

# **Minutes of the**

**200<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
AUTHORITY**

**Date: 14.11.2016**

**Time: 03.00 PM**



**MINUTES OF THE 200<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
AUTHORITY HELD ON 14.11.2016**

Agenda No.	Description	File No.	Minutes
1.	Confirmation of the minutes of the 199 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Authority held on 07.11.2016		The minutes of the 199 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Authority held on 07.11.2016 was confirmed
2.	The Action taken on the decisions of the 199 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Authority held on 07.11.2016		The Member Secretary tabled the action taken report on the decisions of the 199 <sup>th</sup> meeting and discussed.
2(a)	Release of fund for the preparation of Coastal Zone Management plan with Maps for Tamil Nadu with reference to CRZ Notification, 2011 as requested by the Director of Environment in his letter dated: 17.10.2016.	C.No. 2272	The final discussion on the subject is taken and the minute is enclosed.
3.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the proposed Gravel Quarry in at S.F No. 273/1B of Thullukuttinaickanur Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District by Thiru.N.Pandi.	5819	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
4.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for the proposed Earth Quarry in at S.F No. 1004/2 (P) of Pazhavor Part 1 Village, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District by Thiru. J. Rajkumar.	5743	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
5.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 423/4B,423/5,423/6 & 423/7 of Odaipatty Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District by Thiru. R. Ramaraj.	5801	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
6.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Savudu Quarrying in at S.F No. 7/1 & 7/2A of Cheetanancherry Village, Uthiramerur Taluk, Kancheepuram District by Thiru. M. Sukumar.	5106	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
7.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 844/2 of Ariyanayagipuram Village, Cheranmahadevi Taluk, Tirunelveli District by Thiru. I. Sahayam.	5861	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.

  
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8.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Savudu Quarrying in at S.F No. 24 (P) (PWD Kanmai) of N. Pethanendal Village, Paramakudi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District by Thiru. A. Venkat Reddy.	5894	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
9.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Savudu Quarrying in at S.F No. 107 (P) (PWD Kanmai) of Theyyanur Village, Paramakudi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District by Thiru. A. Venkat Reddy.	5895	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
10.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Brick Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 230/1, 230/3A, 230/3C, 230/3D, 230/3F, 231/2A, 231/2C, 231/2D, 239/A1, 240/1A, 240/1B & 240/1C of Elayamuthur Village, Udumalaipet Taluk, Tiruppur District by Thiru. K. Shanmugasundaram.	4370	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
11.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Gravel Quarrying in at S.F No. 166/2 & 166/1B3 of Nedumadurai Village, Thirupparankundram Taluk, Madurai District by Thiru. C. Malaisami.	5821	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
12.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 245(Part) (Govt Poramboke Land)(Indiranagar Kuttai BDO Tank) of Modachur Village, Gobichettipalayam Taluk, Erode District by Thiru. M. Subramaniam.	5872	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
13.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 465/1 of Pachampalayam Village, Anthiyur Taluk, Erode District by Thiru. D. Periyasamy.	5873	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
14.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 421/2A & 421/3A of Pottipuram Village, Uthamapalayam Taluk, Theni District by Thiru.S. Alagarsamy.	5847	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
15.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Gravel Quarrying in at S.F No. 2 (Part) of Thindiyur Village, Madurai East Taluk, Madurai District by Thiru. C. Mohamed Yasin.	5901	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.

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16.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Brick Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 828/1A, 1B, 1E, 1F & 1G of Ayam Vadamalapuram Village, Ettayapuram Taluk, Thoothukkudi District by Thiru. V. Subramaniyapillai.	5795	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
17.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Earth Quarrying in at S.F.No 487(Part) of Vempathi 'A' Village, Anthiyur Taluk, Erode District by Thiru. L. Kamalanathan.	5874	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
18.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Savudu Quarrying in at S.F No. 264/2, 266 & 267/2 of Elanthaikulam Village, Srivilliputhur Taluk, Virudhunagar District by Thiru. M. Badhusha.	5806	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
19.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Gravel Quarrying in at S.F No. 529 & 530 of Andipatti Village, Palani Taluk, Dindigul District by Thiru. K. Arunkumar.	5769	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
20.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Brick Earth Quarrying in at S.F No. 434/25, 434/26, 434/28 of Periyammappatti Village, Palani Taluk, Dindigul District by Tmt N. Amirtha Gowri.	2856	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
21.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Gravel Quarrying in at S.F No. 517/1 of Andipatti Village, Palani Taluk, Dindigul District by Thiru. K. Arunkumar.	5768	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
22.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Red Soil Quarrying in at S.F No. 10/1 of Ervadi Village, Keelakkarai Taluk, Ramanathapuram District by Tmt. R. Vijaya.	5112	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
23.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Multi Colour Granite Quarrying in at S.F No. 276/2 (Part) of Thogamalai Village, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District by M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited	4040	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance. ✓
24.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Multi Colour Granite Quarrying in at S.F No. 276/2 (Part) of Thogamalai Village, Kulithalai Taluk, Karur District by M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited.	4039	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance. ✓

  
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39.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Rough Stone & Gravel Quarrying in at S.F No. 334/1B1 of Marapparai Village, Tiruchengode Taluk, Namakkal District by Thiru. N. Chellappan.	5892	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.
40.	To consider the proposal for the grant of Environmental Clearance for Rough Stone Quarrying in at S.F No. 300(Part-2) of Palamathi Village, Vellore Taluk, Vellore District by Thiru.S.Nandhakumar.	4494	The proposal was discussed in detail and decided to issue Environmental Clearance.

