

Proceedings of the 262nd meeting of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) held on 26.09.2023 (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM in the Conference Hall no. 2, 1st Floor, MGSIPA Complex, Sector-26, Chandigarh.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

- 1) Sh. H S Gujral,
Chairman, SEIAA
- 2) Sh. Kamal Kumar Garg, IAS (Through VC)
Member Secretary, SEIAA
- 3) Dr. Adarsh Pal Vig, Member SEIAA -cum
Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala

Er. Parveen Saluja, Environmental Engineer and Er. Rantej Sharma, Environmental Engineer SEIAA along with other supporting staff of SEIAA also attended the meeting.

Assistant Geologist, Mining Department also participated in the meeting during deliberations regarding the Agenda items pertaining to the State Mining Department.

Item No. 01: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 260th and 261st meeting of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority

SEIAA was apprised that the proceedings of the 260th meeting of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) have been prepared & have been uploaded on parivesh portal on 12.09.2023 and the proceedings of the 261st meeting have been prepared and will be uploaded on parivesh portal today. SEIAA noted the same.

Item No. 02: Action taken on the proceedings of the 258th, 259th & 260th, 261st meeting of State Environment Impact Assessment Authority held on 29.08.2023, 31.08.2023, 12.09.2023 and 15.09.2023 respectively.

SEIAA was apprised that the requisite actions taken as per the decisions taken in the 258th meeting of the Authority have been completed, action as per the 259th & 260th meetings have almost been completed whereas action as per proceedings of the 261st meeting of SEIAA will be completed after the circulation of the proceedings. Action taken report on the decision of the said proceedings will be placed in the next meeting of SEIAA. SEIAA directed the subordinate staff to place the action taken report in respect of its 258th, 259th, 260th & 261st meetings in the 263rd meeting of the Authority as and when scheduled.

Item No. 262.01: Application for Environmental Clearance for carrying out mining of minor minerals sand at Village Sahowal , Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab by Executive Engineer cum District Mining Officer, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology Division, Water Resource Department, Amritsar. (Proposal No. SIA/PB/MIN/442916/2023)

The Executive Engineer cum District Mining Officer, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology Division, Water Resource Department, Amritsar Division has applied for obtaining Environmental Clearance under category B2 and 1(a) of the schedule appended with the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for carrying out mining of minor minerals at the mining site of Village Sahowal , Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab.

The Department has deposited requisite fee of Rs. 2000/- dated 31.08.2023 for obtaining Environmental Clearance for carrying out mining in the above mining site. The adequacy & depositing of the requisite fee by the applicant has been checked & verified by the supporting staff of SEIAA. The Mining Plan was approved by Assistant Geologist, Punjab vide letter No. Glg/PB/M.P./Sahowal /2208 dated 23.08.2023.

1.0 Deliberations during 259th meeting of SEAC held on 14.09.2023.

The meeting was attended by the following:

- i) Mr. Paras Mahajan, Asst. Geologist.
- ii) Sh. Gurmeet Singh, SDO, Amritsar, Department of Mines & Geology.
- iii) Mr. Arshad Shaik, Senior Executive Technical M/s Right Source Industrial Solutions Pvt Ltd.
(Through VC)

The Committee allowed the Environmental Consultant to present the salient features of the application proposal. Thereafter, the Environmental Consultant presented the case as under:

S.No.	Item	Details
1.	Online Proposal No. and date of submission	SIA/PB/MIN/442916/2023, Dated 07 Sep 2023
2.	Project Name & Location	Sahowal Sand Mining Project over an extent of 1.0 hect Sahowal Village, Ajanala Tehsil, Amritsar District, Punjab
3	Name of the Applicant, Designation Mobile no. & Email Id	Gurmeet Singh Executive Engineer- cum- District Mining Officer Amritsar, Punjab 9464918920, gurmeet.singh871@punjab.gov.in
4	Name of Environmental Consultant, Mobile no. & Email Id	Right Source Industrial Solutions Pvt. Ltd 8977495343 eiaemp@rightsource.co.in
5	Project/activity covered under item of scheduled to the EIA Notification, 14.09.2006	1(a) Mining of Minor Minerals
6	Details of Mining Lease	

i)	Mineral (s) to be mined	Sand			
ii)	Method of mining	Manual Method			
iii)	Agriculture land or River/choe mining. In case of River/Choe mining, name of the River/Choe to be specified.	Agriculture land, PMS			
iv)	a. Capacity of Mine as per the EC application/DSR/Mining plan in MT and TPA b. Area of the Mine as per EC application/DSR/Mining plan c. Depth of mining as per EC application/DSR/Mining plan	Description	As per the EC application	As per the approved DSR	As per the Mining Plan
		Mine Capacity in MT	21,502.08	30,317.76	21,502.08
		Mine Capacity in TPA	10,751.04	-	10,751.04
		Mining Area on mining in HA	1.0	1.21	1.0
		Depth of Mining in m	2.88	2.88	2.88
		Note: EC cannot be appraised more than quantity and area mentioned in the approved DSR.			
v)	Details Letter of Intent (LOI)/E-Auction issued by the State Govt., where applicable	Reference No: 64- 67/DSR Date of Issue: 05.04.2023			
7	Details of Final District Survey Report	Approved by : SEIAA Reference No: 637 Date of Issue: 18.04.2023 Safe distance from banks (m): 100 Annual rate of replenishment as per the study conducted:			
8	HadBast No.	45			
9	Land Khasra No. & their consent details				
	Sr.No	Type	Khasra No.	Consent details provided (Yes/No)	
	1	Govt Land	-	-	
	2	Private Land	28//22, 36//2, 36//3/1, 28//23/1 (as per proposal)	Submitted, As per Land NOC: Kanwaljit Singh Harinder Singh, Kiranjit Singh, Gurjit Singh As per DSR:	

			Kanwaljit Singh S/o Baljith Singh, Harinder Singh S/o Baljith Singh,	
10	Latitude & Longitude			
	S.No.	Corner	Latitude	Longitude
	1	RP	31°55'4.85"N	74°43'51.15"E
	2	A	31°55'5.45"N	74°43'43.34"E
	3	B	31°55'5.47"N	74°43'47.17"E
	4	C	31°55'3.47"N	74°43'45.87"E
	5	D	31°55'3.50"N	74°43'47.20"E
	6	E	31°55'1.56"N	74°43'47.22"E
	7	F	31°55'1.53"N	74°43'43.39"E
11	Does the project involve diversion of forest land? If yes, a. Extent of the forest land. b. Status of the forest clearance. If No, submit documentary proof		No	
12	Does the project fall of eco-sensitive area/Nationalpark/Wild Life Sanctuary? If yes, application submitted to NBWL.		No	
13	Cost of the project		Rs.29,56,536	
14	Environmental Clearance. Fee details		Rs.2000 Vide NEFT No. 324316183719, Dated 31.08.2023.	
15	Certificate to be provided by DMO, that the proposal is as per the annexure-V of DSR.		Submitted	
16	Demarcation report of mining site		Date of demarcation: 21.06.2023 Photographs submitted: Submitted	
17	Workers (when fully operational)		20 Persons.	
18	Water Requirements & source		Domestic: 1.0 KLD (@ 45 lpcd) Other if any 1.60KLD Total: 2.60KLD Ground water/Others: 01 Borwell	
19	Waste water generation, Treatment & its Disposal		i) Quantity of Waste water : 0.80KLD (80% of water requirement) ii) Treatment Method: Septic Tank iii) Mode of Disposal : a) Plantation purpose.:1.10 KLD b) Any other purpose: No	
20	Green Belt Development Plan including no. of trees to be planted & its species.		Tree cutting (if any) : 0 Nos No of plant to be planted: 50 Nos.	

		Funds Allocated (Rs.): 0.50 lacs towards capital cost and 0.050 Lacs towards recurring cost.		
21	Whether any High Transmission wires is passing over the proposed mining site (yes/No)	No		
22	Environment Management Plan along with Budgetary breakup and responsibility to implement	XEN/DMO will be responsible for the implementation of EMP till the mining activities closed as per the mining plan.		
23	Sr. No	Environment mitigation measure	Capital Cost (In Rs.)	Recurring Cost (Rs./annum)
	1	Water Sprinkling Measures to be done on haul road to suppress dust & Haul Road and other Roads Repair and maintenance.	10,000	5,000
	2	Plantation and maintenance of 50 saplings through State Forest Department under Green Punjab Mission: Plantation cost 1.0Ha x 50 saplings/Ha=50 saplings @ Rs.1000 per sapling.	50,000	5,000
	3	Drinking water facility, Septic Tank & Mobile toilets and solid waste management	20,000	5,000
	4	Safety equipment's such as gloves, mask, helmet, First aid kit etc.	10,000	4,000
	5	Additional Environmental activities (Rs. 0.5 per MT of Total quantity) (The amount may be deposited to Forest Department for utilization of the same for development of green area (s)/belt(s))	10,751	-
	6	Regular health check-up camps for the workers engaged in mines shall be organized.	10,000	10,000
	7	Environmental Monitoring (Air, Water Soil etc.).		30,000
		Total	11,0751	59,000
The Executive Engineer, Drainage cum mining & Geology Division, Amritsar will be responsible for implementation of EMP till the mining activities of the Sahowal mines site closed as per the mining plan.				
24	<p>Other important facts:</p> <p>An undertaking in this regard, declaring the following has been submitted by the Project Proponent.</p> <p>i) No court case/litigation is pending before any court of Law against the project and/or land in which the project is proposed to be set up.</p> <p>ii) During the lease period, the deposit will be worked from the top surface to 2.88 m or above ground water table, whichever comes first.</p>			

	<p>iii) No Stream Mining shall be allowed. The operation will be done only from sun rise to sun set hence there will be no power requirement for the project at site.</p> <p>iv) All the activities will be carried out manually using hand tools like shovel, pan, sieve etc.</p> <p>v) No Cluster formation of mining site exists as no other mining site falls within a radius of 500 m from the periphery of proposed site</p>
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During meeting, the Project Proponent presented the KML file by superimposing the proposed site as per the application proposal and as approved in the DSR of District Amritsar. As per the said KML file, the proposed area of mining site measuring 1.0 Ha falls within the area of mining site approved in the DSR. The Committee noted the same.

After detailed deliberations, SEAC decided to forward the application proposal to SEIAA with the recommendation to grant Environment Clearance under EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for carrying out mining of minor minerals (sand) in the area of 1.00 Ha for the quantity of 21,502.08 MT, which shall not exceed the quantity of 30,317.76 MT as per the approved DSR at Village Sahuwal, Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab subject to the conditions attached as under:

2.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by the following:

- i) Mr. Paras Mahajan, Asst. State Geologist.
- ii) Sh. Satnam Singh Bhullar, SDO, Patti, Department of Mines & Geology.
- iii) Sh. Paras Kamboj, Mining Inspector
- iv) Mr. Arshad Shaik, Senior Executive Technical M/s Right Source Industrial Solutions Pvt Ltd.
(Through VC)

During the meeting, the Environmental Consultant presented the salient features of the project and informed that the site is a "Public Mining Site".

SEIAA observed that the brief synopsis of the project as per the new template and revised Environmental Management Plan (EMP) have been submitted.

To a query by SEIAA regarding the NOC of the land bearing khasra no. 28//23/1 as mentioned in the proposal, the project proponent informed that the NOC has not been obtained for this khasra number and the same is also not part of mining plan and hence the same may be omitted.

The proposed EMP and additional environmental activities to be carried out under the project and outlays for the same were thereafter discussed and finalized as under:

TABLE-1

Sr. No	Environment mitigation measure	Capital Cost (In Rs.)	Recurring Cost (Rs./annum)
1	Water Sprinkling Measures to be done on haul road to suppress dust & Haul Road and other Roads Repair and maintenance	80,000	20,000
2	Plantation and maintenance of 50 saplings through State Forest Department under Green Punjab Mission: Plantation cost 1.0Ha x 50 saplings/Ha=50 saplings @ Rs.1000 per sapling.	50,000	17,000
3	Drinking water facility, Septic Tank & Mobile toilets and solid waste management	20,000	5,000
4	Safety equipment's such as gloves, mask, helmet, First aid kit etc.	10,000	4,000
5	Additional Environmental activities (Rs. 0.5 per MT of Total quantity) (The amount may be deposited to Forest Department for utilization of the same for development of green area (s)/belt(s))	10,751	-
6	Regular health check-up camps for the workers engaged in mines shall be organized.	10,000	10,000
7	Environmental Monitoring (Air, Water Soil etc.).	-	30,000
Total		180,751	86,000

To another query by SEIAA, the project proponent informed that all the conditions imposed by the SEAC while appraising the project are acceptable to them.

