

**Minutes of the sixty-first meeting of the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, West Bengal held on January 04, 2023 at 14:00 Hrs. at the Conference Room, Paribesh Bhawan, Bidhannagar.**

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The 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), was held on 04.01.2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Paribesh Bhawan, Bidhan Nagar. The following members participated:

1)	Dr. Rajesh Kumar, IPS	Secretary, SEAC	Present
2)	Dr. Ashit Kumar Mukherjee	Chairman, SEAC	Present
3)	Dr. Nilangshu Bhusan Basu	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
4)	Prof. (Dr.) Pradip Kumar Sikdar	Member, SEAC	Present
5)	Prof. (Dr.) Anirban Gupta	Member, SEAC	Present
6)	Prof. (Dr.) Aniruddha Mukhopadhyay	Member, SEAC	Present
7)	Prof. (Dr.) Goutam Kumar Saha	Member, SEAC	Present
8)	Prof. (Dr.) Sampa Chakrabarti	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
9)	Prof. (Dr.) Indranath Sinha	Member, SEAC	Present
10)	Shri Shubhendu Bandyopadhyay	Member, SEAC	Present

**1) Note on Technical presentations:-**

**11.1) For Environmental Clearance**

**1.1.1) Industry Sector**

- A. **Proposed Riverbed Sand and Stone Mining project in Dumuria River in the area of 3.86 Acres (1.54 Ha) at Mouza - Salbari, J.L. No.: 71 Plot Nos. 317, 318, 359, 361, P.S. – Khoribari Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/264776/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Prakash Thapa.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>M/s. RSP Green Development &amp; Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.</b>

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Riverbed Sand and Stone Mining project [SALBARI PART-I Sand Block; Area – 3.86 Acres (1.54 Ha)] on river Dumuria at Mouza – Salbari, J.L. No.: 71 Plot Nos. 317, 318, 359, 361, P.S. – Khoribari, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The project proponent (PP) has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide No. 3452/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 11.12.2017 in the name of Shri Prakash Thapa for a lease area of 3.86 Ha. in the Plot No. 317, 318, 359, 361, Mouza Salbari, JL No. 71, PS – Khoribari, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 1110/M&M/ DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 17.03.2022.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

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- The PP has not uploaded the approved Mine Plan.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 05.12.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the application form and Pre-Feasibility Report does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded an approved Mine Plan, valid LOI and cluster certificate from the competent authority.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

**B. Proposed Patiram (Part-III) Sand mining project of Area 2.5 Ha. in Balason river at Plot No. 291, 317, 318, 321, 329, Mouza – Patiram, JL No. 77, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling.**

**Proposal No.**

**SIA/WB/MIN/409024/2022**

**Project Proponent -**

**Shri Mahesh Gandhi, M/s. Rainbow  
Infrastructure & Housing Development Ltd.**

**Environmental Consultant -**

**M/s. Ultra Tech.**

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Patiram Part III Sand Block of Area – 2.5 Hectare) on river Balason at Plot No. 291, 317, 318, 321, 329, JL No. 77, Mouza – Patiram, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. - Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 1160/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 31.05.2017 in the name of Rainbow Infrastructure Housing Development Ltd for a lease area of 6.17 Acres in the Plot No. 261, 218, 273, 277, 278, 286, 291, 293, 317, 318, 321, 329, 323, 324, 445, 447, Mouza Patiram, JL No. 77, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3249/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Rainbow Infrastructure Housing Development Ltd.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 18.12.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 2.5 Ha. in Plot No. 291, 317, 318, 321, 329, JL No. 77, Mouza – Patiram, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. - Darjeeling, West Bengal. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the mineable reserve of Sand – 12000 Cum/423720 cft per annum and Stone - 8000 Cum/282480 cft per annum.
- The PP has not uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

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- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and Pre-Feasibility Report.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

**C. Proposed Kawakhali II riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 4 Ha. at Mouza – Kawakhali-II, JL. No. – 75, Plot No – 399(P), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408992/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Mahesh Gandhi, M/s. Rainbow Infrastructure &amp; Housing Development Ltd.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>M/s. Ultra Tech.</b>

