Minutes of the 175th Meeting of Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (Goa-SEAC) held on the 24th April 2023 at 03.30 p.m. in the conference hall, 4th Floor, Dempo Towers, Patto - Panaji, Goa.

The 175th meeting of the Goa-SEAC was held on 24th April 2023 in the Conference room 4th floor of the Dempo Towers, Patto-Panaji at 03.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Shri. Gautam Desai. The list of members who attended the meeting is at " $\underline{Annexure} - \underline{I}$ ".

The Chairman welcomed the members and requested to proceed as per the agenda items ($refer\ Annexure - 2$).

1. To decide on application received from Emgee Housing Pvt. Ltd. for proposed Residential cum Commercial Scheme "Anantam Phase 1, 2, 3 and Bayhill Phase 4" bearing Survey No. 225/1 and 4, 227 and 234/2, Taleigao, Tiswadi, North Goa for Prior Environment Clearance.

The Project Proponent of Emgee Holiday Pvt. Ltd. Namrata Malu appeared before the Committee along with her consultant and explained the matter.

Decision: After scrutinizing the documents submitted by the Project Proponent, the Committee observed that the said project has obtained the Environment Clearance from MoEF&CC in the year 2008 which was valid for 5 years i.e. upto 11/12/2013.

The Committee has now received the application for grant of the expansion of Environment Clearance on 18/03/2023, and it was observed that from the period 11/12/2013 to 18/03/2023 no communication whatsoever was made to SEIAA/SEAC for obtaining Environment Clearance.

The Committee further observed that the Project Proponent continued with the work till date, without obtaining any EC or getting EC granted extended issue by MoEF&CC in the year 2008.

The Committee inspected the site on 05/04/2023 to verify the site conditions and during the site inspection the Members observed that the work was in progress in full swing without valid Environment Clearance

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which had expired in the year 2013. Beside this, the Committee has also observed that, massive hill cutting has been carried at the site.

Upon questioning by the Committee the Project Proponent has informed that required permissions for hill cutting has been acquired from Town and County Planning which was asked to produce. However, whatever the circumstances, the Committee informed the Project Proponent that before any permission were if so obtained, EC had to be sought before.

As per the EIA Notification 2006 (as amended till date) carrying out activities which is in contravention of the said Notification attracts action envisaged as prescribed under said notification, Therefore this case becomes a clear case of violation.

Further as referred to the (standard operating procedure handling of violation cases) issued by MoEF&CC dated 7th July 2021, the procedure to grant Environment Clearance for the violation is unique and the concerned party needs to produce proper comprehensive EIA report before the Authority.

In view of what is stated the above, the Committee has decided to recommend to the Authority to reject the application and initiate necessary legal procedure for violation.

2. Any other matter with permission of the chair.

i. <u>To decide on project received from Mormugao Port Trust for EIA at Mooring Dolphins (MD) 4, 5 & 6</u>

The matter was taken up for discussion pertaining to the letter No.2/5/2022-GAD-II(Part-I) dated 31/03/2023.

Decision: After perusing and scrutinizing the documents submitted by the Project Proponent and Notifications, OM's issued by MoEF&CC, the Committee noted that application is to handle 4.75 million TPA which is less than 5 million TPA, however considering the mooring Dolphins capacity 1, 2, 3 the total capacity shall definitely exceed 5 million TPA and therefore application is for the expansion under category A and not B.

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In view of the above, the Committee has collectively decided to recommend the Goa SEIAA to write a letter to MPT, as quantum of handling goes beyond 5 MTPA, the Project comes under category A and therefore they may approach MoEF&CC for further needful.

Shri. Sanjay Amonkar

Dr. Dipak C.S. Gaitonde

Dr. Subhash H. Bhosale

Shri Sujeetkumar Dongre

Dr. Benjamin Braganca

Shri. Gautam Vikas Desai (Chairman Goa-SEAC)

Place: Patto-Panaji Date: 24th April 2023 - Tricker

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Shri. Sanjeev Joglekar (Member Secretary Goa-SEAC)

Annexure - 1

The list of members who attended the meeting

Shri Gautam Vikas Desai Chairman(Goa –SEAC)

Shri. Sanjeev Joglekar Member Secretary(Goa –SEAC)

Shri.Sanjay Amonkar Expert Member (Goa –SEAC)

Dr. Dipak C.S. Gaitonde Expert Member (Goa –SEAC)

Dr. Subhash H. Bhosale Expert Member (Goa –SEAC)

Dr. Chandrashekher U. Rivonker Expert Member (Goa –SEAC)

Annexure - 2

- To decide on application received from Emgee Housing Pvt. Ltd. for proposed Residential cum Commercial Scheme "Anantam Phase1,2,3 and Bayhill Phase 4" bearing Survey No. 225/1 and 4, 227 and 234/2, Taleigao, Tiswadi, North Goa for prior Environment Clearance.
- 2. Any other matter with permission of the chair.