After detailed deliberations and examination of relevant documents, SEIAA decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and grant Environmental Clearance for mining of minor minerals (Sand) at subject cited mining site for the total area of 1.00 Ha and quantity of 10,751.04 TPA and total quantity not to exceed 21,502.08 MT at Village Sahowal, Tehsil Ajnala & District Amritsar, Punjab as per the details mentioned in the application, approved mining plan, District Survey Report and other documents and subsequent clarifications made by the project proponent and his consultation, proposed measures and subject to the conditions proposed by SEAC and following additional conditions:

Additional Conditions:

- I. Only manual method of mining will be permitted.
- II. The project proponent shall implement the EMP and AEA as per Table 1 above.

- III. The quantities of minor minerals already extracted (if any) in the 3-month window provided for commencing mining operations pending the grant of ECs shall be accounted for and included in the total quantity extracted vis-à-vis quantities permitted in the ECs.
- IV. Enhancement in the total quantity to be extracted can be approved by SEIAA only upon submission of credible replenishment study data.

Item No. 262.02: Application for Environmental Clearance for carrying out mining of minor minerals sand at Village Jasraur , Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab by Executive Engineer cum District Mining Officer, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology Division, Water Resource Department, Amritsar. (Proposal No. SIA/PB/MIN/442325/2023)

The Executive Engineer cum District Mining Officer, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology Division, Water Resource Department, Amritsar Division has applied for obtaining Environmental Clearance under category B2 and 1(a) of the schedule appended with the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for carrying out mining of minor minerals at the mining site of Village Sahuwal , Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab.

The Department has deposited requisite fee of Rs. 2000/- dated 31.08.2023 for obtaining Environmental Clearance for carrying out mining in the above mining site. The adequacy & depositing of the requisite fee by the applicant has been checked & verified by the supporting staff of SEIAA. The Mining Plan was approved by Assistant Geologist, Punjab vide letter No. Glg/PB/M.P./Jasraur /2116 dated 14.08.2023

1.0 Deliberations during 259th meeting of SEAC held on 14.09.2023.

The meeting was attended by the following:

- i) Mr. Paras Mahajan, Asst. Geologist.
- ii) Sh. Gurmeet Singh, SDO, Amritsar, Department of Mines & Geology.
- iii) Mr. Arshad Shaik, Senior Executive Technical M/s Right Source Industrial Solutions Pvt Ltd. (Through VC)

The Committee allowed the Environmental Consultant to present the salient features of the application proposal. Thereafter, the Environmental Consultant presented the case as under:

S.No.	Item	Details
1.	Online Proposal No. and date of submission	SIA/PB/MIN/442325/2023, Dated 07 Sep 2023
2.	Project Name & Location	Jasraur Sand Mining Project over an extent of 1.02 hect Village: Jasraur, Tehsil: Ajnala, District: Amritsar, State: Punjab
3	Name of the Applicant, Designation Mobile no. & Email Id	Gurbir Singh, Executive Engineer- cum- District Mining Officer Amritsar, Punjab 9464918920, gurmeet.singh871@punjab.gov.in
4	Name of Environmental Consultant,	Right Source Industrial Solutions Pvt. Ltd 8977495343

	Mobile no. & Email Id	eiaemp@rightsource.co.in			
5	Project/activity covered under item of scheduled to the EIA Notification,14.09.2006	1(a) Mining of Minor Minerals			
6	Details of Mining Lease				
vi)	Mineral (s) to be mined	Sand			
vii)	Method of mining	Manual Method			
viii)	Agriculture land or River/choe mining. In case of River/Choe mining, name of the River/Choe to be specified.	Agriculture land, PMS			
ix)	d. Capacity of Mine as per the EC application/DSR/Mining plan in MT and TPA e. Area of the Mine as per EC application/DSR/Mining plan f. Depth of mining as per EC application/DSR/Mining plan	Description	As per the EC application	As per the approved DSR	As per the Mining Plan
		Mine Capacity in MT	21,297.6	21,297.6	21,297.6
		Mine Capacity in TPA	10,648.8	-	10,648.8
		Mining Area on mining in HA	1.02Ha.	1.02Ha.	1.02Ha.
		Depth of Mining in m	2.4	2.4	2.4
Note: EC cannot be appraised more than quantity and area mentioned in the approved DSR					
x)	Details Letter of Intent (LOI)/E-Auction issued by the State Govt., where applicable	Reference No: Not Mentioned Date of Issue: Validity of LOI: Mining Lease Area: Mining Quantity:			
7	Details of Final District Survey Report	Approved by : SEIAA Reference No: 637 Date of Issue: 18.04.2023 Safe distance from banks (m): 100 Annual rate of replenishment as per the study conducted:			
8	HadBast No.	147			
9	Land Khasra No. & their consent details				
	Sr.No	Type	Khasra No		Consent details provided (Yes/No)
	1	Govt Land			
2	Private Land	107/8, 107/3, 107/2		Yes,	

		(as per proposal)			Balbir Singh
Sr. No.	Proposed Village name for sand mining	Tehsil name as per proposal & Consent.	Tehsil name as per Wildlife NOC in Sub Divisional Committee Report of approved DSR.	Tehsil name as per Annexure V in approved DSR.	
1	Jasraur	Lopoke	Lopoke	Ajnali	
There is a discrepancy in the name of tehsil mention in the approved DSR at Annexure V (Pg. 142) which does not match with the name of tehsil mentioned in the Sub-Divisional Committee Report (Pg. 305) for the concerned sand mining Site.					
10	Latitude & Longitude				
	S.No.	Corner	Latitude	Longitude	
	1	A	31°49'36.62"N	74°38'1.51"E	
	2	B	31°49'38.67"N	74°38'1.52"E	
	3	C	31°49'38.63"N	74°38'5.95"E	
	4	D	31°49'34.75"N	74°38'6.01"E	
	5	E	31°49'34.73"N	74°38'4.42"E	
	6	F	31°49'36.59"N	74°38'4.41"E	
11	Does the project involve diversion of forest land? If yes, a. Extent of the forest land. b. Status of the forest clearance. If No, submit documentary proof	No			
12	Does the project fall of eco-sensitive area/ National park/Wild Life Sanctuary? If yes, application submitted to NBWL.	No			
13	Cost of the project	Rs.29,28,420.00 Crores			
14	Environmental Clearance. Fee details	Rs.2040 Vide NEFT No.324316185889, Dated 31.08.2023.			
15	Certificate to be provided by DMO, that the proposal is as per the annexure-V of DSR.	Submitted			
16	Demarcation report of mining site	Date of demarcation: 21.11.2022 Nos of Burjis made: Not Mentioned Photographs submitted: Yes, Submitted			
17	Workers (when fully operational)	20 Persons.			
18	Water Requirements & source	Domestic: 1.0 KLD (@ 45 lpcd) Other if any 1.60KLD			

		Total: 2.60KLD Ground water/Others: 01 Borwell		
19	Waste water generation, Treatment & its Disposal	i) Quantity of Waste water : 0.80KLD (80% of water requirement) ii) Treatment Method: Septic Tank iii) Mode of Disposal : a) Plantation purpose.:1.10 KLD b) Any other purpose: No		
20	Green Belt Development Plan including no. of trees to be planted & its species.	Tree cutting (if any) : 0 Nos No of plant to be planted: 51Nos. Funds Allocated (Rs.): 0.51 lacs towards capital cost and 0.051 Lacs towards recurring cost.		
21	Whether any High Transmission wires is passing over the proposed mining site (yes/No)	No		
22	Environment Management Plan along with Budgetary breakup and responsibility to implement	XEN/DM will be responsible for the implementation of EMP till the mining activities closed as per the mining plan.		
23	Sr. No	Environment mitigation measure	Capital Cost (In Rs.)	Recurring Cost (Rs./annum)
	1	Water Sprinkling Measures to be done on haul road to suppress dust & Haul Road and other Roads Repair and maintenance	10,000	5,000
	2	Plantation and maintenance of 51 saplings through State Forest Department under Green Punjab Mission: Plantation cost 1.02 Ha x 50 saplings/Ha=51 saplings @ Rs.1000 per sapling.	51,000	51,00
	3	Drinking water facility, Septic Tank & Mobile toilets and solid waste management	20,000	5,000
	4	Safety equipment's such as gloves, mask, helmet, First aid kit etc.	10,000	4,000
	5	Additional Environmental activities (Rs. 0.5 per MT of Total quantity) (The amount may be deposited to Forest Department for utilization of the same for development of green area (s)/belt(s)) (0.5*10648.8*2)	10,649	-
	6	Regular health check-up camps for the workers engaged in mines shall be organized.	10,000	10,000
	7	Environmental Monitoring (Air, Water Soil etc.).		30,000
	Total		1,11,649	59,100

24	Additional Environmental Activities (AEA) activities along with budgetary break up and responsibility	No details have been submitted.
25	<p>Other important facts: An undertaking in this regard, declaring the following has been submitted by the Project Proponent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) No court case/litigation is pending before any court of Law against the project and/or land in which the project is proposed to be set up. ii) During the lease period, the deposit will be worked from the top surface to 2.88 m or above ground water table, whichever comes first. iii) No Stream Mining shall be allowed. The operation will be done only from sun rise to sun set hence there will be no power requirement for the project at site. iv) All the activities will be carried out manually using hand tools like shovel, pan, sieve etc. v) No Cluster formation of mining site exists as no other mining site falls within a radius of 500 m from the periphery of proposed site 	

During meeting, the Department informed that they would like to withdraw the proposal due to some administrative reasons and further requested to defer the proposal. The Department has also submitted their request in this regard vide letter dated 14.09.2023. The Committee took a copy of the same on record.

The SEAC decided to send the case to SEIAA for allowing the Project Proponent to withdraw their application.

2.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

1. Mr. Paras Mahajan, Asst. State Geologist.
2. Sh. Satnam Singh Bhullar, SDO, Patti, Department of Mines & Geology.
3. Sh. Paras Kamboj, Mining Inspector
4. Mr. Arshad Shaik, Senior Executive Technical M/s Right Source Industrial Solutions Pvt Ltd.
(Through VC)

During the meeting, the representative of Mining Department requested for withdrawal of EC application stating that the available minor minerals at the site have been illegally extracted from the proposed site. They also informed that the Mining Department has lodged a FIR against the violators in this regard.

After deliberations, SEIAA decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and permit withdrawal of the EC application from the Parivesh Portal.

Item No. 262.03: Application for Environmental Clearance under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 for construction of hotel project namely “Hotel Holiday Inn” at Ghee Mandi Road, Inner Circular Road, Amritsar, Punjab by M/s Amritsar Golden Hospitality LLP (Proposal no. SIA/PB/INFRA2/439156/2023).

The project proponent has applied for obtaining Environmental Clearance for construction of hotel Project namely “Hotel Holiday Inn” at Amritsar, Punjab. The total land area of the project is 5844.90 sqm having built-up area of 27888.88 sq.m. The project is covered under category 8(a) of the schedule appended with the EIA notification dated 14.09.2006. The total cost of the project is 39 Crore.

The project proponent has submitted the Checklist, Conceptual Plan, EMP, online form and other additional documents through Parivesh portal. He has also deposited Rs. 55778/- vide UTR No./ Reference ID SBIN123199335614 dated 18.07.2023. The adequacy of the fee has been checked & verified by the supporting staff of SEIAA.

Punjab Pollution Control Board vide e-mail dated 06.09.2023 furnished the latest construction status report is as under:

“It is intimated that an email has been received in this office from the office of Environmental Engineer (SEIAA), Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Punjab, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, MGSIPA Complex, Adj. Sacred Heart School, Sector 26, Chandigarh - 160019. In which it has been stated that M/s Amritsar Golden Hospitality LLP has submitted an application for obtaining Environmental Clearance for project namely Village Amritsar Cantonment District Amritsar. The documents as received from the project proponent has been downloaded from the link given in the email. The site was visited by this office and the point-wise reply is as under:-

S.No.	Point	Reply
(i)	<i>Construction status of the proposed project. Please send the clear-cut report as to whether construction for the project has been started for the project except for securing the land.</i>	<i>The site of the project is visited and found that it is an open plot. Only boundary wall has been constructed. No other construction work has been started at site yet.</i>
(ii)	<i>Status of physical structures within a 500 m radius of the site including the status of industries, drain, river, and eco-sensitive structures if any.</i>	<i>The site is located on the slip road opp. to Bijli Ghar. There are couple of shops on the left side of the site after crossing a small road. Rightside is vacant plot with a semi-constructed building in it. On the backside there is a dense residential/ commercial area called Ramanand Bagh.</i>
(iii)	<i>Whether the site is meeting the prescribed criteria for setting up of such types of projects. Please send a clear-cut recommendation.</i>	<i>The project proponent has not submitted any document regarding CLU along with its application. Hence, the suitability of the site cannot be</i>

		<i>adjudged.</i>
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1.0 Deliberations during 259th meeting of SEAC held on 14.09.2023.

The meeting was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Partner M/s Amritsar Golden Hospitality LLP.
- (ii) Mr. Deepak Gupta, Environmental Advisor.

