

Minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the reconstituted State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, West Bengal held on 19.04.2021 at 12:30 p.m. at the Conference Room, Paribesh Bhawan, Bidhannagar.

Name of the members who were present in the meeting are as follows: -

1)	Dr. Ashit Kumar Mukherjee	Chairman, SEAC	Present through VC
2)	Prof. (Dr.) Sampa Chakrabarti	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
3)	Dr. Pradip Kumar Sikdar	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
4)	Dr. Suchandra Bardhan	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
5)	Dr. Nilangshu Bhusan Basu	Member, SEAC	Present physically
6)	Prof. (Dr.) Aniruddha Mukhopadhyay	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
7)	Dr. Goutam Kumar Saha	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
8)	Shri Shubhendu Bandyopadhyay	Member, SEAC	Present through VC
9)	Secretary, SEAC		Present

In the beginning of the 15th meeting of the reconstituted State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), which was held on 19.04.2021 at 12:30 p.m. at the Conference Room, Paribesh Bhawan, Bidhan Nagar, the Secretary, SEAC welcome all the members. After introductory session, technical presentations were made by applicants. Twelve applicants were requested to make their presentation before the committee. One applicant could not appear before the SEAC. Eleven applicants appeared before the SEAC for technical presentation on their respective project proposal. Three cases were placed for reconsideration cases.

A. Note on Technical presentations:-

For Environmental Clearance :

Construction Sector

1. Proposed Residential Complex “Merlin Uttara” by M/s. Merlin Projects Limited at (Presently 94/6K & 94/7K), G. T. Road, JL No. 8, Mouza - Kotrung, Konnagar, Uttarpara-Kotrung Municipality, Dist - Hooghly, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/ WB/MIS/51607/2019)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for construction of a Residential Complex comprising of 15 nos. of Residential Blocks: 8 Blocks-G+4 (in Plot -94/6K) & 7 Blocks-G+4 (in Plot -94/7K) with basement in few blocks have been constructed. The total number of flats are 348 nos. Total built up area is 36161.658 sqm. and total land area of the project is 15652.04 sqm.

Chronology:

- The project proponent applied as violation case and presented their proposal for Terms of Reference presentation in the 178th SEAC meeting held on 09.08.2019.
- In accordance with the recommendation of the SEAC, ToR was issued vide letter dated 20.08.2019.
- The project proponent submitted Final EIA report on 25.01.2021.
- The project proponent presented their EIA report in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021 and based on the presentation made by the project proponent, the committee recommended the following points for submission / clarifications :-

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- a. Revised plantation programme should be submitted.
- b. Revised EMP as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.
- c. Proposal for organic waste composter and solar power to be submitted. Presentation shows they are not yet installed.
- d. Testing, treatment and quality control of swimming pool water should be indicated.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents.

For Terms of Reference :

Industry Sector

2. Proposed Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF) by M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd. at Mouza - Arazi Balarambati, P.S. - Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIS/60301/2021)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF) at Mouza - Arazi Balarambati, P.S. - Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, West Bengal.

Chronology:

- The project proponent presented their proposal for Terms of Reference in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021 and based on the presentation made by the project proponent, the committee recommended the following points for submission / clarifications :-
 - a. Land related documents (porcha) and land conversion documents should be submitted.
 - b. Water abstraction permission from the competent authority should be submitted. Special attention to be given for Arsenic in groundwater.
 - c. Proposal for rainwater harvesting should be submitted. Water requirement may change with rainwater.
 - d. Details regarding Covid waste management including collection area and disposal should be submitted. Vehicles should be washed with disinfectant solution. Vehicle wash water to be treated in the ETP.
 - e. Permission from West Bengal Pollution Control Board with respect to locational criteria.
 - f. Documents regarding locational criteria based on coverage area for establishment of new CBWTF as per CPCB Guidelines 2016.
 - g. Details of access road to the project site to be submitted. Routing of vehicles and timing of transport to be considered.
 - h. Personal protection and amenities including health check-up, vaccination etc. for the workers/employees should be indicated.
 - i. Details of emission control system should be submitted.
 - j. Details of effluent treatment plant and zero discharge proposal should be submitted.

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The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents. SEAC also requested WBPCB to conduct site inspection regarding feasibility of the site.

