Minutes of the 85th meeting of State level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand held on 07th December, 2020.

The 85th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was convened on 07th December, 2020 in the office of SEIAA, Ranchi. The meeting was chaired by Shri S.E.H. Kazmi, Chairman, SEIAA, Jharkhand. The attendance in the meeting was as follows:-

- 1. Shri S.E.H. Kazmi, Chairman, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 2. Shri Kamlesh Pandey, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 3. Shri Amar Nath Verma, Member, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

The decisions taken in the 85th SEIAA meeting are as follows:-

- 1. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 83rd meeting held on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 2020 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the following projects.
 - i. Bricks Soil Mining for M/s B.V.M Bricks, Vill. : Kumhariya, P.S. : Pithoriya, Dist. : Ranchi, Jharkhand (0.52 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/45711/2019).
 - ii. Brick Soil Mining for M/s Law Bricks, Vill. : Salhan, P.S. : Angara, Dist. : Ranchi, Jharkhand (0.88 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/45550/2019)
 - iii. Brick Soil Mining for M/s Naam Bricks, Vill. : Hochar, P.S. : Kanke, Dist. Ranchi, Jharkhand (0.31 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/45547/2019)
 - iv. Brick Soil Mining for M/s R.B.C. Bricks, Vill.: Hochar, P.S.: Kanke, Dist.: Ranchi, Jharkhand (0.64 Ha). (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/45558/2019)

The SEIAA examined the recommendations made by SEAC in favour of above mentioned project proposal and unanimously decided to grant Environmental Clearance with the conditions recommended by SEAC alongwith following additional conditions as decided by SEIAA in its 65th meeting held on 07.01.2019 in the light of Hon'ble NGT order dated: 13.09.2018 and MoEF & CC, OM dated 12.12.2018.

- a. Providing for EIA, EMP and therefore public consultation for all areas from 5 to 25 Ha falling under category B-2 at par with category B-1 by SEIAA/SEAC as well as for cluster situation wherever it is not provided.
- b. Form-1M be made more comprehensive for areas of 0 to 5 Ha by dispensing with the requirement for public consultation to be evaluated by SEAC for recommendation of grant of EC by SEIAA instead of DEIAA/DEAC.
- c. If a cluster or an individual lease size exceeds 5 ha the EIA/EMP be made applicable in the process of grant of prior Environmental Clearance.
- d. EIA and /or EMP be prepared for the entire cluster in terms of recommendations 5 (supra) of the guidelines for the purpose of recommendations 6, 7 and 8 thereof.

- e. Revise the procedure to also incorporate procedure with respect to annual rate of replenishment and time frame for replenishment after mining closure in an area.
- f. The MoEF & CC to prepare guidelines for calculation of the cost of restitution of damage caused to mined- out areas along with the Net present value of Ecological services forgone because of illegal or unscientific mining.
- 2. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 83rd meeting held on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 2020 for grant of Environmental Clearance to the following project.
 - i. Housing Complex, Construction (including structural design) of 2020 Dwelling units under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (urban) [Package B] of Adityapur Municipality Corporation at Village: Kashidih, Tehsil: Gamharia, District: Saraikela Kharswan, Jharkhand. (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIS/114543/2019).

It was decided that Environmental Clearance will be issued after project proponent obtains certificate from concerned DFO at the earliest, whether area was being used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna for breeding, nesting, foraging resting over wintering migration in existing ponds within premises or not, so that the EC may be granted in the next meeting.

- 3. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 83rd meeting held on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 2020 for Withdrawal to the following projects.
 - i. Affordable Group Housing Project (under PMAY) of M/s National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd., Vill.: Bagunhatu, Dist.: Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIS/108338/2019).

The Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was unanimously decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposals.

ii. Affordable Group Housing Project (under PMAY) of M/s National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd., Vill.: Horladih, Dist.: Dhanbad, Jharkhand. (Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIS/108334/2019)

The Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was unanimously decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposals.

iii. Parsabad Sand Ghat of M/s JSMDC Ltd. at Village – Parsabad, P.O. – Parsabad, P.S. – Jainagr, Dist – Koderma, Jharkhand (4.5 Ha).
(Proposal No.: SIA/JH/MIN/35436 /2019)

The Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was unanimously decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposals.