The Committee allowed the Environmental Consultant to present the salient features of the application proposal. Thereafter, the Environmental Consultant presented the case as under:

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1	Basic Details	
1.1	Name of Project & Project Proponent:	Commercial Project namely "Hotel Holiday Inn" by Amritsar Golden Hospitality LLP
1.2	Proposal:	SIA/PB/INFRA2/439156/2023
1.3	Location of Project:	Amritsar, Punjab
1.4	Details of Land area & Built up area:	Plot area: 5844.90 Sqm and built-up area will be 27888.88 Sqm
1.5	Category under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006	8(a)
1.6	Cost of the project (Rs. in crores)	39 Crore
2.	Site Suitability Characteristics	
2.1	Whether project is suitable as per the provisions of Master Plan:	As per the Master Plan of Amritsar, the project falls in the Mixed land use.
2.2	Whether supporting document submitted in favour of statement at 2.1, details thereof: (CLU/building plan approval status)	A copy of the lease deed submitted by the Project Proponent for land area measuring 6990.51 sq yard (5844 sqm) in the name of Sh. Tajinder Singh (Partner) submitted. The lease deed is valid for 30 years.
3	Forest, Wildlife and Green Area	
3.1	Whether the project required clearance under the provisions of Forest	No, the project does not fall any forest land. An undertaking in this regard submitted in the prescribed proforma.

	Conservations Act 1980 or not:																																	
3.2	Whether the project required clearance under the provisions of Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA), 1900.	The project is not covered under PLPA, 1900. An undertaking in this regard submitted in the prescribed proforma.																																
3.3	Whether project required clearance under the provisions of Wildlife Protection Act 1972 or not?	No, the project does not require clearance under Wildlife Protection Act 1972. An undertaking in this regard submitted in the prescribed proforma.																																
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	Rooms 234	234 Rooms @ 2 persons/room	468 Persons
	Population	468 @ 320 lpcd	150 KLD
	Staff	50 @ 45 lpcd	2 KLD
	Domestic Water required		152 KLD
5.2	Whether Permission obtained for abstraction/supply of the fresh water from the Competent Authority (Y/N) <i>Details thereof</i>	Not submitted.	
5.3	Total wastewater generation:	122 KLD	
5.4	Treatment methodology: <i>(STP capacity, technology & components)</i>	122 KLD of wastewater will be generated from the project which will be treated in proposed STP of 150 KLD capacity.	
5.5	Treated wastewater for flushing purpose:	Total flow to STP @ 80%	Domestic water 122 KLD
		Reuse of treated waste water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flushing 468 @ 60 lpcd • Flushing 50 @ 20 lpcd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 KLD • 1 KLD
5.6	Treated wastewater for green area in summer, winter and rainy season:	Summer: 7 KLD Winter: 2 KLD Monsoon: 1 KLD	
5.7	Utilization/Disposal of excess treated wastewater.	A copy of the permission letter No. XEN/131 dated 18.07.2023 issued by ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਓ.ਅੰਡ.ਐਮ) ਹਲਕਾ ਕੇਦਰੀ, ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ as under: <i>“ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪ ਵਲੋਂ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਵਲੋਂ Inner Circular Road, Ghee Mandi, Amritsar ਵਿਖੇ 225 ਕਮਰਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਹੋਟਲ ਉਸਾਰਿਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਦੀ Environment Clearance ਵਾਸਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼-ਹੀਣਤਾ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ।</i>	

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5.9	Rain water harvesting proposal:	2 Rain Water Recharging pits with dual bore have been proposed for artificial rain water recharging within the project premises.				
6	Air					
6.1	Details of Air Polluting machinery:	DG set of 1X 500, 2 x1010 KVA capacity will be installed for essential services such as STP, borewell, etc.				
6.2	Measures to be adopted to contain particulate emission/Air Pollution	DG set will be equipped with acoustic enclosure to minimize noise generation and adequate stack height for proper dispersion.				
7	Waste Management					
7.1	Total quantity of solid waste generation	Total 488 kg/day (518 persons X 0.4 kg)				
7.2	Whether Solid Waste Management layout plan by earmarking the location as well as area designated for installation of Mechanical Composter and Material Recovery	Solid waste management area has been provided and earmarked in conceptual layout plan submitted. Recyclable component will be disposed of through authorized recycler vendors. Inert waste will be dumped to authorized dumping site.				

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The Committee was satisfied with the proposal submitted by the Project Proponent and after detailed deliberations decided to award **silver grading** and forward the case to SEIAA with a recommendation to grant Environmental Clearance for construction of hotel project namely “Hotel Holiday Inn” at Ghee Mandi Road, Inner Circular Road, Amritsar, Punjab subject to the standard conditions.

2.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Partner M/s Amritsar Golden Hospitality LLP.
- (ii) Sh. Jagir Singh, Functional Area Expert from M/s CPTL.
- (iii) Mr. Deepak Gupta, Environmental Advisor.

Environmental Consultant presented the salient features of the project and informed that the hotel is a 4-star rating hotel project and they have obtained certificate from Municipal Town Planner, MC, Amritsar regarding suitability of site vide letter no. 623 dated 31.07.2023.

SEIAA observed that the project proponent has not accounted for population and water pollution load of laundry, restaurant & kitchen while doing the calculations, requirement of ETP for the treatment of effluent from laundry section and to submit revised Environment Management Plan.

To this, Environmental Consultant of the project proponent submitted revised population calculation, water pollution load calculation and waste-water treatment & disposal details, revised EMP as under:

Rooms	234 Rooms @ 2 person /room	468 Persons
Total Area		5900 sqm
Population	468 @ 320 lit./day	150 M ³ /day
Staff	50 @ 45 ltr/person	2M ³ /day
Kitchen	518 @ 35 Ltr/day	18M ³ /day
Domestic water required		170 M ³ /day

Total Flow to STP@ 80%	(Domestic water)	136 M ³ /day
Reuse of treated waste water	Flushing 468 @ 60 ltr/person Flushing 50 @20 Ltr/person	28 M3/day 1 M3/day
STP capacity	175 KLD	Excess treated waste water will be disposed through sewer
ETP capacity	5 KLD will be provided to treat the waste water generated from Laundry section	

Treated water disposal of domestic waste-water will be as per details as under: :

Sr. No.	Season	Flushing (KLD)	Horticulture demand in KLD (1200 sqm)	Excess to sewer (KLD)
1.	Summer	29	7	100
2.	Winter	29	2	105
3.	Rainy	29	1	106

Revised EMP:

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5.	Sewage Treatment Plant	60.0	---	4.5
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7.	Green belt development	12.0	--	0.50
8.	Rain water harvesting	3.0	--	6.0
9	ETP	3.0		1.0
10.	Smog gun	6.0	1.5	-
11	Ambient Air Monitoring	-	3.0	3.0
12	Drinking Water	-	2.40	2.40

13	Noise Level Monitoring	-	0.50	0.50
14	Treated Effluent Monitoring	-	-	1.0
Total		Rs. 99.50 Lakhs	Rs. 11.40 Lakhs	Rs. 21.90 Lakhs

To a query by SEIAA, the Environmental Consultant submitted revised Additional Environmental Activities as under:

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Sr.No	Description	Approx. Capital Cost (Rs in Lac)
1	Distribution of Jute and cloth bags except Plastic @ 10000 no.s through Govt. organizations	15.0
2	Distribution of Biodegradable bagasse made utensils	10.0
3	Greening of parks in Amritsar	15.0
Total		40.0

SEIAA was satisfied with reply of the project proponent. A copy of the revised presentation submitted by project proponent was also taken on record.

After detailed deliberations and examination of relevant documents, SEIAA decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and grant Environmental Clearance for the construction of Hotel Project namely "Hotel Holiday Inn" at Ghee Mandi Road, Inner Circular Road, Amritsar, Punjab in area of 5900 sqm having built-up area of 27,888.88 sqm as per the details mentioned in the application and subsequent presentation /clarifications made by the project proponent and his consultant with proposed measures and subject to the conditions proposed by SEAC and additional conditions as under:

- 1) The project proponent shall undertake revised EMP and revised AEA activities as per Tables I and II, respectively.
- 2) Plantation activities should be commenced at the earliest and completed within 1 year. 8 Feet tall plants of indigenous species should be planted.

Item No. 262.04: **Application for Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for establishment of commercial project namely “The Silicon Courtyard” at Village Devinagar, Derabassi, District SAS Nagar, Punjab by M/s Hi Tech Builders and Promoters (Proposal No. SIA/PB/INFRA2/432965/2023).**

The Project Proponent has submitted application for Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for establishment of commercial project namely “The Silicon Courtyard” at Village Devinagar, Derabassi, District SAS Nagar, Punjab. The total land area of the project is 18171 sqm having built up area of 39905 sqm. The project is covered under category 8(a) of the schedule appended with the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006. The total cost of the project is Rs. 60 Cr.

The Project Proponent has submitted online form, checklist & other relevant documents through Parivesh Portal. He has deposited fee of Rs. 79,810/- vide UTR No. ICICI00136162067 dated 03.06.2023. The adequacy of the fee has been checked & verified by the supporting staff of SEIAA.

Punjab Pollution Control Board vide letter No. 6916 dated 08.09.2023 furnished the latest construction status report is as under:

“The project site was visited by officer of the Board on 22.08.2023 and it was observed as under:

1. *As per the site shown by the representative, no site development work has been started at the site and the site is empty plot.*
2. *As physically observed, the distance of the proposed site from the various approved existing operational industries/units (for which specific siting guidelines has been issued by the Board for time to time), is more than the required distance as per the siting criteria given as under:*

Sr. No.	Type of industrial unit	Required distance as per siting criteria
1.	Cement plant/grinding unit	300m
2.	Rice sheller/saila plant	500m
3.	Stone crushing/screening cum washing plant	500m
4.	Hot mix plant	300m
5.	Brick kiln	300m
6.	CBWTF	500m
7.	Poultry Farm	500m
8.	Jaggery unit	200m

3. *There is no drain, river, eco-sensitive structure within 500m boundary of the project site. However, there is 1 air polluting industry at a distance about 80m from the project boundary M/s Avdesh Tracks Pvt Ltd.*
4. *The project proponent has provided green belt at the back side towards the said industry. Also the industry has provided green belt in area of 2 acres towards the said project, having width more than 15m.*

5. *The site is complying with general siting criteria as per policy dated 30.04.2013 and specific siting guidelines as per the Department of Science, Technology, Environment, Government of Punjab notification No. 3/6/07/STE(4)/2274 dated 25.07.2008.”*

1.0 Deliberations during 259th meeting of SEAC held on 14.09.2023.

The meeting was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Partner M/s Hi Tech Builders and Promoters.
- (ii) Mr. Deepak Gupta, Environmental Advisor.

The Committee allowed the Environmental Consultant to present the salient features of the application proposal. Thereafter, the Environmental Consultant presented the case as under:

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1	Basic Details	
1.1	Name of Project & Project Proponent:	“The Silicon Courtyard” by M/s HI TECH BUILDERS AND PROMOTERS
1.2	Proposal:	SIA/PB/INFRA2/432965/2023
1.3	Location of Project:	Village Devinagar, Derabassi, Distt. Mohali, Punjab
1.4	Details of Land area & Built up area:	Plot area: 18171sq.m. Built up area: 39905 sq.m.
1.5	Category under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006	8(a)
1.6	Cost of the project	Rs. 60 Crores
2.	Site Suitability Characteristics	
2.1	Whether project is suitable as per the provisions of Master Plan:	Master Plan of Derabassi earmarking the location of the project submitted.
2.2	Whether supporting document submitted in favour of statement at 2.1, details thereof: (CLU/building plan approval status)	Submitted.
3	Forest, Wildlife and Green Area	
3.1	Whether the project required clearance under the provisions of Forest	A copy of NOC vide letter No. 4832 dated 14.10.2022 issued by Divisional Forest Officer, SAS Nagar wherein it has been mentioned that the project land does not covered under any forest area submitted.