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Kawakhali II riverbed sand & stone mining project of Area – 4 Hectare) on river Balason at Plot No. 399(p), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 165/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2018 dated 01.02.2018 in the name of Rainbow Infrastructure Housing Development Ltd for a lease area of 9.88 Acres in the Plot No. 399, 407, 408, 410, 418, Mouza Kawakhali II, JL No. 75, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3249/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Rainbow Infrastructure Housing Development Ltd.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 27.12.2018 has been issued for a lease area of 4 Ha. in Plot No. 399(p), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the mineable reserve of Sand – 19200 Cum/677952 cft per annum and Stone - 12800 Cum/451968 cft per annum.
- The PP has not uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 04.12.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does

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not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and Pre-Feasibility Report.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

**D. Proposed Kawakhali I riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 3.8 Ha. at Mouza – Kawakhali-I, JL. No. – 75, Plot No – 399(P), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

**Proposal No.** SIA/WB/MIN/408885/2022

**Project Proponent -** Shri Mahesh Gandhi, M/s. Rainbow Infrastructure & Housing Development Ltd.

**Environmental Consultant -** M/s. Ultra Tech.

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Kawakhali I riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 3.8 Ha. at Mouza – Kawakhali-I, JL. No. – 75, Plot No – 399(P), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), JL No. 75, P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 166/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2018 dated 01.02.2018 in the name of Rainbow Infrastructure Housing Development Ltd for a lease area of 9.38 Acres in the Plot No. 399, 407, 408, 410, 418, Mouza Kawakhali I, JL No. 75, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3249/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Rainbow Infrastructure Housing Development Ltd.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 27.02.2018 has been issued for a lease area of 3.8 Ha. in Plot No. 399(P), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Kawakhali I, JL No. 75, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the mineable reserve of Sand – 18240 Cum/644054 cft per annum and Stone - 12160 Cum/429370 cft per annum.
- The PP has not uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 04.12.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and Pre-Feasibility Report.

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Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

- E. **Proposed Bataliguri riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 2.7 Ha. at Mouza – Bataliguri, JL. No. – 64, Plot No – 267 - 276, P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408470/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Ms. Rina Dutta.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>M/s. M/s. Ultra Tech.</b>

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Bataliguri riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 2.7 Ha. at Mouza – Bataliguri, JL. No. – 64, Plot No – 267 - 276, P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI), which has been extended vide letter No. 3255/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Smt. Rina Dutta.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 14.06.2018 has been issued for a lease area of 2.7 Ha. in Plot No. 267 – 276, Mouza – Bataliguri, P.S. - Mtigara, JL No. 19, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the mineable reserve of Sand – 4320 m<sup>3</sup> and Stone – 17280 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has not uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 04.12.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Mr. Basabjit Dutta, H/o of Mrs. Rina Dutta (applicant) appeared for the presentation.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and Pre-Feasibility Report.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

- F. **Proposed Bhulka Part I sand mining project in Mechi River at Mouza – Bhulka, Plot No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, JL No. 6, Vill – Ramjanpur, PO – Bhajanpur, PS – Khoribari, Dist – Darjeeling.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408773/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Anil Kumar Ray.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>Not engaged.</b>

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***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Bhulka Part I sand mining project in Mechi River at Mouza – Bhulka, Plot No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, JL No. 6, Vill – Ramjanpur, PO – Bhajanpur, PS – Khoribari, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 253/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 06.02.2017 in the name of M/s. Excellent India Build Construction for a lease area of 9.38 Acres in the Plot No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Mouza Bhulka, JL No. 06, PS – Kharibari, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3109/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 02.11.2022 in the name of M/s. Excellent India Build Construction.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 01.08.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 3.8 Ha. in Plot No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Mouza Bhulka, JL No. 06, PS – Kharibari, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the mineable reserve of Sand – 24320 Cum/858739 cft per annum and Stone - 6080 Cum/214685 cft per annum.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- The PP was absent for their EC presentation. The SEAC decided that the PP should submit reasons for their absence on consideration of which they may be allowed to present their case in a subsequent meeting. The PP along with the NABET accredited consultant should appear for the presentation.

**G. Proposed Namai SIL8 sand mining project in Balason river in Area 7.20 Ha. at Plot no. 289(P), 290(P), 315(P), 321(P), 322(P), Mouza - NEMAI, J L No.- 57, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408774/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Santosh Kumar Singh.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>Not engaged.</b>

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Namai SIL8 sand mining project in Balason river in Area 7.20 Ha. at Plot no. 289(P), 290(P), 315(P), 321(P), 322(P), Mouza- NEMAI, J L No.- 57, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 1536/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 17.07.2017 in the name of Shri Santosh Kumar Singh for a lease area of 6.67 Acres in the Plot No. 289(P), 290(P), 322(P), 321(P), 315(P) in Mouza Nimai, JL No. 57, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No.

