MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 26.06.2024 AT 04.00 PM. THROUGH HYBRID MODE.

The following were present in the meeting:

- 1. Dr. M. Dwarakanath, Chairman, SEIAA, Puducherry.
- 2. Dr. V. Ravitchandiran, Member, SEIAA, Puducherry.
- 3. Mr. Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Puducherry.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 25th meeting of SEIAA convened on 25.05.2022.

The Authority confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agenda Item No. II: Examination of project proposals under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments for onward appraisal to SEIAA for further examination to consider issue of Environmental Clearance (EC).

1. Proposal for Environmental Clearance (EC) submitted by M/s. Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Karaikal for Construction of 476 Nos. regular bedded & 81 Nos. Non-Complementary Bedded Hospital.

The Authority examined the project proposal and the recommendations made in the 30th SEAC meeting held on 10.05.2022. The SEAC has recommended the issuance of Environmental Clearance for the project, subject to specific conditions to be adhered to bythe project proponent, alongside other standard conditions as prescribed by MoEFCC for building projects. After due deliberation, the Authority decided to impose following additional conditionssupplementing the recommendations of SEAC:

- A Realtime Effluent Monitoring System shall be installed and connected to the PPCC portal to continuously monitor the flow rate and quality of the treated wastewater.
- ii) Dual Plumbing System shall be provided to utilize the treated wastewater for toilet flushing and other non-potable uses.
- iii) Treated wastewater from nearest STPs shall be used for the proposed project construction activities.
- iv) Annual Water Audit, Energy Audit and GHG Inventory shall be conducted to identify areas for improvements, with necessary actions implemented for targeted reductions.

- v) Specific condition No. ix recommended by SEAC shall be modified as follows: "A Committee shall be constituted with Medical Superintendent as Head to monitor the effective implementation of Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules and periodic training shall be given to all the staff involved and records to be maintained."
- vi) Specific condition No. x pertaining to green belt development shall be modified as follows: "The green belt and landscape planning should include plantation of native species. The species with heavy foliage, broad leaves and wide canopy cover are desirable. Water intensive and / or invasive species should not be used for landscaping. At least 33% of the total plot area shall be developed as green area. The CPCB Guidelines for Developing Green Belts (PROBES/75/1999-2000) shall be followed." (The document may be uploaded in the SEIAA & PPCC's website and link shall be provided.)
- vii) Specific condition No. xi recommended by SEAC shall be modified as follows: "As per the MoEFCC OM dated 30.09.2020 superseding the OM dated 01.05.2018 regarding the Corporate Environmental Responsibility, the project proponent shall allocate an amount of Rs. 297 Lakhs towards Environment Management Plan. The proponent shall undertake environmental awareness programmes (i.e resources conservation, avoiding plastics, sustainable waste management practices etc), health camps and services in local villages towards community welfare activities and shall earmark separate funds for this every year. The CER activities shall be monitored and reported bi-annually as a part of the sixmonthly compliance report and also posted on the website of the establishment"

Accordingly, the Authority decided to issue Environmental Clearance stipulating the specific and other general conditions recommended by SEAC and other specific conditions recommended above.

2. Proposal for Environmental Clearance (EC) submitted by M/s. Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry for proposed additional construction of hospital components in the existing Mahatma Gandhi Medical College Campus.

The Authority examined the project proposal and the recommendations made in the 30th SEAC meeting held on 10.05.2022. The SEAC has recommended the issuance of Environmental Clearance for the project, subject to specific conditions to be adhered to by the project proponent, alongside other standard conditions as prescribed by MoEFCC for building projects. After due deliberation, the Authority decided to impose following additional conditions supplementing the recommendations of SEAC:

- i) A Realtime Effluent Monitoring System shall be installed and connected to the PPCC portal to continuously monitor the flow rate and quality of the treated wastewater.
- ii) Dual Plumbing System shall be provided to utilize the treated wastewater for toilet flushing and other non-potable uses.
- iii) Treated wastewater from nearest STPs shall be used for the proposed project construction activities.
- iv) Annual Water Audit, Energy Audit and GHG Inventory shall be conducted to identify areas for improvements, with necessary actions implemented for targeted reductions.
- v) Specific condition No. ix recommended by SEAC shall be modified as follows: "A Committee shall be constituted with Medical Superintendent as Head to monitor the effective implementation of Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules and periodic training shall be given to all the staff involved and records to be maintained."
- viii) Specific condition No. x pertaining to green belt development shall be modified as follows: "The green belt and landscape planning should include plantation of native species. The species with heavy foliage, broad leaves and wide canopy cover are desirable. Water intensive and / or invasive species should not be used for landscaping. At least 33% of the total plot area shall be developed as green area. The CPCB Guidelines for Developing Green Belts (PROBES/75/1999-2000) shall be followed." (The document may be uploaded in the SEIAA & PPCC's website and link shall be provided.)
- the MoEFCC OM dated 30.09.2020 superseding the OM dated 01.05.2018 regarding the Corporate Environmental Responsibility, the project proponent shall allocate an amount of Rs. 34 Lakhs towards environment conservation and community welfare activities, which shall be utilized over a period of four years. The said amount shall be utilized for activities like rejuvenation of irrigation tanks, ponds and channels in the surrounding villages, infrastructure creation for drinking water supply, sanitation, health, education, skill development, roads, cross drains, electrification including solar power, solid waste management facilities, tree plantation and environmental awareness programmes (i.e resources conservation, avoiding plastics, sustainable waste management practices etc) in the surrounding villages within the project area. The above fund allocated towards environment conservation support activities is to be in addition to the cost envisaged under the CSR budget of the company which will be allocated as per the rules prescribed by the Government of India / Companies Act 2013. The CER activities shall be

monitored and reported bi-annually as a part of the six-monthly compliance report and also posted on the website of the establishment"

Accordingly, the Authority decided to issue Environmental Clearance stipulating the specific and other general conditions recommended by SEAC and other specific conditions recommended above.

Agenda Item No. III: Any Other Points

The Authority reviewed the current arrangements for the SEIAA Secretariat and the associated funding. It was resolved that the Department of Science, Technology, and Environment shall issue a formal order to officially notify the establishment of the Secretariat for SEIAA/SEAC, including details on the sitting fees and other allowances & processing fees.

Furthermore, the Authority decided to organize an Orientation Program for the members of SEIAA and SEAC. This program will cover the EIA Notification, 2006, as well as related Circulars, Office Memorandums, and Guidelines issued by the MoEFCC, to ensure that all members are well-versed with the regulatory framework and updates pertinent to their roles.

Mr. Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy Member Secretary, SEIAA

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