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		3	Hotel Rooms 105 @ 1.5 person/room	158	158 Persons
		4	Banquet	200	200 person
		5	Total population in commercial		4337 persons
5	Water				
5.1	Total fresh water requirement:	58 KLD Table 5: Water demand & wastewater generation calculations			
		Sl. No.	Details	Population	Total water consumption
		1.	No. of permanent population (Commercial)	434 persons @45 lit/day	20 M3/day
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5.2	Source:	Bore wells			
5.3	Whether Permission obtained for abstraction/supply of the fresh water from the Competent Authority (Y/N) <i>Details thereof</i>	No. Permission from PWRDA is not required as water demand will be met exclusively for Drinking and Domestic purpose.			
5.4	Total wastewater generation:	94 KLD			

5.5	Treatment methodology: (STP capacity, technology & components)	94 KLD of wastewater will be generated from the project which will be treated in proposed STP of 150 KLD capacity based on SBR Technology followed by UF.												
5.6	Treated wastewater for flushing purpose:	60 KLD												
5.7	Treated wastewater for green area in summer, winter and rainy season:	Summer: 34 KLD Winter:34 KLD Monsoon:34 KLD												
5.8	Utilization/Disposal of excess treated wastewater.	Excess treated water will be disposed for on to land for irrigation as per karnal technology (2309 Sqm)												
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5.10	Rain water harvesting proposal:	5 Rain Water Recharging pits with dual bore have been proposed for artificial rain water recharging within the project premises.												
6	Air													
6.1	Details of Air Polluting machinery:	500 KVA 240 KVA & 125 KVA capacity will be installed for essential services such as STP, borewell, etc.												
6.2	Measures to be adopted to contain particulate emission/Air Pollution	DG set will be equipped with acoustic enclosure to minimize noise generation and adequate stack height for proper dispersion.												
7	Waste Management													
7.1	Total quantity of solid waste generation	1020 kg/day												

7.2	Whether Solid Waste Management layout plan by earmarking the location as well as area designated for installation of Mechanical Composter and Material Recovery Facility submitted or not.	Solid waste management area has been provided and earmarked in conceptual layout plan attached along with application. Biodegradable waste will be composted by use of 1 Composter of 350 kg each. Recyclable component will be disposed of through authorized recycler vendors. Inert waste will be dumped to authorized dumping site.																																																
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9	Smoke gun	5.0	2.0	20.00
Total		91.50	9.0	22.00
Monitoring Plan			5.90	6.90

Additional Environmental Activities:

- 6000 No. Distribution of alternatives/substitute to plastic (Jute Bag/Cloth bags etc) Through PPCB = 10 Lakh.
- Mechanical Composter at Village Devinagar capacity of 1.5 Ton/day= 50 Lakh.

The Committee was satisfied with the proposal submitted by the Project Proponent and after detailed deliberations decided to award **silver grading** and forward the case to SEIAA with a recommendation to grant Environmental Clearance for establishment of commercial project namely "The Silicon Courtyard" at Village Devinagar, Derabassi, District SAS Nagar, Punjab subject to the standard conditions.

2.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Partner M/s Hi Tech Builders and Promoters.
- (ii) Sh. Jagir Singh, FAE, M/s CPTL.
- (iii) Mr. Deepak Gupta, Environmental Advisor.

Environmental Consultant presented the salient features of the project.

SEIAA observed that the project proponent has not accounted for population and water pollution load of laundry, restaurant and kitchen in the water balance calculations or for the requirement of ETP for the treatment of effluent from laundry section.

To this, Environmental Consultant of the project proponent submitted that they have no proposal of establishing laundry facility for the hotel within the project and the same will be presently outsourced. Further, the environmental consultant submitted revised population calculation, water pollution load calculation, waste-water treatment & disposal details as under:

Total built up area of Ground, (Commercial) floor is 4256 sqm	@1 person / 3 sqm 4256/3	1419 persons
Total built up area on rest of floors for commercial 17512 sqm	@1 person / 6 sqm 17512/6	2918 persons

Hotel Rooms 105 @ 1.5 person/room	158	158 Persons
Banquet	200	200 person
Total population in commercial		4337 persons
No. of permanent population (Commercial)	434 persons @45 lit/day	20 M ³ /day
Floating population	3903 persons @15 lit/day	59 M ³ /day
Hotel Rooms	158@175 ltr/person	28 M ³ /day
Banquet	200 @ 75 ltr/person	9M ³ /day
Staff	50 @ 45 ltr/person	2 M ³ /day
Kitchen Water consumption	208 @35 ltr/person	7M ³ /day
Total Domestic water required		125 M ³ /day
Total Discharge @ 80% to STP		100 M ³ /day
Flushing (permanent population Staff+ Banquet= 684	persons @20 lit/day	14 M ³ /day
Flushing floating =3903	@10 lit/day	39 M ³ /day
Hotel 158	@45 lit/day	7 M ³ /day

Treated water disposal of domestic waste-water details:

Sr. No.	Season	Flushing (KLD)	Karnal Technology water demand in KLD (2309 sqm)
1.	Summer	60	40
2.	Winter	60	40
3.	Rainy	60	40

SEIAA further observed that no provision has been made for the maintenance of the proposed Mechanical Composter. Keeping in view the observations of SEIA and the revised water requirement, the Environmental Consultant of the PP submitted the revised EMP & Additional Environmental Activities as under:

Environmental Management Plan

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6.	Solid waste Management	10.0	--	6.0
7.	Green belt development	8.0	--	8.0
8.	Rain water harvesting	5.0	--	1.0
9.	Smog gun	5.0	2.0	-
10	Ambient Air Monitoring	-	3.0	3.0
11	Drinking Water	-	2.40	2.40
12	Noise Level Monitoring	-	0.50	0.50
13	Treated Effluent Monitoring	-	-	1.0
Total		Rs. 91.50 Lakhs	Rs. 14.90 Lakhs	Rs. 26.90 Lakhs

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Details of Additional Environment Activities

Sr. No.	Activities	Cost (Rs in Lacs)
1.	Distribution of 6000 No alternatives/ Substitute to plastic (Jute Bags/ Cloth bags etc) through PPCB/ MC/ any other government organization.	10.0
2.	Mechanical Composter at village Gurudwara Devinagar 1 Ton /day	50.00

	and its operation and maintenance for 5 years	
	Total	60.00

Project Proponent further committed that in case a laundry is established subsequently in the hotel, an ETP of capacity 5 KLD will be installed and the treated waste water will be discharged onto land for plantation purposes along with domestic treated waste water.

SEIAA was satisfied with reply of the project proponent. A copy of the revised presentation submitted by project proponent was also taken on record.

After detailed deliberations and examination of relevant documents, SEIAA decided to accept the recommendations of SEAC and grant Environmental Clearance for the establishment of commercial project namely “ The Silicon Courtyard” at village Devinagar, Derabassi, District SAS Nagar, Punjab in area of 18,171 sqm having built-up area of 39,905 sqm as per the details mentioned in the application and subsequent presentation /clarifications made by the project proponent and his consultant with proposed measures and subject to the conditions proposed by SEAC and additional conditions as under:

- 1) The project proponent shall undertake revised EMP and AEA activities as per above Tables I & II respectively.
- 2) The project proponent will install STP of 150 KLD capacity based on SBR technology followed by UF for the treatment of domestic effluent and shall achieve the standards of BOD <10 mg/l.
- 3) Plantation activities should be commenced at the earliest and completed within 1 year. 8 Feet tall plants of indigenous species should be planted.
- 4) The project proponent shall not provide laundry washing facilities within the project site. In case this is subsequently planned, the project proponent will install a separate ETP of capacity 5 KLD to treat the wastewater generated from the laundry section.

Item No. 262.05: Appraisal of amended DSR of District Pathankot

Background:

SEIAA vide Note dated 25.07.2023 has forwarded the request of Department of Mines & Geology, Punjab made vide letter No. 1774-76/GLG dated 21.06.2023 for appraising the amended District Survey Report (DSR) of District Pathankot.

1.0 Deliberations during 258th meeting of SEAC held on 07.08.2023

During meeting, DMO of District Pathankot and Environmental Consultant of the Department were absent. The Committee took serious note of the same and asked the Assistant Geologist, Department of Mining to ensure the presence of the concerned DMO and Environmental Consultant during the subsequent SEAC meetings.

Thereafter, the Committee perused the amended DSR of District Pathankot and following discrepancies were observed:

- (i) The Department informed that due to faulty calibration of DGPS, the level difference of 47 m was observed and now after recalibration, there is change in the quantity of the mining material to be mined. The Committee noted it with concern and asked the Department to submit the Calibration Certificate of the DGPS used by the survey team for carrying out the field survey.
- (ii) The Department shall also mention the dates of carrying out the fresh DGPS survey along with the details of permanent bench marks considered for carrying out the survey along with the details of team members.
- (iii) The District Mining Officer shall certify that the levels given in the cross-sections and L sections in the amended DSR have been checked and found consistent with the office record maintained by Department of Water Resources, Punjab.
- (iv) The Committee observed that complete details of the un-demarcated & demarcated protected forest areas have not been given in the DSR. The Department shall provide the same.
- (v) Certain number of mining sites as mentioned in the amended DSR have not been recommended in the report of Sub-Divisional Committee constituted at Sub-Divisional level. The Department was advised to check the sites proposed in Annexure-V with the report of the Sub-Divisional Committee again and submit the amended DSR accordingly.
- (vi) Certain number of mining sites as recommended by the Sub-Divisional Committee have not been found in the DSR. The Department may look into the matter at its level.
- (vii) The list of proposed desilting locations, with quantity to be mined, has been specified against each location in Annexure-V of the amended DSR. The Committee asked the Department not to mention quantity against each desilting site and provide a foot note that the Mining activity shall be carried out Departmentally after approval of the Competent Authority and follow the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC on the subject.

After detailed deliberations, SEAC decided to defer the matter till the Department incorporates the above said observations in the amended DSR of District Pathankot.

2.0 Deliberations during 259th meeting of SEAC held on 14.09.2023

The Chief Engineer, Dept of Mining & Geology vide letter no. 2290/Glg. dated 01.09.2023 submitted amended DSR of District Pathankot after incorporating the reply of the afore-mentioned observations.

The Committee perused the calibration certificate of DGPS used by the survey team for carrying out the field survey. The Committee observed that the calibration of the instrument was done before carrying out the said survey. Therefore, the statement given by the Department during meeting held on 7.08.2023 that the level difference was due to faulty calibration of DGPS is not correct. The Committee further observed that the level difference is not due to the calibration of the instrument and it is due to the error in the field survey. The Department informed that they have themselves checked the levels recently carried out by the survey team with the permanent benchmarks of the Department and the same was found correct. The Department has submitted the pointwise reply vide letter No. 5391/DSR dated 14.09.2023 of the observation made by SEAC during meeting on 7.08.2023 and the same was found to be satisfactory.

The Committee after detailed deliberations decided to forward the case to SEIAA with the recommendation to approve the amended DSR of District Pathankot.

3.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Paras Mahajan, Asstt. State Geologist.
- (ii) Sh. Vishav Pal Goyal, Executive Engineer, Mining, Pathankot
- (iii) No representative of the Environmental Consultant attended the meeting

To a query by SEIAA regarding the complete details of the owners of the land in which mining is to be carried out, Executive Engineer, Mining submitted the revised DSR mentioning the details of the land owners. A copy of the DSR was taken on record by SEIAA.

SEIAA enquired whether the mining sites in 470 acres area in respect of which complaints have been made have been included in the proposed mining sites and regarding which an enquiry is being conducted on the directions of the Chief Secretary, Punjab and whether these sites are

included in the DSR or not. To this Executive Engineer, Mining informed that only the areas for which consent of demarcation of the mining site has been obtained from the land owners, have been included in the District Survey Report of Pathankot.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided to accept the recommendation of SEAC and approved the District Survey Report of Pathankot with the condition that the project proponent shall be bound to comply with the outcome of the enquiry initiated by the Chief Secretary, Punjab as also comply with the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana regarding, mining in proximity to the international border areas and other relevant judicial directions, if any.

Item No. 262.06: Discussions regarding Grant of Auto-ToRs for sand mining applications:

1.0 During deliberations in 258th meeting of SEIAA held on 31.08.2023

SEIAA was apprised that the MOEF&CC vide OM dated 06.05.2022 has prescribed a new mechanism for issuing Standard Terms of Reference (TORs) so as to auto-generate ToRs and thereby reduce the time taken for issuing the same. As per the said OM, the Member Secretary of the concerned EAC/SEAC shall scrutinize the application as per the provision mentioned in the above said OM within seven days from the date of application for issuing online system generated Standard TOR.

However, the option of issuing Auto TOR only exists in the login of supporting staff of SEIAA. Accordingly, the MoEF&CC was requested vide letter no. SEIAA/MS/2022/1099 dated 09.11.2022 & SEIAA/MS/2022/1212 dated 02.12.2022 to provide the option of AUTO TOR in the portal of MS, SEAC on Parivesh, in accordance with the provisions of OM dated 06.05.2022.

The matter was subsequently considered in the 15th Joint meeting of SEIAA/SEAC held on 09.12.2022 wherein it was decided that a DO letter may be written by the Chairman SEIAA to the MoEF&CC with a request to provide the option of Auto TOR in the login account of MS, SEAC in the Parivesh portal. It was further decided in the Joint meeting that till the time the option of Auto TOR is not available in the login account of MS, SEAC, the hard copies of TOR application be sent to MS, SEAC for sending recommendations and as per the recommendations of MS, SEAC the Standard ToR shall be issued to the project proponent through Parivesh Portal from the account of MS, SEIAA.