For Environmental Clearance :

Industry Sector

3. Proposed Chakdaulat Sand Mine MSB-73 (Area - 1.47 Ha.) on Kangshabati River by Sri Iyamin Mondal on Plot No. 324(P), JL No. 285, Mouza - Chakdaulat, PS - Midnapore, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/175087/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Chakdaulat Sand Mine MSB-73 of capacity 23200 m³/year (Area - 1.47 Ha.) on Kangshabati River at Plot No. 324(P), JL No. 285, Mouza - Chakdaulat, PS - Midnapore, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

Chronology:

- The project proponent was asked to presented their proposal for final EIA Report in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021. Project proponent did not appear for the presentation. The case will be considered further once SEAC receive request from the project proponent.

4. Proposed Bhalukmura Sand Mine MGARB-36 (Area - 2.02 Ha.) on Silabati River by Sri Prasanta Karak on Plot No. 16(P), 63(P) & 77(P), JL No. 795, Mouza - Bhalukmura, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/166343/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Bhalukmura Sand Mine MGARB-36 (Area - 2.02 Ha.) on Silabati River of 26640 m³/year at Plot No. 16(P), 63(P) & 77(P), JL No. 795, Mouza - Bhalukmura, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

Chronology:

- The project proponent presented their proposal for Terms of Reference in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021 and based on the presentation made by the project proponent, the committee recommended the following points for submission / clarifications :-
 - a) Valid LOI from the Competent Authority should be submitted.
 - b) Certificate / Undertaking regarding cluster formation to be obtained from the Competent Authority.
 - c) Comprehensive Environment Management Plan (EMP), Plantation Plan, Depth of river bed should be re-casted and resubmitted. EMP to be submitted as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.
 - d) Proposal for installation of suitable device and software for tracking the movement of vehicles and quantity of sand being transported.
 - e) Proposal for setting up of ambient air quality monitoring stations.
 - f) Proposal for installation of Display Board showing for display of parameters of the sand mine project.
 - g) Source of water for drinking and other purposes should be specified. Only potable water should be collected from Panchayat with proper permission (permission to be

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submitted). Water for other purposes should be taken from the river.

- h) A declaration regarding any intermediate stock piling should be submitted and if any, pollution control plan for such storage should be indicated.
- i) Details of access road including ownership to the project should be submitted.
- j) Ground water study to be conducted in the buffer area. The depths of groundwater/base flow in the mining lease hold area should be resubmitted.
- k) Ground water abstraction certificate from the competent authority should be submitted.
- l) Distance from the centre of the mining lease hold area (MLHA) to the nearest bridge on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
- m) Distances from the centre of the mining lease hold area to the nearest riverbed tubewells / public water supply scheme (if any) on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
- n) Replenishment study in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020 to be submitted.
- o) Ergonomic Study and study of Health Effect due to exposure from silica should be submitted.
- p) No Objection Certificate from the Competent Authority clearly specifying whether the proposed mining area forms a part of the habitat or a part of the movement corridor of migratory elephants and other endangered fauna should be submitted.
- q) A time bound progressive green belt development plan should be submitted indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame. The species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value with emphasis on local, native and pioneer species which are pollution tolerant as well.
- r) Agreement with panchayat regarding allotment of land for tree plantation and its maintenance.
- s) Plantation plan duly approved by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer should be submitted. All corner Co-ordinates of the plantation area super imposed on a high resolution imagery/toposheet should be provided.
- t) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer should clearly elucidate whether a comprehensive conservation plan is required to be made by the project proponent in consultation with the Dept. of Forests in view of the seasonal elephant movement in the regional landscape, as stated by the District Magistrate and Chairperson for competitive bidding vide his no 1080/1-MM/04/EC/2021 Dated 22.02.2021.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents.

5. Proposed Moldanga Sand Mine MGARB-44 (Area - 0.42 Ha.) on Silabati River by Sri Prasanta Karak on Plot No. 473(P), JL No. 575, Mouza - Moldanga, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/166540/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Moldanga Sand Mine MGARB-44 of capacity 3400 m³/year (Area - 0.42 Ha.) on Silabati River on Plot No. 473(P), JL No. 575, Mouza - Moldanga, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

Chronology:

- The project proponent presented their proposal for Terms of Reference in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021 and based on the presentation made

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by the project proponent, the committee recommended the following points for submission / clarifications :-