  
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**Minutes of the 200<sup>th</sup> SEIAA Meeting held on 14.11.2016 at Chairman's Chamber,  
SEIAA-TN, Panagal Building, Chennai-15**

The Director of Environment has requested the Chairman, SEIAA-TN, to make necessary arrangement to release a sum of Rs. 2,29,58,600/- (Inclusive of Service Tax) (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand and Six Hundred only) to the Director, Department of Environment towards preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP).

The subject matter was discussed in detail by the Authority and are of the following opinion.

**Views of the Member :**

- (a) In G.O. (MS) No. 260, E & F (EC 3) Dept., dated : 15.11.2012, the Government of Tamil Nadu

In para 8 referred " The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority is informed that the expenditure on account of the staff should be met from the processing fees collected and that the Government will not grant any funds for this purpose".

In para 9 : "The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority is requested to get the annual accounts of the Authority statutorily audited by a Competent Agency.

(A) We wish to inform that at present all the establishment charges viz. Staff salaries, Rental charges, Electrical Charges, Maintenance charges, SEAC / SEIAA meeting expenses, Counsel's Fee, Postage expenses etc. are incurred only from this fund.

(B) So far, the fund collected through processing fees has not been diverted for any other purpose, except the purpose mentioned in the above Government order. It will become objectionable and during crisis no other alternate to increase the receipts.

(C) As mentioned in the Director of Environment letter, only a few proposals hardly (10-20%), which are having more than 20,000 m<sup>2</sup> area, processed by SEIAA. All other proposals are cleared by DoE and sent to TNPCB for CTE, CRO and further monitoring. The role / scope of SEIAA in the clearance of the coastal project is very little. SEIAA is not the major stake holder / player in this event.

The Union Government, MoEF & CC in the process of devolution of powers of SEIAA, recently issued two notifications.

- (i) In Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification S.O.190 (E), New Delhi, the 20<sup>th</sup> January,2016, the MoEF & CC has issued final notification for the implementation of District Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA) and District Environment Appraisal Committee (DEAC) for the clearance of minor minerals. In Tamil Nadu, it is under process and shortly going to be formulated. Once it is formed about 90-95% minor mineral proposals will not come to SEIAA and it will drastically reduce the flow of fund.
- (ii) Further in Notification S.O.1595 (E), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification, New Delhi, the 29<sup>th</sup> April,2016, a draft notification has been issued by MoEF&CC where the construction projects of less than 1,50,000 Sq. metres area will be sent to Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) for clearance. If it is implemented majority of construction files (90-95%) will go to CMDA and more than 1,50,000 as category on A. This will also reduce the fund flow.

Hence no projects will come to SEIAA.

- (iii) The days are very nearer for the SEIAA to take money from the accumulated fund. The fund available today, will long last only 7-8 years with the above situation. At the same time it is very difficult to reduce the establishment cost proportionately. Further the number of cases in various courts are increasing day by day, that will increase out expenditure considerably.
- (iv) In the above circumstances, we are of the opinion that, it will not be fair on our part to divert the SEIAA fund for the said purpose in which SEIAA is not a Major / Main stake holder / player and going to face the financial crisis in the days to come.



**Views of the Member Secretary :**

I disagree to above view of the member, except para "C" (i) & (ii), In this regard, detailed note (Justification) enclosed below by me may be considered.

**Justification on the Preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan from the financial assistance of SEIAA Fund.**

- (i) With reference to para (b) of the above note, it is pointed out, though the role of process of Clearance is very little, the impact of such projects on the Environment is very high as all the coastal erosion control measures like construction of sea walls, groynes, break-waters, dredging and projects like medium size ports, harbours etc. **are referred to SEIAA for clearance. Hence the SEIAA is a major stakeholder** on environment protection / management / conservation is concerned.
- (ii) With reference to para (c), it is informed that the revenue by means of fees collected is about **Rs. 32.55 crores** and the expenditure of **Rs. 5.75 crores** is incurred towards establishment charges, from 2012 to 2016 (five years). Accordingly the amount accumulated after meeting the above establishment charges is Rs. 27.58 crores. In case of future reduction in revenue due to transfer of cases to DEIAA and MoEF & CC, the establishment expenditures may also be reduced due to engaging minimum staff required to carryout the available works. Hence there will not be much reduction in available fund.
- (iii) Further the above work is for the benefit of the whole State of Tamil Nadu and the preparation of CZMP is mandatory under the provisions of CRZ Notification 2011 and the work will also to be entrusted to National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), **an Government organization under the control of MoEF&CC., GoI.** Hence completion of above work will be definitely appreciated by Government as well as Environmentalists, other stake holder departments like PWD, Fisheries, Town and Country Planning besides general public as the **above work is for the welfare of the State.**

- (2) Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai has issued direction to complete task before 30.11.2016 and restrained the Coastal States as well as GoI, from any project approval, in CRZ areas. In this connection it is informed that the work is under progress in several states as directed by the MoEF&CC., GoI.
- (3) Hence taking into consideration of above facts and as the fund required for the preparation of CZMPs is only Rs. 2.29 crores, which is less than 10% of the total fund available under SEIAA fund account, the request for the release of above said amount may be agreed and informed the Government to take favorable decision as deemed fit so that the Department of Environment can complete the preparation of CZMPs through NCSCM organization which is mandatory under CRZ Notification.

**Views of the Chairman :**

I agree with the Member's view. As such SEIAA is not having any provision / Power for diversion of Fund for any other purposes, except the purpose mentioned in the said GO, as the Government is the final authority in this matter.

  
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