In compliance of the decision taken in the 15th joint meeting, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India was requested vide DO No. 466 dated 10.03.2023 to provide the option of Auto TOR in the portal of Member Secretary, SEAC or alternatively, Member Secretary, SEIAA (who is issuing the auto TOR) be substituted for Member Secretary, SEAC in the para no.'s 4 and 5 of the OM dated 06.05.2022. Though a reply to the DO of Chairman SEIAA was received from the MOEF&CC assuring that this issue would be resolved expeditiously, the requisite correction has still not been made in the Parivesh Portal. In view of this situation, hard copies of TOR application are presently still being sent to the SEAC for submitting its recommendations in the matter and as per the recommendations of MS, SEAC Standard ToR is being issued to the project proponent through Parivesh Portal from the account of MS, SEIAA.

With respect to the above, SEIAA was further apprised that sending the file to the SEAC and granting the Auto ToR after getting the recommendation from the SEAC usually takes a lot of time and sometimes more than 2 months time period elapses in this process before the ToRs are issued. This defeats the whole purpose of introduction of the amended procedure for granting of Auto ToR's.

While reviewing the pendency of ToR applications in respect of cases submitted by the Mining Department, SEIAA observed that there is considerable delay in processing these applications on account of the procedure being currently adopted. The delay in processing the applications is not only resulting in increased pendency of such cases on the Parivesh Portal of SEIAA / SEAC Punjab, but is also causing considerable difficulties for the State Government since most of the larger

(Commercial) Mining sites require ToRs. Director Mining, who attended the 258th meeting of SEIAA held on 29.08.2023 had also flagged this issue and requested that the process of granting ToRs may be speeded up.

Keeping the above in view, Supporting Staff of SEIAA proposed that in order to reduce the delay in granting Auto-TORs for the mining cases, SEAC may be requested to send one-time consolidated recommendation for imposing the Additional Terms of Reference in respect of the mining projects. This would considerably speed up the process of granting Auto-ToRs for the mining applications.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA agreed with the suggestion and decided to forward an excerpt copy of the proceedings of its meeting to Member Secretary, SEAC with the request to send one-time consolidated recommendation for imposing the Additional Terms of Reference for the mining projects so that same can be imposed by SEIAA while granting Auto TORs as this would result in considerable reduction of time taken for this work. However, the existing practice of obtaining project-wise specific recommendations from MS SEAC on file for all other cases covered under EIA notification 14.09.2006 and for all violation cases shall continue to be followed. SEIAA vide letter No. 1308 dated 13.09.2023 requested to send one-time consolidated recommendation for imposing the Additional Terms of Reference for the mining projects so that same can be imposed by SEIAA while granting Auto TORs as this would result in considerable reduction of time taken for this work.

2.0 During deliberations in its 259th meeting of SEAC held on 14.09.2023

The Committee perused the SEIAA letter No. 1308 dated 13.09.2023 and decided to send the following one-time consolidated recommendation/specific ToR for imposing the Additional Terms of Reference for the mining projects covered under category B-1 with details as under:

- i) The Project Proponent shall submit the layout plan by superimposing the proposed mining area with the area approved in the DSR in different colors.
- ii) The Project Proponent shall submit a certificate certifying that the NOC for the Land bearing Khasra No. of the mining area as per the proposal has been duly received from the concerned land owners, demarcated on site and are in consonance with the latest revenue records of the village.

The aforesaid deliberations were also conveyed to the SEIAA vide letter no. SEAC/MS/2023/1516 dated 19.09.2023.

3.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 and SEIAA observed that SEAC has given one-time consolidated recommendation/specific ToR for imposing the Additional Terms of Reference for the mining projects covered under category B-1 with details as under:

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Besides approving the above recommended additional ToRs recommended by SEAC, SEIAA decided that the following additional ToRs may also be imposed while granting the Terms of Reference:

- iii) The project proponent shall submit four copies of draft EIA report (2 each for SEIAA and SEAC) in advance so that the said EIA reports can be studied thoroughly by SEIAA / SEAC. This will facilitate incorporating the suggestions / inputs of SEIAA / SEAC and also timely addressal of their concerns in the final EIA report.
- iv) The project proponent shall consider undertaking additional environmental activities for ameliorating environment in the vicinity of the project area from amongst the following activities:
 - a. Developing mini forests (Nanak Bagichi), urban forests, green belts, biodiversity parks etc., raising of avenue plantations and plantations in public/community areas/ educational institutions/Govt. buildings/banks of rivers/cantonment areas or any other land made available by the Govt. agencies and other institutions.
 - b. Cleaning and rejuvenating village ponds, water bodies, wetlands, storm drains etc. (treatment of village sewer pond using PPCB and other approved scientific models), such as:
 - (i) Action Plan for Rejuvenation of Ponds
<https://ppcb.punjab.gov.in/sites/default/files/documents/Action-Plan-forRejuvenation-of-Ponds-31.03.20.pdf>
 - (ii) Guidelines for restoration of Water Bodies
<https://ppcb.punjab.gov.in/sites/default/files/documents/Indicative%20Guidelines%20for%20Restoration%20of%20Water%20Bodies%20by%20CPCB.pdf>,and
 - (iii) Technical Committee Report on wastewater treatment
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 - c. Developing infrastructure for (i) Utilizing treated effluent of STPs (double plumbing, construction work roadside sprinkling (ii) Reusing STP/ETP sludge as farmyard manure

- (FYM) or 'other activities approved by CPCB/PPCB/MoEF&CC, and (iii) Replacing soakage pits and/or providing septic tanks in government education institutions and other government buildings/projects.
- d. Provisioning solar panels/lights and other energy saving electric devices/equipments including LED bulbs etc. in the government/municipal/other public schools, hospitals and dispensaries etc. or in other public buildings.
 - e. Provisioning Roof top rainwater harvesting (RWH) and other water/groundwater conservations activities in the government/ municipal/ other public schools, hospitals and dispensaries etc. or in other public buildings.
 - f. Provisioning Solid waste management including composting/vermi-composting, authorized approaches of reuse & recycle, Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to reach zero waste condition, etc.
 - g. Developing and establishing alternatives to the single use plastic (SUP) and plastic carry bags.
 - h. Ameliorating air, water, soil & noise pollution as prescribed in the applicable District Environment Plan (DEP) <https://decc.punjab.gov.in/> where gaps exist and which are not the statutory responsibility of government departments / agencies, including need based environmental activities as proposed by the project proponent/their accredited consultants based on site-specific field surveys of the project and nearby areas and approved by SEIAA/SEAC/PPCB.
 - i. Preparing Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR) at all levels (District, block & village) and conserving state's biodiversity heritage sites (BHS), Eco zones, Hotspots, Wildlife & bird sanctuaries, etc.
 - j. Organizing environmental awareness activities/celebrations/programmes, preparing and distributing resource material for abatement and control of pollution and restoration of environment of Punjab and approved by SEIAA/SEAC/PPCB/academic experts.
 - k. Suppressing dust by using vacuum cleaners, sprinklers, fountains, misting machines/vehicles/artificial rain etc.
 - l. Managing waste in scientific and environmentally sound manner including establishment of recovery facilities of e-waste, construction and demolition waste, plastic waste, toxic/hazardous waste, bio-medical waste, industrial wastes, dairy/Gaushala waste etc.
 - m. Promoting and developing eco-tourism areas/activities, green buildings, agriculture diversity, organic/natural farming/herbal/medicinal/botanical gardens, electric vehicles, cleaner fuels, biodegradable materials, etc.
 - n. Controlling and managing (In-situ/Ex-situ) stubble burning (Parali) in Punjab.
 - o. Developing clean and innovative technologies for reducing water, air and solid waste pollutants including reuse and recycling of resource materials.

- p. A fixed amount may be deposited for undertaking plantations and additional Environmental Activities in the Greening Punjab Mission (GPM) budget head through the concerned DFO prior to commencing Mining operations as per already decided criteria as under:

Amount to be deposited = Rs {(50,000 x Total Area of Mining lease in Ha. towards the capital cost)+ (50,000 x Total Area of Mining lease in Ha. towards the recurring expenditure for the maintenance of plantations) + (Total Mineable Qty. in MT as per EC / ToR application x Rs 1.5 (For commercial mining site) or Rs 0.5 (for Public Mining Site))}.

Budget Head:

Demand No.	32- Forestry and Wildlife
Major Head	0406 – Forestry and Wildlife
Sub-Major Head	01 – Forestry
Minor Head	102- Receipts from Social and Farm Forestry
Sub-Head	03 – Green Punjab Mission
Detailed Head	01- Green Punjab Mission Fees

- v) The project proponent shall submit a copy of the checklist of various documents in the prescribed format already circulated to the Environmental Consultant.
- vi) The project proponent shall submit brief summary of the project on the prescribed template as already circulated to the Environmental Consultant.
- vii) As per the SSMMG, 2016, wherever mining of minor minerals is to be undertaken in clusters, the Environment Impact Assessment report is required to be prepared for the entire cluster in order to capture all the possible externalities. As such, the project proponent shall prepare the Environment Impact Assessment report for the entire cluster in order to capture all the possible externalities.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided to accept the recommendation of SEAC and impose the additional TORs as mentioned above at Sr. No. i) to vi) along with Standard TORs in future TOR applications for the mining projects covered under category B-1 at the level of SEIAA.

Item No. 262.07: Clarification / Permission regarding change of use of Buildings have grant of Environment Clearance by SEIAA / 683 dated 08.12.2013 having total covered area of 1,39,138 sqm as approved by the competent authority CTP (Pb) SAS Nagar.

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 250th meeting held on 09.06.2023 which was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Budh Ram Jindal, GM, RIMT University
- (ii) Sh. Raman Kumar, Accountant, RIMT University

The project proponent vide letter RIMT/23-24/SP-1 dated 31.05.2023 informed as under:

“We 'RIMT Group of Institutions' owned by Shree Om Parkash Bansal Educational and Social Welfare Trust at Village Harbanspura, Mandi Gobindgarh Tehsil & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib humbly seek clarification/Permission to use vacant buildings such as RIMT Polytechnic College 2 Blocks & Management Colleges (2 Blocks) along with 1 No. Boys Hostel & 1 No. Girls for the purposes of running a RIMT Medical College & Hospital along with RIMT Ayurvedic College & Hospital after undertaking interior modifications within approved total covered area as per grant of Environmental clearance by SEIAA vide No. M.S./2012/683 dt.08.02.2013 at 139138 sqm in terms of Notification of MOEF No.1533(E) dt.14.09.2006. The facts are as under:-

1. *RIMT Group of Institutions (PP) after having total covered area more than 20000 Sq mtrs has applied & obtained Environmental clearance as per due process by SEAC & SEIAA at 139138 sqm of total covered area after approval of Building plans by Competent Authority, CTP(Pb), SAS Nagar for educational purposes as per schedule (Projects requiring prior Environmental clearance at Sr. No.8(a) i.e. Building & Constructions Projects \geq 20000 sq mtrs and $<$ 150000 sq mtrs of built up area.*
2. *In 2016, the PP has been granted University Status by the Govt. of Punjab Legislative order. Thereafter the Institutions as existing become the part of RIMT UNIVERSITY.*
3. *In 2019-20, the students after 10+2 prefer to go abroad (CANADA & AUSTRALIA) and admissions declined to approx nil in Polytechnic & management Courses. As such 2 No. Buildings used for Polytechnic Colleges & 2 No. Building for Management Studies have become vacant along with 2 NO. Hostels (Boys/Girls). As such there is no other alternative*

left with the Management except to convert the vacant building after modifications to use for the purposes of Medical Colleges purposes in view of economic considerations.

4. *Moreover, the MOEFCC, Govt. of India had issued notification No.3252(E) to exempted the Educational Institutions/University for seeking Environmental clearance if their total covered area is less than 150000 sqm under the Building & constructions purposes, but no mention of Medical College & Hospital purposes. As such the already granted Environmental clearance having 139138 sqm have become eligible for use of other purposes other than educational purposes, that is why we are seeking permission from your office for running RIMT Medical College & Hospital and RIM T Ayurvedic College & Hospital within the existing approved buildings after making interior modifications.*

In view of facts status above, the (PP) humbly pray to grant permission as:

- i) *To permit us to use the vacant buildings as mentioned above to run RIMT Medical College & Hospital along with RIMT Ayurvedic College & Hospital which have already granted Environmental clearance having total covered area at 139138 sqm as granted by SEIAA on dt.08.02.2013.*
- ii) *And to issue any other directions as your honor may deem fit.*

Hoping for favorable action in this regard so as to run the Medical Colleges in the benefit of student seeking admissions and for the benefit of people of the state of Punjab in and around Fatehgarh Sahib and other nearby towns.

Kindly accede to our humble request & feel obliged.”

SEIAA perused the above representation and deliberated on the salient features of the project in detail. SEIAA observed that no layout plan for the proposed Hospital and Ayurvedic College has been submitted by the project proponent nor have details of the area proposed under Hospital and other components been specified.

During the deliberation, SEIAA decided to defer the case and asked the project proponent to submit the detailed plan of the proposed Hospital and Ayurvedic College with full details of extent of built-up area of hospital and other components.