- a) Valid LOI from the Competent Authority should be submitted.
- b) Certificate / Undertaking regarding cluster formation to be obtained from the Competent Authority.
- c) Comprehensive Environment Management Plan (EMP), Plantation Plan, Depth of river bed should be re-casted and resubmitted. EMP to be submitted as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.
- d) Proposal for installation of suitable device and software for tracking the movement of vehicles and quantity of sand being transported.
- e) Proposal for setting up of ambient air quality monitoring stations.
- f) Proposal for installation of Display Board showing for display of parameters of the sand mine project.
- g) Source of water for drinking and other purposes should be specified. Only potable water should be collected from Panchayat with proper permission (permission to be submitted). Water for other purposes should be taken from the river.
- h) A declaration regarding any intermediate stock piling should be submitted and if any, pollution control plan for such storage should be indicated.
- i) Details of access road including ownership to the project should be submitted.
- j) Ground water study to be conducted in the buffer area. The depths of groundwater/base flow in the mining lease hold area should be resubmitted.
- k) Ground water abstraction certificate from the competent authority should be submitted.
- l) Distance from the centre of the mining lease hold area (MLHA) to the nearest bridge on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
- m) Distances from the centre of the mining lease hold area to the nearest riverbed tubewells / public water supply scheme (if any) on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
- n) Replenishment study in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020 to be submitted.
- o) Ergonomic Study and study of Health Effect due to exposure from silica should be submitted.
- p) No Objection Certificate from the Competent Authority clearly specifying whether the proposed mining area forms a part of the habitat or a part of the movement corridor of migratory elephants and other endangered fauna should be submitted.
- q) A time bound progressive green belt development plan should be submitted indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame. The species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value with emphasis on local, native and pioneer species which are pollution tolerant as well.
- r) Agreement with panchayat regarding allotment of land for tree plantation and its maintenance.
- s) Plantation plan duly approved by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer should be submitted. All corner Co-ordinates of the plantation area super imposed on a high resolution imagery/toposheet should be provided.
- t) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer should clearly elucidate whether a comprehensive conservation plan is required to be made by the project proponent in

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consultation with the Dept. of Forests in view of the seasonal elephant movement in the regional landscape, as stated by the District Magistrate and Chairperson for competitive bidding vide his no 1080/1-MM/04/EC/2021 Dated 22.02.2021.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents.

6. Proposed Baranda Sand Mine MGARB-28 (Area - 0.90 Ha.) on Silabati River by Sri Ataur Rahaman Mondal on Plot No. 1(P), JL No.572, Mouza - Baranda, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/166404/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Baranda Sand Mine MGARB-28 of capacity 4800 m³/year (Area - 0.90 Ha.) on Silabati River at Plot No. 1(P), JL No.572, Mouza - Baranda, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

Chronology:

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 - a) Valid LOI from the Competent Authority should be submitted.
 - b) Certificate / Undertaking regarding cluster formation to be obtained from the Competent Authority.
 - c) Comprehensive Environment Management Plan (EMP), Plantation Plan, Depth of river bed should be re-casted and resubmitted. EMP to be submitted as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.
 - d) Proposal for installation of suitable device and software for tracking the movement of vehicles and quantity of sand being transported.
 - e) Proposal for setting up of ambient air quality monitoring stations.
 - f) Proposal for installation of Display Board showing for display of parameters of the sand mine project.
 - g) Source of water for drinking and other purposes should be specified. Only potable water should be collected from Panchayat with proper permission (permission to be submitted). Water for other purposes should be taken from the river.
 - h) A declaration regarding any intermediate stock piling should be submitted and if any, pollution control plan for such storage should be indicated.
 - i) Details of access road including ownership to the project should be submitted.
 - j) Ground water study to be conducted in the buffer area. The depths of groundwater/base flow in the mining lease hold area should be resubmitted.
 - k) Ground water abstraction certificate from the competent authority should be submitted.
 - l) Distance from the centre of the mining lease hold area (MLHA) to the nearest bridge on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
 - m) Distances from the centre of the mining lease hold area to the nearest riverbed tubewells / public water supply scheme (if any) on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
 - n) Replenishment study in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020

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to be submitted.