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3256/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Shri Santosh Kumar Singh.

- Approved Mine Plan dated 07.09.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 2.7 Ha. in Plot No. 289(P), 290(P), 322(P), 321(P), 315(P) in Mouza Nimai, JL No. 57, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone (20% and 80% respectively) is 81000 m<sup>3</sup>/year of which the mineable reserves will be 66000 m<sup>3</sup>/year.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- The PP was absent for their EC presentation. The SEAC decided that the PP should submit reasons for their absence on consideration of which they may be allowed to present their case in a subsequent meeting. The PP along with the NABET accredited consultant should appear for the presentation.

**H. Proposed Phd Tarabandha (Part 354A) sand mining project in Balason river in Area: 0.38 ha. at Mouza – Tarabandha, JL No. 69, Plot No. 354, Vill – Tarabandha, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.**

**Proposal No.**

**SIA/WB/MIN/408705/2022**

**Project Proponent -**

**Shri Krishna Agarwal.**

**Environmental Consultant -**

**M/s. RSP Green Development & Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.**

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Phd Tarabandha (Part 354A) sand mining project in Balason river in Area: 0.38 ha. at Mouza – Tarabandha, JL No. 69, Plot No. 354, Vill – Tarabandha, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 2508/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2016 dated 08.11.2016 in the name of Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal & Sons for a lease area of 0.96 Acres in the Plot No. 354, Mouza – Tarabandha, JL No. 69, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3245/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2020 in the name of Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 09.01.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 0.38 Ha. in Plot No. 354 in Mouza Tarabandha, JL No. 69, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 7600 m<sup>3</sup> of which the mineable reserves (90% and 10% respectively) will be 6000 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

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***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and valid accreditation certificate of the Consultant from NABET.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

- I. **Proposed Namai SIL6 sand mining project in Balason river in Area: 1.2 Ha. at Plot no. 262(P), 264(P), 266(P), 281(P), Mouza- Nemaï, J L No.- 57, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.**

**Proposal No.**

**SIA/WB/MIN/408675/2022**

**Project Proponent -**

**Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal.**

**Environmental Consultant -**

**M/s. RSP Green Development & Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.**

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Namai SIL6 sand mining project in Balason river in Area: 1.2 Ha. at Plot no. 262(P), 264(P), 266(P), 281(P), Mouza- Nemaï, J L No.- 57, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 2812/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2016 dated 19.12.2016 in the name of Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal & Sons for a lease area of 2.96 Acres in the Plot No. 262(P), 264(P), 266(P) and 281(P), Mouza – Nemaï, JL No. 57, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3245/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2020 in the name of Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 10.01.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 1.2 Ha. in Plot No. 262(P), 264(P), 266(P) and 281(P), Mouza – Nemaï, JL No. 57, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 24000 m<sup>3</sup> of which the mineable reserves (20% and 80% respectively) will be 18400 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.



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- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the committee recommended that the following submission / clarifications should be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal by the project proponent for further consideration :-
  - 1) It is observed that the approved Mine Plan has been issued on 10.01.2017. Valid approved Mine Plan should be uploaded.
  - 2) Cluster certificate from the competent authority should be submitted.
  - 3) Need-based EMP should be submitted as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.
  - 4) Details of accredited consultant including valid NABET accreditation certificate should be submitted.

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

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

- J. **Proposed Phd Nimbutari Sand Block in 0.696 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza – Nembutari, Plot No. 24, 26, 28, 30 & 31 JL No. 86, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408669/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Vivek Kumar.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>M/s. RSP Green Development &amp; Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.</b>

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Phd Nimbutari Sand Block in 0.696 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza – Nembutari, Plot No. 24, 26, 28, 30 & 31 JL No. 86, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 3454/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2016 dated 11.12.2017 in the name of M/s. Vivek Associates for a lease area of 1.72 Acres in the Plot No. 26, 28, 24, 31, 30, 302, 303, 307, 312 Mouza – Nembutari, JL No. 86, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3253/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of M/s. Vivek Associates.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 23.04.2018 has been issued for a lease area of 0.696 Ha. in Plot No. 24, 26, 28, 30, 31 Mouza – Nimai, JL No. 86, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 6960 m<sup>3</sup> of which the mineable reserves (95% and 5% respectively) will be 5568 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