Shri Om Prakash Bansal Educational and Social Welfare Trust vide letter No. RIMT/23-24/SP-2 dated 13.06.2023 has now submitted additional documents including Layout plan, expansion EC granted by SEIAA on 27.01.2016, approved building plans by CTP etc and has requested that the existing (already constructed) buildings for the RIMT Polytechnic College for which EC / Expansion EC was earlier obtained may be permitted to be re-furbished and partially used for a Medical College (including Hostel) / Medical Hospital and for an Ayurvedic Medical College and Ayurvedic Hospital.

1.0 Deliberations during 251st meeting of SEIAA held on 23.06.2023

SEIAA perused the additional information provided by the PP vide letter dated 13.06.2023 and observed that the Project was granted EC for construction of an educational institute at Mandi Gobindgarh by SEIAA on 08.02.2013. Thereafter, expansion EC was granted vide SEIAA on 27.01.2016 permitting increase in built-up area from 1,39,138 sqm to 1,89,138 sqm. However, the validity period of the expansion EC granted on 27.01.2016 has expired. SEIAA further noted that the application for the progressive closure of the RIMT group of colleges (for which EC was earlier granted) has been filed by the PP with the concerned authorities of state Government.

SEIAA noted that whereas educational institutes (including hostels) have been exempted from the requirement of obtaining EC vide MOEF&CC OM dated 09.06.2015, the Hospital component of the Project will require a fresh EC (since the validity of the earlier granted EC has lapsed) if the built-up area of the Hospital component exceeds 20,000 sqm. The PP vide his letter dated 13.06.2023 has stated that built-up area of the Hospital component will only be 16,503 sqm (which is less than 9% of the total built-up area) but details of the utilization of the balance built-up area of 1,72,635 sqm (1,89,138 – 16,503 sqm) has not been provided and the same is also not clear from the attached layout plan being on a very small scale and illegible. Since the existing RIMT group of colleges are in the process of being closed and replaced by Ayurveda and Medical Colleges / Hospitals the contention that less than 9% of the existing built-up area will be used for the Hospitals appears to be questionable and needs to be certified by the PP through a duly Notarized affidavit. Complete details of the proposed utilization of the existing built-up area of 1,89,138 sqm is also required to be furnished by the PP.

After deliberations, SEIAA decided to ask the PP to submit the required affidavit and provide full details of the utilization of the entire built-up area of 1,89,138 sqm along with legible Layout plan on larger scale. SEIAA, further decided to defer the case till the requisite information is supplied by the PP.

Accordingly, Registrar, RIMT Group of Institutions was written vide SEIAA letter no. 953 dated 02.08.2023 to submit the required affidavit and provide full details of the utilization of the entire built-up area of 1,89,138 sqm along with legible Layout plan on larger scale.

Now, the university vide its letter no. 23-24/Sp-2 dated 10.08.2023 has given reply of the SEIAA letter no. 953 dated 02.08.2023 as under:

- Notarized Affidavit intimating that trust was granted Environmental Clearance vide no. SEIAA/MS/2012/683 dated 08.02.2013 and area was 139138 sqm. At the time of obtaining EC, the number of students studying in the group of institution were more than 11700 and all streams/ courses/ colleges were operating. But after 2016-17, the university faced trouble due to decline in students to 3500 forcing them to close the Polytechnic college and 2 number management courses. Now the management has decided to convert the Polytechnic building block into Medical Hospital (300 bed) after making suitable interior alteration/ modifications. The 3 number building blocks have been converted for the purpose of healthcare and balance all 23 building blocks are operating as per their purpose they were put to use since established. The built-up area requirement (100 admissions) of Medical Teaching Hospital is 16523 sqm whereas the vacant polytechnic building have built-up area of 16526 sqm as such the building is compatible for conversion into Medical Hospital. The built-up area requirement (100 admissions) of medical colleges 9486 sqm whereas 2 number management blocks at serial number 8 and 17 of the list of institutions has covered area of 13924 sqm which is sufficient to run medical college within the premises of RIMT University. The 2 number hostels for boys and girls are vacant and reserved to accommodate the medical students who seek admission to medical college in the year 2024-25.
- Copy of the letter is as per **Annexure-5**.
- The PP has submitted layout plan on larger scale of RIMT Group of Institution.
- The PP has submitted details regarding land area and its usage as under:

Sr. No.	Area	In sqm
1	58.36 Acre	236260
2	Ground Coverage Permissible 40%	44755

	Achieved 19.7% FAR Permissible 100%	
3	Achieved	94502 155678
4	Parking Area Playground Area 15% Roads/Paved area 17.6% Green Area 33%	35089 37032 41357 77957

Sr. No.	Name of Institution	Ground Coverage (in sqft)	Total covered Area on all Floor (in sqft)	Present status
1	College of Architecture	82850	318162	Operating
2	Polytechnic	83047	177822	Converted in to Medical Hospital
3	RIMT MAEC	42640	181825	Converted to Admin. Office of University & along with academics Block
4	Workshop IET	15563	15563	Operating
5	Boys Hostel 1001	26710	103538	Operating
6	Boys Hostel 1003	18510	62808	Operating
7	Canteen MEAC	16510	24405	Operating
8	Management Block	19369	74989	Converted in to RIMT Medical College

9	IMCT	8852	28579	Operating
10	SMS	9939	19030	Operating
11	College of Education	4367	14537	Operating
12	OPBMS Pre Nursery School	3305	59660	Operating
13	OPBMS Sen. Sec. School	9569	58066	Operating
14	Girls Hostel 2	14228	57620	Vacant
15	Management Boys Hostel	5955	22635	Vacant
16	Boys Hostel 2	37710	175416	Operating
17	School of Management Studies (Block 2)	18716	74833	Converted in to RIMT Medical College
18	Workshop	8109	12093	Operating
19	Watch & Ward Staff	1111	5468	Operating
20	Utility Block	999	999	Operating
21	Central Store	5655	13914	Operating
22	OPBMS Sen. Sec. School Block 2	22145	86865	Operating
23	Girls Hostel No 1	9342	28049	Operating
24	Watch & Ward Staff	5011	13916	Operating
25 & 26	Office	2198	2198	Operating
Total		501552	1675113	

2.0 Deliberations during 259th meeting of SEIAA held on 31.08.2023.

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 259th meeting held on 31.08.2023 but no representative of RIMT University attended the meeting.

SEIAA examined the request made by the Project proponent and observed that the MoEFCC vide OM dated 09.06.2015 has clarified that the Notification no. 3252€ dated 22.12.2014 provides

exemption to buildings of educational institutions including universities from obtaining prior EC under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 subject to sustainable environmental management. In case of medical universities/institutes the component of Hospitals will continue to require prior Environmental Clearance.

Further, it was observed that there is no clarity regarding the built up-area of medical hospital established in the campus of the university by converting Polytechnic College and as to whether any new construction has been carried out for the establishment of the medical hospital.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided to defer the matter and asked the project proponent to attend the next meeting of SEIAA scheduled on 12.09.2023 along with the information as mentioned in the Annexure-1 of the proceedings

Annexure-1.

Sr. No.	Information required	Reply of the University
Details as per the Environmental Clearance obtained by the University		
1	Area of the Institution	
2	Built up-area of the institution	
3	Validity of the EC	
Details as per actual construction carried out in the University.		
1	Area of the institution considering any new parcel of land purchased/added after getting the EC.	
2	Built up-area of the institution considering the construction of any new building beyond the layout plan got approved in the EC.	
Details with regards to the hospital		
1	Area of the hospital	
2	Built up-area of the hospital	
3	Please specify for change in the built up-area of before and after establishment of the hospital.	

4	Month/Year of the conversion of the Polytechnic building to the hospital	
5	Whether building plan of hospital is approved by any authority.if yes the details of the same.	
6	Is there is any difference between layout plan of the polytechnic for which EC has obtained and the layout plan of the hospital.	
7	Is any new construction for the establishment of hospital.	

The project proponent has been asked vide e-mail dated 11.09.2023 to attend the 260th meeting held on 12.09.2023. But the said e-mail has been undelivered. As such, the project proponent has again requested vide e-mail dated 20.09.2023 to attend the 262nd meeting to be held on 26.09.2023 along with the requisite information as prescribed in the Annexure-1 above.

3.0 Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Budh Ram Jindal, RIMT University
- (ii) Sh. Raman Kumar, RIMT University

During the meeting, the representative of the university submitted the requisite details (**Annexure-1**) as sought by SEIAA as under:

Sr. No.	Information Required	:	Reply by RIMT University
1.	Area of the Institution	:	58.36 Acres = 2542106 Sqft = 232628 Sqm.
2.	Built up area of the Institution	:	1675112 sqft = 155678 Sqm
3.	Validity of the E.C.	:	SEIAA/2016/1274 dt.27.01.2016 at 189138 Sqm.
Details as per actual construction Carried by the University.			
1.	Area of the Institution considering any new parcel of land purchased / after getting the E.C.	:	No New land is added after grant of E.C.

2.	Built up area of the Institution considering the construction of any new building beyond the layout plan got approved by the E.C.	:	Total built up area is at 155678 Sqm. No new building / built up area is added. The existing Polytechnic building block has been altered into Hospital having existing approval area at 16526 Sqm as per scheme of E-Naksha portal of Local Govt. (Pb) for approval under Addition / Alternation scheme.
Details with regards to the Hospital			
1.	Area of the Hospital	:	Land Area 257820 Sqft = 23961 SqM.
2.	Built up area of the Hospital	:	16526 Sqm.
3.	Please specify the change in the built up area of before and after establishment of the Hospital	:	No change in built up area as specified as Col(2) above but altered into RIMT Hospital as per MCI norms.
4.	Month/ year of the construction of Polytechnic Building into Hospital	:	From 2021-22 onwards.
5.	Whether building plan of Hospital is approved by any authority if yes the details of the same.	:	Permission (NOC) from E.O., M.C. Gobindgarh for conversion / use of Polytechnic building into Hospital obtained and thereafter applied for approval under E-Naksha Portal of Local Govt. (Pb), Chandigarh.
6.	Is there is any difference between layout plan of Polytechnic for which E.C. has obtained and the layout plan of Hospital.	:	No Polytechnic building stand altered into RIMT Medical College and Hospital. The Revised site plan of Polytechnic building into Hospital is attached as prepares by Architect alongwith 2 No. photos.
7.	Is any new construction for the establishment of Hospital	:	No

Further, a copy of the e-mail dated 25.09.2023 sent by the RIMT University along with the copy of the Approved Building Plan of Polytechnic Block, Approved Complete Site Plan of RIMT University and Site Plan of Altered Building Block into Hospital was taken on record. SEIAA perused the aforesaid information and observed as under:

- i. The Institution has obtained the Environmental Clearance vide letter no. SEIAA/2016/1214 dated 27.01.2016 for expansion of already existing educational institution namely "RIMT Group of Colleges" in an area of 58.34 acres (2,36,179 sqm) having total built area after expansion as 1,89,138 sqm in the revenue estate of Village Talwara/Harbanspura, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, subject to the certain conditions. The said expansion EC is valid up to 26.01.2026.
- ii. No new land has been added in the existing project.

- iii. As per the approved layout plan of the polytechnic, the built area is 1,77,822.24 sqft /10.76 = 16,526 sqm whereas the built up area of the hospital is also 16,526 sqm, from which it is evident that the existing polytechnic is now being proposed to be used as a hospital.
- iv. No new construction has been made for the establishment of the hospital.
- v. The hospital built up area is 16,526 sqm which is less than the 20000 sqm hence a fresh EC for the hospital is not necessary.

To a query by SEIAA regarding the approval of the building plan of the hospital, the representative from the university informed that Executive Officer, MC, Gobindgarh vide letter no. 528 dated 19.04.2023 has been permitted conversion/use of polytechnic building as a hospital and thereafter approval under E-naksha Portal of Local Govt. (Pb), Chandigarh has been applied, which is under process.

SEIAA therefore observed that there is no increase in the built-up area and no additional land area has been added to the Project. The existing expansion EC for built up area 1,89,138 sqm in land area of 58.34 acres (2,36,179 sqm) is valid till 26.1.2026. The built-up area of the hospital component is also less than 20,000 sqm. Hence fresh EC is not required for the proposed project. However, SEIAA further observed that the characteristics of the effluent to be generated from the project will undergo substantial changes on account of the newly introduced hospital component in place of the earlier proposed polytechnic college. As such, the PP is required to obtain amendment of the earlier granted EC after including the proposed hospital component and other changes, if any, in the already granted EC..

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided to ask the project proponent to submit the application for amendment in the earlier granted Environmental Clearance on the Parivesh Portal.

Item No. 262.08: Clarification regarding validity of Environmental Clearance for our Group Housing Project “Beverly Golf Avenue” Adjoining Golf Range, Sector-65, Mohali Developed by M/s MB Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd.