- o) Ergonomic Study and study of Health Effect due to exposure from silica should be submitted.
- p) No Objection Certificate from the Competent Authority clearly specifying whether the proposed mining area forms a part of the habitat or a part of the movement corridor of migratory elephants and other endangered fauna should be submitted.
- q) A time bound progressive green belt development plan should be submitted indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame. The species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value with emphasis on local, native and pioneer species which are pollution tolerant as well.
- r) Agreement with panchayat regarding allotment of land for tree plantation and its maintenance.
- s) Plantation plan duly approved by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer should be submitted. All corner Co-ordinates of the plantation area super imposed on a high resolution imagery/toposheet should be provided.
- t) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer should clearly elucidate whether a comprehensive conservation plan is required to be made by the project proponent in consultation with the Dept. of Forests in view of the seasonal elephant movement in the regional landscape, as stated by the District Magistrate and Chairperson for competitive bidding vide his no 1080/1-MM/04/EC/2021 Dated 22.02.2021.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents.

7. Proposed Malyan Sand Mine MKB-18 (Area - 1.55 Ha.) on Kangshabati River by Sri Sitesh Dhara on Plot No. 68(P) & 69(P), JL No. 625, Mouza - Malyan, PS - Keshpur, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/183978/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Malyan Sand Mine MKB-18 of capacity 22000 m³/year (Area - 1.55 Ha.) on Kangshabati River on Plot No. 68(P) & 69(P), JL No. 625, Mouza - Malyan, PS - Keshpur, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.

Chronology:

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 - a) Valid LOI from the Competent Authority should be submitted.
 - b) Certificate / Undertaking regarding cluster formation to be obtained from the Competent Authority.
 - c) Comprehensive Environment Management Plan (EMP), Plantation Plan, Depth of river bed should be re-casted and resubmitted. EMP to be submitted as per Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC vide F. No. 22-65/2017.IA.III dated 30.09.2020.
 - d) Proposal for installation of suitable device and software for tracking the movement of vehicles and quantity of sand being transported.
 - e) Proposal for setting up of ambient air quality monitoring stations.
 - f) Proposal for installation of Display Board showing for display of parameters of the sand mine project.
 - g) Source of water for drinking and other purposes should be specified. Only potable

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water should be collected from Panchayat with proper permission (permission to be submitted). Water for other purposes should be taken from the river.

- h) A declaration regarding any intermediate stock piling should be submitted and if any, pollution control plan for such storage should be indicated.
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- k) Ground water abstraction certificate from the competent authority should be submitted.
- l) Distance from the centre of the mining lease hold area (MLHA) to the nearest bridge on the downstream and upstream of the MLHA in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020.
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- n) Replenishment study in compliance with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2020 to be submitted.
- o) Ergonomic Study and study of Health Effect due to exposure from silica should be submitted.
- p) No Objection Certificate from the Competent Authority clearly specifying whether the proposed mining area forms a part of the habitat or a part of the movement corridor of migratory elephants and other endangered fauna should be submitted.
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- s) Plantation plan duly approved by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer should be submitted. All corner Co-ordinates of the plantation area super imposed on a high resolution imagery/toposheet should be provided.
- t) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer should clearly elucidate whether a comprehensive conservation plan is required to be made by the project proponent in consultation with the Dept. of Forests in view of the seasonal elephant movement in the regional landscape, as stated by the District Magistrate and Chairperson for competitive bidding vide his no 1080/1-MM/04/EC/2021 Dated 22.02.2021.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents.

8. Proposed Katna Sand Mine 0117DR007 (Area - 1.14 Ha.) on Dwarkeshwar River by M/s. Debraj Enterprise on Plot No. 1047(P), JL No. 79, Vill & Mouza - Katna, Block & PS - Bishnupur, Dist - Bankura, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/183020/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Katna Sand Mine 0117DR007 of capacity 90914 tonnes/annum (Area - 1.14 Ha.) at Plot No. 1047(P), JL No. 79, Vill & Mouza - Katna, Block & PS - Bishnupur, Dist - Bankura, West Bengal.

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Chronology:

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- Further in O.A. No. 80/2020/EZ dated 16.04.2021 the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata, in the case of Debashis Das Vs West Bengal Pollution Control Board & Ors. has also in another matter - 32/2020/EZ (Avik Goswami Vs WBPCB & Ors.) has mentioned that the matter regarding illegal sand mining being carried out in the riverbed of Ajay within the blocks namely Jamuria and Barabani in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal requires consideration to the Hon'ble NGT. Therefore, the Hon'ble NGT has directed for constitution of a committee to examine whether illegal sand mining is carried out and prosecution of the offenders and also assess environmental compensation on account of the illegal sand mining.

9. Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 2.39 Ha.) on Ajay River by Sri Parwez Alam Siddiqui, M/s. National Traders on Plot No. 2366(P), JL No. 01, Mouza - Parulberia, PS - Barabani, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/183225/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Riverbed Sand Mining project of capacity 107534 tonnes/annum (Area - 2.39 Ha.) on Ajay River at Plot No. 2366(P), JL No. 01, Mouza - Parulberia, PS - Barabani, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

Chronology:

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10. Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 3.50 Ha.) on Ajay River by Sri Laltu Dutta on Plot No. 583(P), Mouza - Desher Mohan, JL No. 14, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/183586/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Riverbed Sand Mining project of capacity 157477 tonnes/annum (Area - 3.50 Ha.) on Ajay River at Plot No. 583(P), Mouza - Desher Mohan, JL No. 14, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

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- Further in O.A. No. 80/2020/EZ dated 16.04.2021 the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata, in the case of Debashis Das Vs West Bengal Pollution Control Board & Ors. has also in another matter – 32/2020/EZ (Avik Goswami Vs WBPCB & Ors.) has mentioned that the matter regarding illegal sand mining being carried out in the riverbed of Ajay within the blocks namely Jamuria and Barabani in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal requires consideration to the Hon'ble NGT. Therefore, the Hon'ble NGT has directed for constitution of a committee to examine whether illegal sand mining is carried out and prosecution of the offenders and also assess environmental compensation on account of the illegal sand mining.

11. Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 2.76 Ha.) on Ajay River by Sri Laltu Dutta on Plot No. 1565(P), Mouza - Darbardanga, JL No. 44, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/183457/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Riverbed Sand Mining project of capacity 124181.91 tonnes/annum (Area - 2.76 Ha.) on Ajay River at Plot No. 1565(P), Mouza - Darbardanga, JL No. 44, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

Chronology:

- The project proponent appeared before the SEAC for presentation of their proposal in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021. However, no functional expert / EIA coordinators were present on behalf of the accredited consultant. Therefore, the SEAC decided that the presentation cannot be accepted and directed the representatives from the consultancy organisation to bring their functional expert / EIA coordinators, henceforth, for further presentation.
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12. Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 3.78 Ha.) on Ajay River by Sri Ganesh Nandy on Plot No. 583(P), Mouza - Desher Mohan, JL No. 14, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/183734/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Riverbed Sand Mining project of capacity 170075.21 tonnes/year (Area - 3.78 Ha.) on Ajay River at Plot No. 583(P), Mouza - Desher Mohan, JL No. 14, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

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Chronology:

- The project proponent appeared before the SEAC for presentation of their proposal in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021. However, no functional expert / EIA coordinators were present on behalf of the accredited consultant. Therefore, the SEAC decided that the presentation cannot be accepted and directed the representatives from the consultancy organisation to bring their functional expert / EIA coordinators, henceforth, for further presentation.
- Further in O.A. No. 80/2020/EZ dated 16.04.2021 the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata, in the case of Debashis Das Vs West Bengal Pollution Control Board & Ors. has also in another matter – 32/2020/EZ (Avik Goswami Vs WBPCB & Ors.) has mentioned that the matter regarding illegal sand mining being carried out in the riverbed of Ajay within the blocks namely Jamuria and Barabani in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal requires consideration to the Hon'ble NGT. Therefore, the Hon'ble NGT has directed for constitution of a committee to examine whether illegal sand mining is carried out and prosecution of the offenders and also assess environmental compensation on account of the illegal sand mining.

B. Reconsideration Proposals :-

Three reconsideration proposals were placed in the meeting.

Construction Sector: -

1. Proposed construction of Residential Complex 'Sunrise Aura' by M/s. Sureka Isha Zion Developers Pvt. Ltd. at JL No. 36, Mouza - Baikunthapur, PS - Baruipur, Dist - 24 Parganas (South), West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/NCP/73874/2018).

Activity:

- This is a proposal for construction of residential complex comprising of Tower 1,2,3,4 – G+20, Tower 5,6,7,8 –G+18 and with podium, Club-G+1, MLCP & Basement. Total Built up area will be 1,04,204.76 sqm. Total Land Area is 32537.88 sqm. Total No. of dwelling units will be 924.