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- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and valid accreditation certificate of the Consultant from NABET.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

- K. **Proposed Phd Bhusibhita (Part : 1306A) Sand Mining project in 0.49 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza – Busibhita, Plot No. 1306 JL No. 71, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.**

**Proposal No.**

**SIA/WB/MIN/408636/2022**

**Project Proponent -**

**Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal.**

**Environmental Consultant -**

**M/s. RSP Green Development & Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.**

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Phd Bhusibhita (Part : 1306A) Sand Mining project in 0.49 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza – Busibhita, Plot No. 1306 JL No. 71, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 2507/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2016 dated 08.11.2016 in the name of Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal & Sons for a lease area of 1.23 Acres in the Plot No. 1306, Mouza – Bhusibhita, JL No. 71, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3245/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 23.04.2018 has been issued for a lease area of 0.49 Ha. in Plot No. 1306, Mouza – Bhusibhita, JL No. 71, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 9800 m<sup>3</sup> of which the mineable reserves (90% and 10% respectively) will be 7000 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

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***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and valid accreditation certificate of the Consultant from NABET.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

- L. **Proposed Bournivitar Chhat Sand Mining project in 4.32 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza - Bournivitar Chhat, JL No. 82, Plot No. 6 & 8, PS- Naxalbari, Dist – Darjeeling.**
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| <b>Proposal No.</b>               | <b>SIA/WB/MIN/408658/2022</b>                                  |
| <b>Project Proponent -</b>        | <b>Shri Ajay Sharma.</b>                                       |
| <b>Environmental Consultant -</b> | <b>M/s. RSP Green Development &amp; Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.</b> |

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Bournivitar Chhat Sand Mining project in 4.32 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza - Bournivitar Chhat, JL No. 82, Plot No. 6 & 8, PS- Naxalbari, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 1144/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2018 dated 05.05.2018 in the name of Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma for a lease area of 10.67 Acres in the Plot No. 6, 8 & 3, Mouza – Bournivitar Chhat, JL No. 82, PS – Naxalbari, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3252/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 27.06.2018 has been issued for a lease area of 4.32 Ha. in Plot No. 6 & 8, Mouza – Bournivitar Chhat, JL No. 82, PS – Naxalbari, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 86400 m3 of which the mineable reserves (10% and 90% respectively) will be 69120 m3.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the committee recommended that the following submission / clarifications should be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal by the project proponent for further consideration :-
  - 1) It is observed that the plot nos. mentioned in LOI are as 6, 8 & 3 while the approved Mine Plan mentions 6 & 8 as plot nos. Necessary correction / rectification should be provided.

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- 2) Distance of the proposed project from the nearest riverbed pump station of PHED.
- 3) Details of accredited consultant including valid NABET accreditation certificate.
- 4) Need-based EMP as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.

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

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

**M. Proposed Madan Part III Sand Mining project in 2.5 Ha. in Mechi River at Mouza - Madan, JL No. 1, Plot No. 170, PS - Kharibari, Dist – Darjeeling.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408497/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Bidyut Thakur.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>M/s. RSP Green Development &amp; Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.</b>

**Activity:**

- This is a proposal for Madan Part III Sand Mining project in 2.5 Ha. in Mechi River at Mouza - Madan, JL No. 1, Plot No. 170, PS - Kharibari, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 3453/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 11.12.2012 in the name of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur for a lease area of 6.175 Acres in the Plot No. 170, 171, 163 & 166, Mouza – Madan, JL No. 1, PS – Kharibari, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3246/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 28.02.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 2.5 Ha. in Plot No. 170(P), Mouza – Madan, JL No. 1, PS – Kharibari, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 25000 m<sup>3</sup> of which the mineable reserves (95% and 5% respectively) will be 20000 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

**Chronology of the event:**

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 30.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

**SEAC observation and recommendations:**

- Mr. Sujit Kumar Das appeared on behalf of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur along with the letter of authorization.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the

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PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and valid accreditation certificate of the Consultant from NABET.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

**N. Proposed Manjilajhar Part - 1 Sand & Stone Mines in 1.1 Ha. in Chenga River at Mouza - Mandilajhar, JL No. 101, Plot No. 1084 & 1081, PS - Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.**