M/s MB Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd vide letter dated. 15.09.2023 has informed (**Annexure-2**) that they had obtained Environmental Clearance issued vide letter memo no. SEIAA/2016/2122 dated 21.03.2016 and subsequent amendment issued vide letter memo no. SEIAA/MS/2022/277 dated 15.07.2022.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide notification no. S.O.1807 (E) dated 12.04.2022 has made the following provision in the para no. (c) of (ii) of paragraph no. 9 of the EIA notification 14.09.2006:

“Ten years in the case of all other projects and activities other than the Mining Projects and River Valley Projects and Nuclear power projects referred to in clauses (a) and (b).”

A copy of the said notification is attached as **Annexure-3**.

As such, it is requested to clarify as to whether Environmental Clearance and subsequent amendment issued to the project proponent is valid for Ten years or not.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by the following:

- (i) Sh. Simarjit Singh Bhogal, M/s MB Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd.
- (ii) Mr. Deepak Gupta, Environmental Advisor.

During the meeting, the Project Proponent informed that they have applied for extension of RERA permission and the RERA is asking for clarification regarding status / validity of the Environmental Clearance granted to the project vide letter no. SEIAA/2016/2122 dated 21.03.2016 with validity for 5 years, which has been subsequently extended by MoEF&CC vide notification no. S.O 2944 (E) dated 14.09.2016 up to seven years and MoEF&CC vide notification no. S.O.1807 (E) dated 12.04.2022 up to 10 years.

SEIAA observed that MoEF&CC vide notification no. S.O 2944 (E) dated 14.09.2016 has made the following provision in the para no. 9 of the EIA Notification, 14.09.2006 as under:

*“9. Validity of Environmental Clearance (EC): (i) The “Validity of Environmental Clearance” is meant the period from which a prior environmental clearance is granted by the regulatory authority, or may be presumed by the applicant to have been granted under sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph 8, to the start of production operations by the project or activity, or completion of all construction operations in case of construction projects (item 8 of the Schedule), to which the application for prior environmental clearance refers. The prior environmental clearance granted for a project or activity shall be valid for a period of ten years in the case of River Valley projects [item 1(c) of the Schedule], project life as estimated by the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee or District Level Expert Appraisal Committee subject to a maximum of thirty years for mining projects and **seven years** in the case of all other projects and activities.”*

The Project Proponent has also obtained amendment in the Environmental Clearance vide letter no. SEIAA/MS/2022/277 dated 15.07.2022.

Further, MoEF&CC vide notification no. S.O.1807 (E) dated 12.04.2022 has made the following provision in the para no. (c) of (ii) of paragraph no. 9 of the EIA notification 14.09.2006:

“Ten years in the case of all other projects and activities other than the Mining Projects and River Valley Projects and Nuclear power projects referred to in clauses (a) and (b).”

In view of the above, SEIAA observed that the Environmental Clearance granted to the project namely Beverly Gold Avenue located in Sector-65, Mohali District SAS Nagar vide letter no. SEIAA/2016/2122 dated 21.03.2016 and subsequent amendment issued vide letter no. SEIAA/MS/2022/277 dated 15.07.2022 stands valid up to 20.03.2026.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided that the Project Proponent be informed as above.

Item no. 262.09: Regarding withdrawal applications pending on Parivesh Portal.

It is submitted that the following application is pending on the Parivesh portal for withdrawal:

Environment Clearance

Sr. No.	Proposal No.	Project Name	Proponent Name	Reason for Withdrawal
1.	SIA/PB/MIN/419740/2023	Proposed Sand Mining (boulder, gravel, sand) as per DSR No. SEIAA/MS/2023/87 with production capacity of 9810 TPA over an area of 2.30 ha on the agricultural bed/patta land located at Village- Koomkalan, Tehsil Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana, Punjab through XEN District Ludhiana Govt. of Punjab.	Sandeep Singh Mangat	DMO, Ludhiana has requested for withdrawal as the area of mine has come within the proposed National Highway and the work of National Highway has already started and the consent given by the landowner has also been withdrawn.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023.

The supporting staff of SEIAA informed that DMO, Ludhiana has requested for withdrawal of EC application for Proposed Sand Mining (boulder, gravel, sand) as per DSR No. SEIAA/MS/2023/87 with production capacity of 9810 TPA over an area of 2.30 ha on the agricultural bed/patta land located at Village- Koomkalan, Tehsil Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana, as the area of mine has come within the proposed National Highway and the work of National Highway has already started and the consent given by the landowner has also been withdrawn and hence the project proponent may be allowed to withdraw the EC application.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided to accept the request of the DMO, Ludhiana and permit withdrawal of the EC application on the Parivesh Portal.

Item No. 262.10: Request regarding the cancellation of EC granted to the Akaal Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Manmohan Singh Grewal owner of M/s Akaal Life Science Pvt Ltd. is requested as under:

“The project was to manufacture APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) at our purchased land at Village Batouli, Tehsil, Dera Bassi, Punjab (Khasra nos: 160, 161, 162, Hadbast no: 157)

We have already procured the CLU and got the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Clearance for this project.

Kindly note that due to some unavoidable circumstances, we have to cancel this project & we will no longer be manufacturing APIs there.

As the project has been abandoned, it is our humble request to your honour to cancel the above approvals and oblige.”

A copy of the Environmental Clearance granted to the project along with request letter dated 14.09.2023 is attached as **Annexure-4** of the agenda for kind perusal please.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by Dr. MS Grewal, Director, Akal Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd.

The project proponent informed that Environmental Clearance for their project was initially applied for and granted vide no. EC22BO58PB124015 dated 28.03.2022 for establishing API Bulk Drug Pharmaceutical manufacturing unit in the name of M/s Akaal Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd at village Batouli, Tehsil Derabassi, District SAS Nagar. The said project was was proposed to be established in collaboration with NRI's relatives but it has now been decided not to establish the unit due to unavoidable circumstances.

To a query by SEIAA, it was informed that no construction has been carried out at the project site. Further, neither the electricity connection has been obtained nor any bore-well has been dug for extraction of the ground water in the project site or any other project activity commenced on ground.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided to accept the request of the project proponent and cancel the Environmental Clearance granted to it vide EC identification no. EC22BO58PB124015 dated 28.03.2022.

Item No. 262.11: Joining Report of Sub-Divisional Engineer, Head Office, Mining Branch, Chandigarh in the SEIAA.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Head Office, Mining Branch, Chandigarh has submitted his joining report on 18.09.2023 to SEIAA, Punjab in compliance to the office order no. 6989 dated 15.09.2023 issued by the Chief Engineer, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The matter was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023, wherein supporting staff of SEIAA apprised that Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Head Office, Mining Branch, Chandigarh has joined the office of SEIAA on 18.09.2023 in compliance to the office order no. 6989 dated 15.09.2023 issued by the Chief Engineer, Drainage-cum-Mining & Geology.

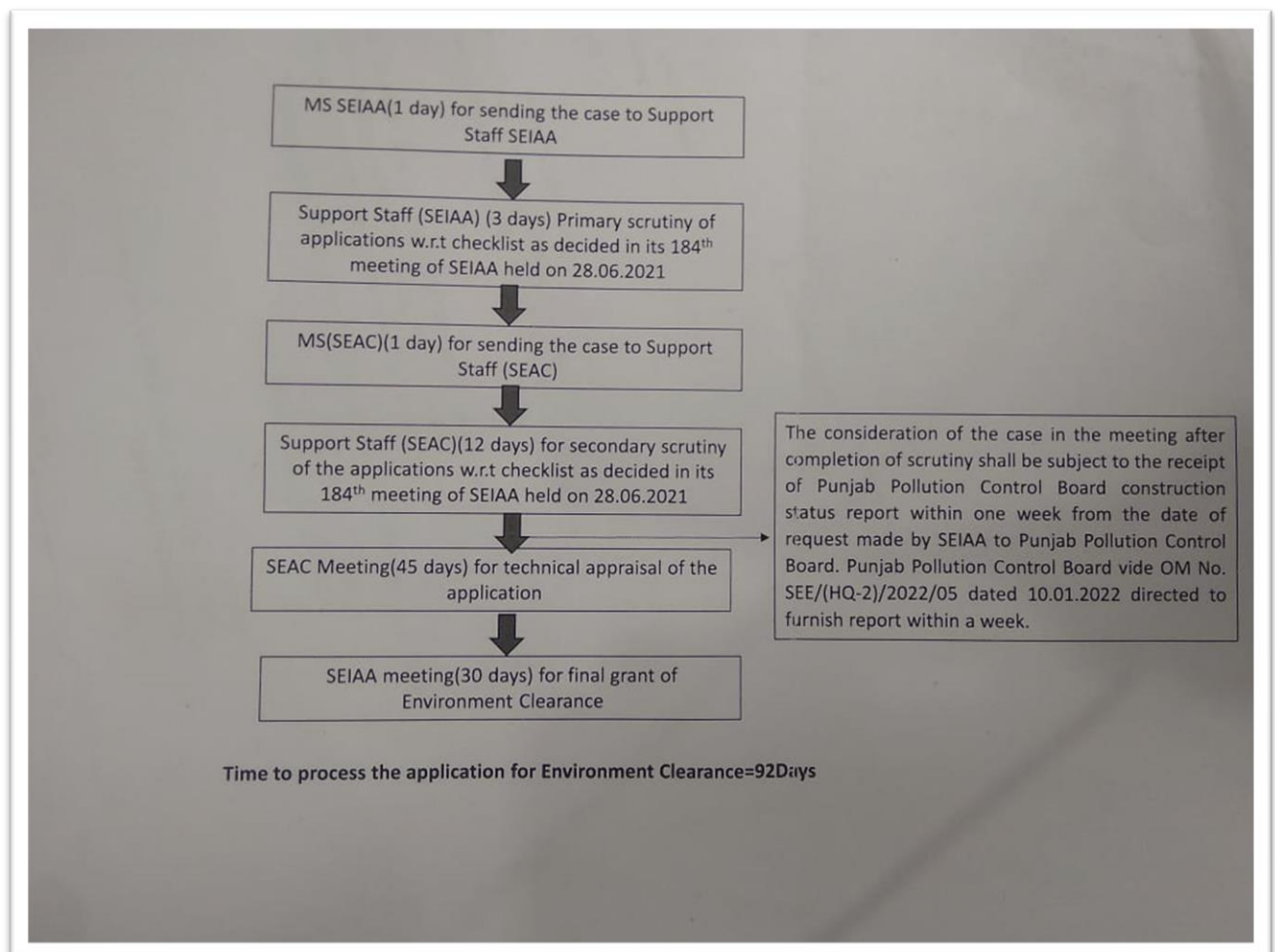
After deliberations, SEIAA directed the Environmental Engineer, SEIAA that Sh. Jaswinder Singh, SDE be asked to attend all the meetings of the SEIAA as well as SEAC, wherein mining cases are to be considered. Further, supporting staff of SEIAA/SEAC may convey the observations, if any at the scrutiny stage and at other stages of project appraisal to Sh. Jaswinder Singh to expedite the requisite replies so that the process of granting Environmental Clearances to the mining projects can be further streamlined.

Item no. 262.12: Regarding the time schedule for appraisal & grant of Environmental Clearance.

Member Secretary, SEAC has sent an office note on 14.09.2023 (copy enclosed) wherein it was informed as under:

“ As desired by SSTE in the meeting held on 18.08.2023, clarification was sought from MoEF, GOI regarding Building construction projects vide letter at 05.09.2023 and time schedule for appraising the cases for grant of EC was prepared for different levels by the support team of SEIAA & SEAC for consideration & finalisation.”

A copy of the timeline prepared to process the application of Environment Clearance is placed below for kind perusal please.



Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023, wherein supporting staff of SEIAA brought out that Member Secretary, SEAC has sent revised timeline for processing the applications of Environment Clearance in which time to process the EC applications have been

mentioned as 92 Days.

SEIAA observed that as per the para no. 8 of the EIA notification, 2006 as amended from time to time it shall consider the recommendations of the SEAC and convey its decision to the applicant within forty five days of the receipt of the recommendations of the SEAC or in other words within one hundred and five days of the receipt of the final EIA report and where EIA report is not required, within one hundred and five days of the receipt of the complete application with requisite documents, except where SEIAA disagrees with the recommendations made by the SEAC.

In such a cases, additional sixty days may be taken by the SEAC for reconsideration and sending fresh recommendation to the SEIAA and SEIAA may take next thirty days to convey the final decision to the applicant.

SEIAA observed that average processing days required to process the application of EC is about 60 days which is well within the mandate of MoEF&CC of 105 days as prescribed in EIA notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided that no action is required to be taken at its level since the average time of processing the EC cases is much lower than the 105 days as prescribed in the EIA notification, 2006.

Item no 262.13: Regarding the complaints addressed to the SEIAA

Environmental Engineer, SEIAA apprised that a number of complaints addressed to SEIAA are being received on day to day basis alleging violation of the EIA notification dated 14.09.2006. To take action on these complaints, actual ground conditions are required to be verified by the concerned Regional Office of the PPCB.