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iv. Proposed Cement Grinding Unit of 3.0 MTPA capacity of M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd (Unit- Bokaro Cement Works) at Bokaro Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA), Village- Gorabali, Balidih, Bokaro, Jharkhand.

The Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was unanimously decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposals.

- 4. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 83rd meeting held on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 2020.
 - i. Stone Quarry at Baliapur of M/s Virbhan Das at Vill. : Baliapur, Dist. : Dhanbad, Jharkhand (0.89 Ha).

The Authority considered the recommendation made by SEAC in this case alongwith decision taken in 61st meeting of SEIAA held on 09th October, 2018.

The then SEIAA vide meeting dated 09th October, 2018 put the Environmental Clearance on abeyance of above project on the basis of change in the production target mentioned in under mine plan and approved mine plan as recommended by then SEAC. For which SEIAA has written letter no. – 273, dated – 20.11.2018 to project proponent and others.

After full deliberations on the facts mentioned above it was unanimously decided that final decision on removal of abeyance will be taken, once information should be obtained in this regard from project proponent whether mining work has been done on the land in question since 09th, October, 2018 or not?

Hence, PP and consultant is directed to come up in next SEIAA meeting with KML file of 2014 and current date.

- 5. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 83rd meeting held on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 2020.
 - i. LPG Bottling Plant of M/s HPCL, Vill. : Konra, Barhi, Dist. : Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

The Authority considered the recommendation of SEAC on above project wherein SEAC has recommended that "The Committee considered the project in the light of S.O. -1960(E) dated -13.06.2019 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India through which item 6(b) and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

SEAC discussed the matter and recommends to drop this proposal in view of above notification".

After full deliberations on above it was unanimously decided to accept the recommendation made by SEAC in this regard and to drop and delist the above proposal.

- 6. Decision on matter related to:
 - i. Jyoti Pahari Kyanite Opencast Mine Project of M/s JSMDC Ltd. at Vill: Jyoti Pahari, Tehsil: Ghatsila, Dist: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.

The ToR in the above project had been issued vide letter no. – EC/SEIAA/2018-19/2172/2018/689, dated – 08.11.2019 on the basis of 84th meeting of SEIAA held on 08.11.2019.

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Later on some additional condition had been included and imposed vide letter no. - EC/SEIAA/2018-19/2172/2018/729, dated - 06.12.2019 as per direction contained in MoEF & CC, OM No. - F.No. 3-50/2017-IA.III(pt), dated - 30th May, 2018.

The Authority considered the both letters issued by then SEIAA in letter and spirit and after full deliberations it was unanimously decided to approve the issual of letter no. - EC/SEIAA/2018-19/2172/2018/729, dated - 06.12.2019 by then SEIAA.

ii. Common User POL Terminal of Indian Oil Tanking Ltd. (Formerly LOT Infrastructure & Energy Services Ltd.) at Vill – Haludpukur, Tehsil – Ghatsila, Circle – Potka, Dist – East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.

The Authority considered the recommendation made by SEAC in its 82nd meeting held on 04 - 07, November, 2019 on above project through which SEAC has recommended that vide Gazette Notification S.O. 1960(E), dated 13.06.2019 of MoEF & CC item 6(b) and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted. Hence, drop this proposal in view of above notification.

After full deliberations it was unanimously decided to accept the recommendation made by SEAC in this regard and to drop and delist the above proposal.

iii. The application of violation cases on Parivesh Portal - regarding

It is often seen that many projects for different categories has applied to get Environmental Clearance after expiry of S.O. -804(E), dated -14.03.2017 of MoEF & CC.

MoEF & CC in OA No. -45/2019/EZ, R. K. Singh Vs Union of India & Ors, has submitted that there is no mechanism is in existence to deal with cases which are in violation of the EIA Notification, 2006.

Hence, after full deliberations it was unanimously decided that information in this regard to such projects shall be communicated through EDS (Essential Documents Sought) to project proponent.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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