Chronology of the event:

- The project had received stipulated conditions for environmental clearance for the project vide Memo No. 2506/EN/T-II-1/031/2019 dated 17.12.2019 for a built-up area of 104204.76 sq.m. and Land area of 32537.88 Sq.m.
- The project proponent had submitted sanction building plan on 26.03.2021 which was considered in the 15th SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021. SEAC scrutinized the documents submitted by the project proponent in the meeting and deliberated on the submissions made by the project proponent, SEAC accepted the final proposal consisting of various environmental parameters and salient features and **recommended Environmental Clearance** for the proposed project with the additional conditions in addition to standard conditions that the project proponent should strictly comply with the guidelines for High Rise Buildings, issued by MoEF, Gol vide No. 21-270/2008-IA.III dated 07.02.2012.

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2. Proposed modification and expansion of Residential Complex by M/s. Display Vinimay Pvt. Ltd. & Others at Mouza - Atghara, Rajarhat, JL No. 10, Dist - North 24 Parganas, under Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIS/182182/2020)

Activity:

- The project is developed in 2 phases. This is a proposal for modification and expansion of a Residential Complex (Phase-II) comprising of 8 Blocks -G+10 storied, 2 Blocks -G+9 storied, 1 MLCP Block -B+G+7 storied, (Total scenario for Phase I & Phase II is 4 Blocks -B+G+7 storied, 8 Blocks -G+10 storied, 2 Blocks -G+9 storied, 1 MLCP Block -B+G+7 storied) having 641 nos. residential flats. Built up area of the revised phase is 78627.79 sq.m. (Total built up area for Phase-I & II is 105378.476 sq.m) and additional land area is 19315.3 sq.m. for revised proposal [total land area for Phase I & II is 28032.92 sqm. (as per deed) 27131.21 sqm. (as per physical measurement)].

Chronology:

- The project proponent presented their proposal in the 12th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 22.02.2021 and based on the presentation made by the project proponent, the committee recommended the following points for submission / clarifications :-
 - a) The Phase I part is directly abutting the road. The Phase II land parcel does not have any exclusive access from the road. It is dependent on the Phase I for access. Since the development area which is mentioned for Phase II is quite large with respect to Phase I development, thus all kinds of loading including environmental, traffic etc. would be dependent on the Phase I land parcel. Therefore, credible document / agreement with Phase I flat owners regarding access should be submitted.
 - b) Detailed land documents of the entire plot area : conversion certificate for all the plots, Mouza map showing the entire plots, porcha and summary sheet comprising of individual dag nos. showing the conversion status.
 - c) Details of the rainwater harvesting system including location of recharge pit to be resubmitted and should be removed from the driveway. Designed of recharge bores should be submitted.
 - d) Provide High Rise Building related following environmental documents as per MoEF&CC, vide No. 21-270/2008-IA.III dated 07.02.2012:
 - i. Microclimate (sunshine & shadow analysis and its effect on energy consumption).
 - ii. Air circulation (effect on natural ventilation and wind speed).
 - iii. Day lighting (how dependence on artificial lighting during daytime is affected).
 - e) Water balance during lean season.
- The project proponent submitted their reply on 03.04.2021, which was considered in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021. Since the reply of the project proponent regarding submission of credible document / agreement with Phase I flat owners for access for the Phase II project was not proper hence the same was not acceptable to SEAC. SEAC decided that the project proponent should submit further clarification for the above.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents.

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3. Proposed Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility by M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd. at Mouza - Sukani, JL No. 28, PS - Rajganj, Dist - Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIS/58146/2020)

Activity:

- This is a proposal for Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility at Jalpaiguri, Mouza - Sukani, JL No. 28, PS - Rajganj, West Bengal.

Chronology of the event:

- The project proponent presented their proposal for Terms of Reference in the 10th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 22.01.2021 and based on the presentation made by the project proponent, the committee recommended the following points for submission / clarifications :-
 - Order from Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of W.B. for setting up of CBWTF in the proposed location to be submitted.
 - Land related documents.
 - Permission from West Bengal Pollution Control Board with respect to locational criteria.
 - Documents regarding locational criteria based on coverage area for establishment of new CBWTF as per CPCB Guidelines 2016.
 - Details of access road to the project site to be submitted.
- The project proponent submitted their reply on 06.04.2021 which was considered in the 15th reconstituted SEAC meeting held on 19.04.2021. Since the project proponent submitted land documents, not matching with the Dag No. as mentioned in Form-I, the SEAC decided that the project proponent should submit proper land documents.

The SEAC will consider the case on submission of the above mentioned documents

Summaries of above decisions are also provided in Table-1.