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>SIA/WB/MIN/408474/2022</b>
<b>Project Proponent -</b>	<b>Shri Bidyut Thakur.</b>
<b>Environmental Consultant -</b>	<b>M/s. RSP Green Development &amp; Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.</b>

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Manjilajhar Part - 1 Sand & Stone Mines in 1.1 Ha. in Chenga River at Mouza - Mandilajhar, JL No. 101, Plot No. 1084 & 1081, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 187/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 02.05.2017 in the name of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur for a lease area of 2.71 Acres in the Plot No. 1081 & 1084, Mouza – Mandilajhar, JL No. 101, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3246/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 09.06.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 1.1 Ha. in Plot No. 1081 & 1084, Mouza – Mandilajhar, JL No. 101, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 13750 m3 of which the mineable reserves (70% and 30% respectively) will be 11000 m3.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 29.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Mr. Sujit Kumar Das appeared on behalf of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur along with the letter of authorization.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and valid accreditation certificate of the Consultant from NABET.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

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- O. Proposed Phd Ambari Sand & Stone Mines in 1.49 Ha. in Chenga River at Mouza - Ambari, JL No. 40, Plot No. 88, 348(p) 351 & 344, PS - Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling.
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| Proposal No.               | SIA/WB/MIN/408406/2022                              |
| Project Proponent -        | Shri Bidyut Thakur.                                 |
| Environmental Consultant - | M/s. RSP Green Development & Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. |

***Activity:***

- This is a proposal for Phd Ambari Sand & Stone Mines in 1.49 Ha. in Chenga River at Mouza - Ambari, JL No. 40, Plot No. 88, 348(p) 351 & 344, PS - Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling.
- The PP has obtained Letter of Intent (LoI) vide Memo No. 2509/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/2017 dated 08.01.2016 in the name of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur for a lease area of 3.70 Acres in the Plot No. 88, 348(p) 351 & 344, Mouza – Ambari, JL No. 40, PS – Phansidewa, Dist – Darjeeling, which has been further extended vide letter No. 3246/XVII/LOI/M&M/DLLRO-DJ/22 dated 18.11.2022 in the name of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur.
- Approved Mine Plan dated 09.01.2017 has been issued for a lease area of 1.49 Ha. in Plot No. 88, 348(p) 351 & 344, Mouza – Ambari, JL No. 40, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling. It is mentioned in the Mine Plan that the total reserve for Sand and Stone is 29800 m<sup>3</sup> of which the mineable reserves (90% and 10% respectively) will be 24000 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The PP has uploaded the pre-feasibility report for the proposed project.

***Chronology of the event:***

- The PP applied in prescribed format for Environmental Clearance and uploaded the application in the PARIVESH portal on 29.11.2022.
- The PP was called for the EC presentation in the 61<sup>st</sup> SEAC meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the PP presented their proposal in this meeting.

***SEAC observation and recommendations:***

- Mr. Sujit Kumar Das appeared on behalf of Shri Bidyut Ranjan Thakur along with the letter of authorization.
- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the SEAC observed that the plot area for the proposed project (geo-coordinates) as per the approved Mine Plan does not fall within the potential zone of the approved District Survey Report (DSR). Also, the PP has not uploaded cluster certificate from the competent authority and valid accreditation certificate of the Consultant from NABET.

Therefore, the committee recommended that the present proposal should be rejected.

**2) Miscellaneous:**

- A. Finalization of Standard EC conditions for sand mining.

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The draft of Standard EC conditions for sand mining was discussed at length. It was decided that necessary corrections / rectifications shall be incorporated and the matter will be taken up again in the subsequent meeting.

