded in the approved District Survey Report (DSR) of Alipurduar district.
- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 20th SEAC meeting held on 29.11.2023 and after careful consideration and detailed deliberation the committee recommended that the PP should submit a satellite imagery map showing the boundary of eco-sensitive zone with respect to the project area to confirm that the project area does not fall within ESZ of Buxa National Park.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 01.01.2024, which was considered in the 24th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 10.01.2024.
- The SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the PP in the 24th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 10.01.2024. It is observed that the proposed project is located in close proximity of the Buxa Tiger Reserve as submitted by the PP. After careful consideration and detailed deliberation, the committee decided that the distance of the project from the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve should be certified by the competent authority.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 19.02.2024, which was considered in the 30th meeting of SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.

SEAC observations and recommendations:

- The SEAC after careful consideration and detailed deliberation the committee once again recommended that the location of the project from the Eco-Sensitive Zone should be certified by the PCCF.

The SEAC recommended that the above document may be submitted in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the application.

All the documents should be duly signed both by the project proponent and the environmental consultant.

The SEAC will further consider the case on submission of satisfactory reply on the above-mentioned queries only through "PARIVESH" portal.

- II. **Proposed Mirik Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_DJ_27) over an area of 4.80 ha (11.86 Acres) in the Chenga River at Mouza – Manjha, JL No. 4, Plot No. 132 & 141 and Mouza – Panighata, JI No. 5, Plot No. 06 & 07, PS – Mirik, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

Proposal No.

SIA/WB/MIN/435925/2023

Project Proponent -

M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited.

Environmental Consultant -

M/s. Indian Mine Planners and Consultants.

Activities:

- This is a proposal for Mirik Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_DJ_27) over an area of 4.80 ha (11.86 Acres) in the Chenga River at Mouza – Manjha, JL No. 4, Plot No. 132 & 141 and Mouza – Panighata, JI No. 5, Plot No. 06 & 07, PS – Mirik, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Provisional Grant Order for Sand Blocks vide Memo No. 261-ICE-12011(99)/27/2022-MINES Dated 20.04.2023.
- As required under the West Bengal Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, the PP got a composite 'Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan' for riverbed sand mining at the site prepared by an RQP. The Plan has been approved by the State Government on 27.06.2023 and the approved plan has been uploaded at the PARIVESH portal by the PP.
- The production details as mentioned in the Mining Plan is given below :-

Geological Reserve:

Total Area (ha)	Safety Zone (ha)	Production area (ha)	Thickness (m)
4.80	1.25	3.55	1.00

Year	Total Area (ha)	Total Area (m²)	Thickness (m)	Replenishment Rate (%)	Geological Resource (cu.m)
1 st	4.80	48,000	100	100	48,000
2 nd	4.80	48,000	0.78	78.0	37440.00
3 rd	4.80	48,000	0.78	78.0	37440.00
4 th	4.80	48,000	0.78	78.0	37440.00
5 th	4.80	48,000	0.78	78.0	37440.00
Total Geological Reserve (Cu.M)					197760.00
Total Geological Reserve (C.Ft.)					0.698 Cr

Mineable Reserves

Year	Total Area (ha)	Total Area (m ²)	Thickness (m)	Replenishment Rate (%)	Mineable Reserve (cu.m)
1 st	3.55	35,500.00	1.00	100	35500.00
2 nd	3.55	35,500.00	0.78	78.0	27960.00
3 rd	3.55	35,500.00	0.78	78.0	27960.00
4 th	3.55	35,500.00	0.78	78.0	27960.00
5 th	3.55	35,500.00	0.78	78.0	27960.00
Total Mineable Reserve (Cu.M)					146340.00
Total Mineable Reserve (C.Ft.)					0.517 Cr.

The Mineable Reserves separately for sand and gravels/pebbles is furnished below:

Year	Mineable Reserve (cu.m)	Percentage of Gravel & Pebbles (%)	Volume of Gravel & Pebbles (Cu.M)	Volume of Sand (Cu.M)
1 st	35,500.00	40	14200.00	21300.00
2 nd	27960.00	40	11184.00	16776.00
3 rd	27960.00	40	11184.00	16776.00
4 th	27960.00	40	11184.00	16776.00
5 th	27960.00	40	11184.00	16776.00
Total Mineable Reserve (Cu.M)			58936.00	88404.00

- The PP has uploaded pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.
- The PP has uploaded non-cluster certificate from the competent authority. **The sand block does not form a cluster with any adjacent sand block.**
- The PP has submitted an undertaking regarding need-based EMP.
- The PP has informed that there is no court case pending against the project.
- The PP has submitted the requisite EC processing fees as required under Notification No 924/T-II-1/021/2022 dated 23.05.2022 issued by Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal.

Chronology of Events

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 07.07.2023.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 9th meeting SEAC, WB held on 26.07.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that **the entire plot area** for the proposed project as per the geo-coordinates mentioned in the approved Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan **falls within the potential mining zone** recorded in the approved District Survey Report (DSR) of Darjeeling district.
- However, the SEAC observed that Mouza – Panighata is designated as hilly area according to the West Bengal Act XIII of 1988. Hence, the mine working depth should be

limited to 1.0 metre below the riverbed level. Revised reserves based on the above, approved by the competent authority, should be submitted.

- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 07.11.2023, which was considered in the 19th meeting SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 22.11.2023.
- Based on the submission made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the PP has not submitted specific replies to the query raised. Therefore, the PP is requested to submit the revised documents as mentioned above.
- The project proponent uploaded their reply in PARIVESH Portal on 20.02.2024, which was considered in the 30th meeting SEAC, WB (2023-2026) held on 28.02.2024.