Table-1 : List of the projects which were placed before the reconstituted SEAC in the fifteenth meeting held on 19.04.2021 and the Summary Decisions thereof:

Sl. No.	Name of the unit & Project address	Summary Decision
A. Cases placed for technical presentation		
Construction Sector		
1.	M/s. Merlin Projects Limited Proposed Residential Complex "Merlin Uttara" at (Presently 94/6K & 94/7K), G. T. Road, JL No. 8, Mouza - Kotrung, Konnagar, Uttarpara-Kotrung Municipality, Dist - Hooghly, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission
Industry Sector		
2.	M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd. Proposed Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF), Mouza - Arazi Balarambati, P.S. - Sagardighi, Dist. -Murshidabad, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission along with site inspection
3.	Sri Yamin Mondal S/o. Idrish Mondal Proposed Chakdaulat Sand Mine MSB-73 (Area - 1.47	Absent

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Sl. No.	Name of the unit & Project address	Summary Decision
	Ha.) on Kangshabati River on Plot No. 324(P), JL No. 285, Mouza - Chakdaulat, PS - Midnapore, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.	
4.	Sri Prasanta Karak, Director S/o. Shri Ajit Karak Proposed Bhalukmura Sand Mine MGARB-36 (Area - 2.02 Ha.) on Silabati River on Plot No. 16(P), 63(P) & 77(P), JL No. 795, Mouza - Bhalukmura, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission
5.	Sri Prasanta Karak, Director S/o. Shri Ajit Karak Proposed Moldanga Sand Mine MGARB-44 (Area - 0.42 Ha.) on Silabati River on Plot No. 473(P), JL No. 575, Mouza - Moldanga, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission
6.	Sri Ataur Rahaman Mondal, Director S/o. Arsed Mondal Proposed Baranda Sand Mine MGARB-28 (Area - 0.90 Ha.) on Silabati River on Plot No. 1(P), JL No.572, Mouza - Baranda, PS - Garhbeta, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission
7.	Sri Sitesh Dhara, Director S/o. Sujit Kumar Dhara Proposed Malyan Sand Mine MKB-18 (Area - 1.55 Ha.) on Kangshabati River on Plot No. 68(P) & 69(P), JL No. 625, Mouza - Malyan, PS - Keshpur, Dist - Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission
8.	M/s. Debraj Enterprise Shri Subrata Ghosh, Proposed Katna Sand Mine 0117DR007 (Area - 1.14 Ha.) on Dwarkeshwar River on Plot No. 1047(P), JL No. 79, Vill & Mouza - Katna, Block & PS - Bishnupur, Dist - Bankura, West Bengal.	Their functional area expert / EIA coordinators were not present. Presentation could not be taken.
9.	Sri Parwez Alam Siddiqui, Proprietor M/s. National Traders Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 2.39 Ha.) on Ajay River on Plot No. 2366(P), JL No. 01, Mouza - Parulberia, PS - Barabani, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.	Their functional area expert / EIA coordinators were not present. Presentation could not be taken.
10.	Sri Laltu Dutta, Director Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 3.50 Ha.) on Ajay River on Plot No. 583(P), Mouza - Desher Mohan, JL No. 14, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.	Their functional area expert / EIA coordinators were not present. Presentation could not be taken.
11.	Sri Laltu Dutta, Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 2.76 Ha.) on Ajay River on Plot No. 1565(P), Mouza - Darbardanga, JL No. 44, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.	Their functional area expert / EIA coordinators were not present. Presentation could not be taken.
12.	Sri Ganesh Nandy, Proprietor Proposed Riverbed Sand Mining project (Area - 3.78 Ha.) on Ajay River on Plot No. 583(P), Mouza - Desher Mohan, JL No. 14, PS - Jamuria, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal.	Their functional area expert / EIA coordinators were not present. Presentation could not be taken.

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Sl. No.	Name of the unit & Project address	Summary Decision
B. Cases placed for reconsideration		
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2.	M/s. Display Vinimay Pvt. Ltd. & Others Proposed modification and expansion of Residential Complex at Mouza – Atghara, Rajarhat, JL No. 10, Dist – North 24 Parganas, under Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission
3.	M/s. SNG Envirosolutions Pvt. Ltd. Proposed Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility at Mouza – Sukani, JL No. 28, PS – Rajganj, Dist – Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.	Asked for additional submission

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

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