**Table-1 : List of the projects which were placed before the reconstituted SEAC in the sixty-first meeting held on 04.01.2023 and the Summary Decisions thereof:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the unit &amp; Project address</b>	<b>Summary Decision</b>
<b>1)</b>	<b>Cases for Technical Presentation</b>	
<b>1.1)</b>	<b>Environmental Clearance</b>	
<b>1.1.1)</b>	<b>Industry Sector</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Shri Prakash Thapa</b> Proposed Mining of Riverbed Sand and Stone in Dumuria River in the area of 3.86 Acres (1.54 Ha) at Mouza - Salbari, J.L. No.: 71 Plot Nos. 317, 318, 359, 361, P.S. – Khoribari Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/264776/2022).	Rejected
<b>B.</b>	<b>Shri Mahesh Gandhi, M/s. Rainbow Infrastructure &amp; Housing Development Ltd.</b> Proposed Patiram (Part-III) Sand mining project of Area 2.5 Ha. in Balason river at Plot No. 291, 317, 318, 321, 329, Mouza – Patiram, JL No. 77, PS – Matigara, Dist – Darjeeling. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/409024/2022).	Rejected
<b>C.</b>	<b>Shri Mahesh Gandhi, M/s. Rainbow Infrastructure &amp; Housing Development Ltd.</b> Proposed Kawakhali II riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 4 Ha. at Mouza – Kawakhali-II, JL. No. – 75, Plot No – 399(P), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408992/2022).	Rejected
<b>D.</b>	<b>Shri Mahesh Gandhi, M/s. Rainbow Infrastructure &amp; Housing Development Ltd.</b> Proposed Kawakhali I riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 3.8 Ha. at Mouza – Kawakhali-I, JL. No. – 75, Plot No – 399(P), 407(P), 408(P), 410(P), 418(P), P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408885/2022).	Rejected
<b>E.</b>	<b>Ms. Rina Dutta</b> Proposed Bataliguri riverbed sand & stone mining project in Balason river bed in area of 2.7 Ha. at Mouza – Bataliguri, JL. No. – 64, Plot No – 267 - 276, P.S. - Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408470/2022).	Rejected

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<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the unit &amp; Project address</b>	<b>Summary Decision</b>
F.	<b>Shri Anil Kumar Ray</b> Proposed Bhulka Part I sand mining project in Mechi River at Mouza – Bhulka, Plot No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, JI No. 6, Vill – Ramjanpur, PO – Bhajanpur, PS – Khoribari, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408773/2022).	Absent
G.	<b>Shri Santosh Kumar Singh</b> Proposed Namai SIL8 sand mining project in Balason river in Area 7.20 Ha. at Plot no. 289(P), 290(P), 315(P), 321(P), 322(P), Mouza- NEMAI, J L No.- 57, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408774/2022).	Absent
H.	<b>Shri Krishna Agarwal</b> Proposed Phd Tarabandha (Part 354A) sand mining project in Balason river in Area: 0.38 ha. at Mouza – Tarabandha, JL No. 69, Plot NO. 354, Vill – Tarabandha, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408705/2022).	Rejected
I.	<b>Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal</b> Proposed Namai SIL6 sand mining project in Balason river in Area: 1.2 Ha. at Plot no. 262(P), 264(P), 266(P), 281(P), Mouza- NEMAI, J L No.- 57, P.S. – Matigara, Dist. – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408675/2022).	Additional details sought
J.	<b>Shri Vivek Kumar</b> Proposed Phd Nimbutari Sand Block in 0.696 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza – Nembutari, Plot No. 24, 26, 28, 30 & 31 JL No. 86, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408669/2022).	Rejected
K.	<b>Shri Krishna Gopal Agarwal</b> Proposed Phd Bhusibhita (Part : 1306A) Sand Mining project in 0.49 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza – Busibhita, Plot No. 1306 JL No. 71, PS – Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408636/2022).	Rejected
L.	<b>Shri Ajay Sharma</b> Proposed Bournivitar Chhat Sand Mining project in 4.32 Ha. in Balason River at Mouza - Bournivitar Chhat, JL No. 82, Plot No. 6 & 8, PS- Naxalbari, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408658/2022).	Additional details sought
M.	<b>Shri Bidyut Thakur</b> Proposed Madan Part III Sand Mining project in 2.5 Ha. in Mechi River at Mouza - Madan, JL No. 1, Plot No. 170, PS - Kharibari, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal.	Rejected



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<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the unit &amp; Project address</b>	<b>Summary Decision</b>
	(Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408497/2022).	
N.	<b>Shri Bidyut Thakur</b> Proposed Manjilajhar Part - 1 Sand & Stone Mines in 1.1 Ha. in Chenga River at Mouza - Mandilajhar, JL No. 101, Plot No. 1084 & 1081, PS - Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408474/2022).	Rejected
O.	<b>Shri Bidyut Thakur</b> Proposed Phd Ambari Sand & Stone Mines in 1.49 Ha. in Chenga River at Mouza - Ambari, JL No. 40, Plot No. 88, 348(p) 351 & 344, PS - Phansideowa, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/408406/2022).	Rejected
<b>2) Miscellaneous</b>		
A.	Finalization of Standard EC conditions for sand mining.	To be finalised in the subsequent meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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