

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, CHANDIGARH (UT) HELD ON 26.06.2020 TO APPRIASE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE/TERMS OF REFERENCE OF PROJECTS.**

A meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Union Territory, Chandigarh was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 3:00 PM in the conference hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of Sh. Srishti Pal Vasudeva, IFS (Retd.) to appraise environmental clearance/ terms of reference of the two listed projects. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Sh. Jatinder Singh Kamyotra, Member  
Ex-Director, CPCB
2. Sh. Debendra Dalai, IFS Member Secretary  
Director, Department of Environment,  
Chandigarh Administration
3. Dr. H.C. Sharma Secretary, SEAC  
Scientist 'SD', Department of Environment,  
Chandigarh Administration
4. Sh. Vivek Pandey, Special Invitee  
Scientist B, CPCC

The meeting started with Member Secretary, SEIAA, Chandigarh (UT) welcoming and appraising the Committee members about the projects placed in the agenda for meeting. Thereafter agenda items were taken up with Sh. J.S. Kamyotra participating in the meeting on line.

**Agenda 1: "Proposed Construction of U.T. Employees Housing Scheme at Sector 53, Chandigarh" to be constructed by the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB). (SIA/CH/NCP/88381/2018):**

It was informed that the project proposal was considered by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in its meeting held on 11.03.2019 and after detailed deliberations, the committee recommended changes/modifications/suggestions to be incorporated in the project and to reconsider the project in the next meeting. In the next meeting of SEAC, Chandigarh held on 06.05.2019, the committee after detailed discussion unanimously recommended the grant of Environment Clearance to the Project for Construction of U.T. Employees Housing Scheme at Sector 53, Chandigarh. The delay in considering the project by State Authority happened because of time taken in its reconstitution and that of SEAC notified only on 30.01.2020 by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India.

Sh. Ajay Grover (S.E.), Sh. C.J. Bansal (EE), Sh. Amarjeet Singh (EE) and other team members from the Chandigarh Housing Board were present before the authority for detailed presentation and explanation of the project. After presentation by the project proponent, and detailed discussion State Environment Impact Assessment Authority keeping in view of recommendation of SEAC, decided to grant Environment Clearance to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the project "Proposed Construction of U.T. Employees Housing Scheme at Sector 53, Chandigarh" with additional conditions as given below:

1. Natural Walking trails should be provided within the area earmarked for greenbelt.
2. Maximum area should be kept under green belt (tree cover) and few playing equipment for the children be provided in the greenbelt area. Landscaping,

area earmarked for park and ornamental plants shall not form part of green belt.

3. Possibility of maximum usage of solar energy should be explored. Utilization of at least 50 KWP solar energy through rooftop SPV Plant along with additional use for other purposes was recommended; for instance, the boundary wall lights etc. may be based on solar power.
4. Wherever possible at least one row of tree saplings should be planted all along the boundary and green belt should have maximum tree coverage.
5. The sewage generated from the complex shall be treated to comply with BOD norms of <10mg/l, suspended solids <10mg/l and total coliform 100MPN/100 ml.
6. The treated sewage shall be reused in the complex for toilet flushing, green belt development, car washing, etc.
7. Dual plumbing line should be laid for use of treated sewage in flushing operations
8. Only LED lights shall be used for streets & corridors lighting and lighting along the boundary wall.
9. Fly ash bricks/blocks shall be used for construction in place of clay bricks. Minimum 50% of the total input materials should be made up of fly ash.
10. A proper traffic management plan shall be put in place to avoid traffic congestion on the road especially during morning and evening hours.

#### **Agenda 2: "Development/re-development of Chandigarh Railway Station on the Indian Railway Network" (SIA/CH/NCP/24448/2018):**

It was informed that initially this project proposal was received online dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The proposal was considered by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Chandigarh in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the recommendation for issuance of Terms of Reference (ToR) was forwarded to SEIAA, Chandigarh dated 25.05.2018. The same was placed before the authority in the meeting dated 28.06.2018; wherein the project proponent informed that addition of provision of EWS housing in the project was approved by their competent authority and they want to add the same accordingly in the present project. The SEIAA, Chandigarh considered this and unanimously decided to transfer back the proposal to the SEAC, Chandigarh for re-consideration with the updated plan and formulation of ToR. Reference was sent to CGM, IRSDC vide letter dated 10.7.2018 to re-appear before SEAC, Chandigarh with the updated project. Subsequently, project proponents decided not to include the provision of EWS housing in the project and submitted an undertaking in this regard vide letter dated 11.03.2020. Accordingly the case was placed in today's meeting of SEIAA.

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Sh. Balbir Singh, CGM, Indian Railways Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC), Chandigarh along with team of Officers were present before the authority for making presentation on the proposed updated project on behalf of project proponents. While making presentation to the Authority, Sh. Balbir Singh informed that it has been decided by their authorities to develop vertically instead of horizontally. This has resulted in the height of buildings to vertically go up from 24 meters to 30 meters and henceforth instead of 9 plots, only 4 plots will be developed. He also informed that as necessary permission from the Urban Planning Department has already been taken. This change will also result in lesser number of trees to be cut. He informed instead of 17,786 trees to be cut as per the original layout Plan of the project presented before SEAC, Chandigarh, now around 3500 trees only will be axed.

It was assessed by the Authority that though the total built up area of the project remains unchanged i.e. 4,72,362.40 sq. meters as proposed earlier, but there is a change in the overall layout plan, since the project proponent now proposes to increase the height and move vertically up, thereby, covering lesser area on the ground. The number of trees to be cut has also reduced.

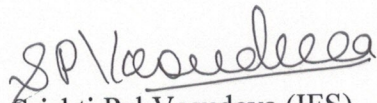
However, since the project proponent failed to produce before the Committee the revised layout plan and actual number of trees to be cut and since the recommendations made by the State Expert Appraisal Committee were for the project which is different from the project proposed before the Authority, it was decided not to proceed ahead with the presentation.

The Project Proponent was advised to revise the plan and the new Project be placed before SEAC again for consideration and come back at an early date as the consideration of project proposal has been delayed because of frequent unplanned changes made by them.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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Jatinder Singh Kamyotra  
(Member)

  
Debendra Dalal (IFS)  
(Member Secretary)

  
Srishti Pal Vasudeva (IFS)  
(Chairman)