In order to deal with the complaints expeditiously it is proposed that on receipt of the complaints addressed to SEIAA, the Environmental Engineer SEIAA, may be forwarded to the MS, PPCB with a copy to the concerned Regional Office to direct the concerned officer to verify the contents of the complaint and send a detailed report as to whether violation has been made under the provisions of EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 or not.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023, wherein supporting staff of SEIAA brought out that several complaints regarding violation of EIA notification being addressed to SEIAA are being received and the same are required to be verified at ground and hence a general procedure may be adopted to process such complaints. It was suggested that on receipt of the complaints addressed to SEIAA, the Environmental Engineer SEIAA, may forward the same to MS, PPCB with a copy to the concerned Regional Office to direct the concerned officer to verify the contents of the complaint and send a detailed report as to whether violation has been made under the provisions of EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 or not.

SEIAA observed that the generalised procedure as proposed by the Environmental Engineer, SEIAA cannot be adopted since the complaints being received are of varied natures and initiation of action by the Authority without pursuing the specific complaints was not desirable.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided that complaints addressed to SEIAA shall continue to be dealt on case to case basis depending upon the nature of complaint. However, where a complaint is of serious / urgent nature, Environmental Engineer, SEIAA may initiate action for obtaining report from the PPCB after taking telephonic approval from the Chairman/Member Secretary, SEIAA.

Item No. 262.14: Offline Item.

Item no. 262.15: Regarding violation of EIA notification 2006 and other Mining Rules/Act/Guidelines.

Sh. Bachittar Singh resident of Phase-7, Mohali, SAS Nagar vide letter dated 15.09.2023 has alleged that gross violation of EIA notification 2006 and other Mining Rules/Act/Guidelines has been made in the work undertaken by the NHAI or other Highway/Road/Railway works where ordinary earth is being used illegally with convenience of XENS and other officials of Mines & Geology Department, Punjab. A copy of the complaint made by the Sh. Bachittar Singh is attached as **Annexure-6** for kind perusal, please.

The complainant has requested that being an enforcement agency regarding environment, a detailed investigation be carried out in this regard and immediately strict directions and guidelines be passed for future mining of ordinary earth to be used in NHAI/GOVT/Semi Govt projects. Otherwise, in the event of non-action, the complainant will be forced to move to the Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble NGT.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023:

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 and it was observed that the complaint is regarding alleged illegal mining of ordinary earth without obtaining Environmental Clearance and utilization of the same in the earth filling work of National Highways from Km 135+056 to Km 397+712 of Delhi- Katra Expressway including Green Field Connectivity to Amritsar (starts at Km 306 + 000 of Delhi- Katra Expressway and ends at Amritsar-Ajnala Road NH-354 for a total length of 99 Km).

SEIAA perused the complaint and observed that complainant has mentioned the coordinates of borrow areas and names of villages from where the ordinary earth is originally being excavated as also the details of the alleged illegal extraction being done without obtaining requisite ECs in violation of Hon'ble NGT orders dated 28.10.2020 in OA no. 190 of 2020, orders dated 31.05.2022 in M.A.'s in OA no. 68 of 2020 and OM dated 08.08.2022 which state that blanket exemption cannot be permitted for such category of Projects.

SEIAA examined the orders of the Hon'ble NGT referred to in the complaint as also OM dated 08.08.2022 issued by the MoEF&CC on the subject and noted that both the NGT and the MOEF&CC have held that blanket exemption without any environmental oversight cannot be permitted for such projects. The complainant is also alleging that in addition to the permitted borrow pits, large quantities of ordinary earth are being illegally extracted from un-approved

sources including fertile agricultural fields.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided as under:

- 1) A copy of the complaint be forwarded to the Mining Department for verification and for taking necessary action regarding the alleged illegal mining, if any, and submit the action taken report within 45 days to SEIAA. Mining Department be also advised that in case any activity is being undertaken in violation of the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 or activity is envisioned which requires prior EC in terms of the said notification, applications for obtaining the requisite ECs be submitted immediately if not already obtained by the NHAI / Mining Department.
- 2) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) be asked to provide details of the quantities of earth filling required for construction of the highways passing through the State of Punjab, source of the ordinary earth and the copies of the Environmental Clearances (if any) for the mining of ordinary earth obtained under the provisions of EIA notification, 14.09.2006 by the NHAI or its contractors engaged in the construction work of the national highway within 45 days.
- 3) Member Secretary PPCB for information and for taking necessary action in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble NGT dated 28.10.2020 in OA no. 190 of 2020, orders dated 31.05.2022 in M.A.'s in OA no. 68 of 2020 which state that blanket exemption cannot be permitted for such category of Projects and as per OM dated 08.08.2022 of the MOEF&CC which includes Guidelines for extraction of earth from burrow pits for linear Projects. PPCB be also requested to submit its report within 45 days.

Matter be placed before the Authority after receipt of the above reports or in the last week of November 2023, whichever is earlier.

Item no. 262.16: Regarding the revised Additional Environmental Activities plan submitted by M/s MAYA Estate.

It is intimated that the project proponent M/s Maya Estate was granted EC for expansion of Group Housing Project namely “Green Lotus Utsav” with a built-up area of 1,84,602.07 sqm in a total land area of 12.25 acres located at Village-Chhat, Zirakpur, Distt. S.A.S Nagar, Punjab vide EC no. EC23B000PB129739 dated 24.03.2023 subject to condition as under:

- An action plan for implementing Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and environmental conditions along with the responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by the competent authority. The year-wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in a separate account and will not be diverted for any other purpose. The project proponent shall spend the minimum amount of Rs. 364 Lacs towards the capital cost along with Rs. 8.35 Lacs/annum towards recurring cost in construction phase and Rs. 24.5 lacs towards recurring cost in operation phase of the project including the environmental monitoring cost under the EMP of the proposed project and Rs. 196.5 lacs towards Additional Environmental Activities as per the details given in the Table below:

Sr. No.	Activities	Annual Expenditure (in lakh)	Time period	Total Expenditure in 5 Years (in lakhs)
1.	Ambulance donation to SHC (Subsidiary Health Centre) in Village Chhat	-	One Time	10
2.	Adoption of pond in Village Dhanauni	-	One Time	52
3.	Providing solar lights on Village Chhat raasta	-	One time	13
4.	Adoption of animals at Chhatbir zoo for dietary requirement and Medical Treatment	2.0	5 years	10
5.	Construction of Butterfly garden at Chhatbir Zoo with board and signages	-	One time	30
6.	Infrastructure for Wildlife and Nature Interpretation Centre at Chhatbir Zoo	-	One time	50
7.	Scholarship to needy students in Government High School, Chhat	1.0	5 years	5
	Earlier Activities			Rs. 170 Lakhs
8	Nanak Bagichi in Village Chatt		One time	26.5 Lakhs

	Additional Environment Activities	26.5 Lakhs
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- The revised plan of Rs 196.50 lakhs for works of environmental amelioration to be undertaken in lieu of Additional Environmental activities shall be submitted after consultation with the Chatt Bir Zoo authorities within one month

The project proponent vide its letter dated 12.07.2023 has now submitted the revised plan of Rs 196.50 lakhs for works of environmental amelioration to be undertaken in lieu of Additional Environmental activities after consultation with the Chattbir Zoo authorities as per Annexure 7. The PP has also enclosed permission from Field Director, Chhatbir Zoo, Forest & Wildlife Protection Department, Punjab vide letter dated 05.07.2023.

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023

The case was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023 which was attended by Sh. Sanjay Pal Garg, General Manager of M/s Maya Estate.

The project proponent informed that in compliance of conditions of Environmental Clearance, they have obtained permission from Field Director, Chhatbir Zoo, Forest & Wildlife Protection Department, Punjab regarding infrastructure development in Chhatbir Zoo from the Additional Environmental Activities vide letter dated 05.07.2023 and accordingly, they have proposed the revised Additional Environmental Activities. Further, they have identified a land for Nanak Bagichi in Village Chatt and the land is a Panchayati land. The detail of the revised Additional Environmental Activities is as under:

Table-1

Sr. No.	Activities	Total Expenditure in 5 Years (in lakhs)
1	Activities approved in Chattbir Zoo	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of drinking water shelter along with installation of RO plant at visitor plaza. 	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of public amenities with modern toilets at wildlife safari boarding area. 	60
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Elephant Enrichment facilities 	35
2	Adoption of pond in Village Dhanauni	52

3	Providing solar lights in Village Chhat Raasta	13
4	Nanak Bagichi in Village Chatt	26.5
	Total amount under Additional Environmental Activities	Rs. 196.50 Lakhs

To a query by SEIAA regarding the no objection from the land owner, project proponent submitted NOC issued by the Municipal Counsellor ward no. 25, Zirakpur to the effect that M/s Maya Estate developing a Group Housing Project namely "Green Lotus Utsav" located at Village Chhat (H.B No. 286), Zirakpur, Punjab. There exists a Panchayat land in the village Chatt having an area of 0.75 acres. We have no objection in case Nanak Bagichi will be developed on this land by M/s Maya Estate under CER activity. Tree plantation and maintenance of Nanak Bagichi will be done by the firm. This will help to create a healthy ecosystem and to provide conservational, educational and recreational benefits to the State.

A copy of the NOC certificate and letter no. 1356 dated 05.07.2023 issued by the Field Director, Chattbir Zoo was taken on record by SEIAA.

After detailed deliberation, SEIAA decided to accept the request of the project proponent and the condition no. ii of the Environmental Management Plan of the earlier granted Environmental Clearance be amended as under:

Amended Condition:

An action plan for implementing Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and environmental conditions along with the responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by the competent authority. The year-wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in a separate account and will not be diverted for any other purpose. The project proponent shall spend the minimum amount of Rs. 364 Lacs towards the capital cost along with Rs. 8.35 Lacs/annum towards recurring cost in construction phase and Rs. 24.5 lacs towards recurring cost in operation phase of the project including the environmental monitoring cost under the EMP of the proposed project and Rs. 196.5 lacs towards Additional Environmental Activities as per the details given in the Table below:

Environmental Management Plan

Description	Construction Phase		Operation Phase
	Capital Cost (Rs. Lakhs)	Recurring Cost (Rs. Lakhs/annum)	Recurring Cost (Rs. Lakhs/annum)
Wastewater Management (STP of 500 KLD, MBBR-UF)	90	2	5
Air & Noise Pollution Management (site barricading, PPEs, Maintenance of machinery, etc.)	10	0.1	0.5
Landscaping	8	1.5	6 (for 3 years)
Rainwater Harvesting (11 pits)	22	0.25	2
Solid Waste Management (including composters of size 500 & 300 kg)	80	1	5
Energy conservation (LEDs, Solar panel of 194 KW)	150	1	2
Environmental Monitoring	2	2	2
Miscellaneous	2	0.5	2
Total	364 Lakhs	8.35 Lakhs	24.5 Lakhs

Additional Environmental Activities

Sr. No.	Activities	Total Expenditure in 5 Years (in lakhs)
1	Activities approved in Chattbir Zoo	
	• Development of drinking water shelter along with installation of RO plant at visitor plaza.	10
	• Development of public amenities with modern toilets at wildlife safari boarding area.	60
	• Development of Elephant Enrichment facilities	35
2	Adoption of pond in Village Dhanauni	52
3	Providing solar lights in Village Chhat Raasta	13
4	Nanak Bagichi in Village Chatt	26.5
	Total amount under Additional Environmental Activities	Rs. 196.50 Lakhs

Item no. 262.17: Regarding allowing semi mechanized method of mining in the commercial mining sites (CMS).

Deliberations during the 262nd meeting of SEIAA held on 26.09.2023

The matter was considered by SEIAA in its 262nd meeting held on 26.09.2023, wherein SEIAA was apprised that Chief Engineer, Mines & Geology vide letter no. 2410/Glg dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure-1 of the proceedings) has send a representation regarding allowing semi mechanized method in the Commercial Mining Sites due to following reasons:

- 1) The manual method of excavation may not be able to ensure sufficient Commercial supply of minerals in the State.
- 2) Harsh Climatic conditions for labour to work at mine site.
- 3) Difficulty in loading trucks/tippers/ tipper and trucks are of an average of 10 ft. in difficult for labour to fill the trucks while carrying the load of sand of their heads.
- 4) Use of light load vehicles may leads to more traffic in and around the mining site.

SEIAA observed that as per earlier decision taken in a 15th joint meeting of SEIAA and SEAC, generalised permission cannot be granted for semi-mechanized mining and such requests can only be considered on case-to-case basis after obtaining the recommendations of SEAC.

After detailed deliberation, SEIAA decided to forward the representation made by the Chief Engineer, Mines & Geology vide letter no. 2410/Glg dated 18.09.2023 regarding allowing semi-mechanized method of mining in the Commercial Mining Sites to SEAC for seeking their recommendations in the matter. The matter be placed again before SEIAA on receipt of the recommendations of the SEAC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