SEAC observations and recommendations:

- The SEAC after careful consideration and detailed deliberation the committee recommended that the revised reserves should be incorporated in the approved Mine and Mine Closure Plan and the PP should upload the same in the portal.

The SEAC recommended that the above documents may be submitted in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the application.

All the documents should be duly signed both by the project proponent and the environmental consultant.

The SEAC will further consider the case on submission of satisfactory reply on the above-mentioned queries only through “PARIVESH” portal.

Table-1 : List of the projects which were placed before the SEAC, WB (2023-2026) in the thirtieth meeting held on 28.02.2024 and the Summary Decisions thereof:

Sl. No.	Name of the unit and Project address	Summary Decision
1. Technical Presentations		
1.1) Terms of Reference		
1.1.1) Industry Sector		
I.	M/s. Mechfast Engineering Private Limited. Proposed Structural Re-Rolling Mill Steel Plant at R. S. & L. R. Plot No. - 2849, 2861, 2862/3380, Mouza – Mondalpur, J. L. No. - 37, Jamuria Industrial Estate, P. S. - Jamuria, P. O. - Mondalpur, District - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND1/437101/2023)	Rejected.
2. Reconsideration Proposals		
2.1) Environmental Clearance		
2.1.1) Construction Sector		
I.	M/s. Global Mercantile Private Limited. Proposed Hotel cum Commercial Complex at South Side of Uttarayan “The New Township”, Siliguri, Plot No. – 759, 803, 805, 808, 809, 810, 811, Khatian No. – 1262, JL No. – 86, Mouza – Ujjanu, Block & PS – Matigara, under Patharghata Gram Panchayat, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/453862/2023)	Additional Details Sought

Sl. No.	Name of the unit and Project address	Summary Decision
II.	M/s. Purti Hotels And Resorts Private Limited Proposed development of a residential & resort complex project comprising of villas, guest rooms alongwith recreational and hospitality facilities at Dag No. - 155, 161 – 164, 210, 399 – 401, 403 - 414, 418 – 420, 422 – 442, 454, 455, 458 - 460, 462 – 505, 513, 578 – 580, 583 – 586, 588 – 597, 604, 605, Mouza - Somsara & Srirampur, P.S. - Dadpur, P.O. – Hanral, Dadpur Gram Panchayat, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN – 712149, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/446647/2023)	Recommended for Environmental Clearance
III.	M/s. Kolkata West International City Private Limited. Proposed construction of 3 Nos. G+1 Storied Building at Block A, B, C, Under Group - D Mercantile, MC – 9, Kolkata West International City, R.S. Plot No. :20 to 21, 23 to 24, 39, 41 to 45, 47 to 52, 54 to 73, 79 to 87, 89 to 91, 93 to 97, 112, 116 to 118, 121, 126 to 128, 150 to 160, 163 to 164, 216 to 218, 222 to 223, 835 to 843, 845 to 848, 60/1068, 61/1069, 62/1070, 65/1071, 66/1072 150/1073, 1305 to 1307, 1311, L.R. Plot No. : 24 to 25, 27 to 28, 37, 39 to 43, 45 to 50, 52 to 76, 82 to 90, 92 to 99, 118 to 119, 122 to 123, 126, 131 to 133, 155 to 166, 169 to 170, 222 to 224, 228 to 229, 849 to 853, 856 to 857, J.L No. : 54 and 106, Khatian No. : 985 and 1004, Mouza-Kona, Balitikuri, Bankra, Pakuria, Tetulkuli, Khalia & Salap, PO & PS-Domjur, Dist.- Howrah, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/441704/2023)	Additional Details Sought
IV.	M/s. HSCC India Limited Proposed setting up of Medical Institution and Hospital Building of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani at Mouza – Basantpur, JL No. 90, LR Plot No. 83 & Mouza – Ghoragacha, JL No. 91, LR Plot No. 124 & 389, PS – Chakdah, Dist – Nadia, West Bengal. (VIOLATION CASE). (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/401336/2022)	Referred back to SEIAA
V.	M/s. Ambuja Neotia Teesta Development Pvt. Ltd. Proposed Residential Complex 'Utsodhaara HIG-1' at Plot No. – HIG-1 at Utsodhaara: Teesta Township, JL No. 02, Mouza- Dabgram, Block- Rajganj, P.S.- New Jalpaiguri, P.O.- Satellite Township, Pin – 734015. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/412503/2022)	Recommended for EC and forwarded to SEIAA
2.1.2) Mining of Minerals		
I.	M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development And Trading Corporation Limited Proposed MIN_APD_21 sand mine over an area of 6.90 ha (17.04 acres) on Raidak II River at Mouza: Gochimari, J.L. No.: 21, Plot No.: 770, P.S. & Block : Kumargram, District: Alipurduar, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/451674/2023)	Additional Details Sought

Sl. No.	Name of the unit and Project address	Summary Decision
II.	M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development And Trading Corporation Limited Proposed Mirik Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_DJ_27) over an area of 4.80 ha (11.86 Acres) in the Chenga River at Mouza – Manjha, JL No. 4, Plot No. 132 & 141 and Mouza – Panighata, JI No. 5, Plot No. 06 & 07, PS – Mirik, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/435925/2023)	Additional Details Sought

There being no other agenda the Chair thanked the members present for their fruitful participation and deliberations. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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