

### **Himachal Pradesh State Expert Appraisal Committee** SEIAA Secretariat, Himachal Pradesh

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### MINUTES OF THE 99th MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE HALL, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SHIMLA, ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2024.

The 99th meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of the project proposals received for Environmental Clearance was held on 7th February, 2024 in the Conference Hall of Department of Environment, Science Technology & Climate Change, GoHP, Shimla. The following were present in the meeting:

Sr. #	Name	Designation	07/02/2024
1.	Dr. Sandeep Bhatnagar, IAS (Retd.)	Chairman	✓ (attended through VC)
2.	Dr. Ashwani Tapwal	Vice-Chairman (in chair)	✓
3.	Dr. Satish Kumar Bhardwaj	Member	-
4.	Dr. Harish Sharma	Member	✓ (attended through VC)
5.	Dr. R.C. Chauhan	Member	✓ (attended through VC)
6.	Dr. Ranbir Singh Rana	Member	✓ (attended through VC)
7.	Sh. Parveen Gupta, Addl. Director, DEST	Member Secretary	✓

The agenda item wise deliberations are as under:-

#### ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 98th MEETING OF SEAC

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 98th meeting of SEAC held from 6th January, 2023.

#### ITEM NO. 2: PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE ON PARIVESH 2.

The SEAC appraised the case through on line process of all the application listed from parivesh 2 portal and uploaded the MOM.

#### ITEM NO. 3: PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE ON PARIVESH 1.

#### Sh. Arun Kumar S/o Sh. Bharat Singh, Village-Baila, P.O. Kansar, Tehsil-Dadahu, District-3.1 Sirmour, H.P.

Brief outline of the project:		outline of the project:	
	a)	Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/65332/2021 (TOR's)
N.			HP SEIAA/2021-852
I.A			SIA/HP/MIN/405479/2022 (EC)
			HP SEIAA/2022-1023
	b)	Project type	Collection of Stone Boulder, Sand & Bajri
downing	<b>(2)</b>	Project Location	Khasra No. 54 falling in Mauza Mehat, Tehsil Dadahu,
discours,		-	Distt. Sirmour, HP
	d)	Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016.
	e)	Land Status	Private land.
	f)	Capacity	72,000 TPA.
	g)	Mining Area	44-04 Bighas, Private land- 3.7257 ha.

Leases with in 500 meter from One mining lease exist:

the periphery of the area applied.

1. Sh. Prem Lal (24-12 Bighas)

i) Letter of Intentj) EMP Cost

LoI extension issued on 31/8/22 valid upto 13/8/2023. Capital Cost- Rs. 8.49 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.3.79

Lakhs/PA

k) CER cost

Rs. 16.00 lakhs

The proposed project is Collection of Stone Boulder, Sand & Bajri.

Online proposal for Terms of Reference was submitted on dated 14/07/2021 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 17/06/2021 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 14/07/2021.

The SEAC in its 81<sup>th</sup> meeting recommended the Standard ToR issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI for preparing EIA/EMP report with the following additional conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall make provision for providing four plastic waste shredder, four plastic waste baling machine & four compactor to the concerned ULBs/ PRIs through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.
- 2. The project proponent shall provide 6 solar lights through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.

The project proponent was granted TOR's on dated 24.09.2021. Online proposal for granting Environment Clearance was submitted on dated 15/12/2022 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 22/12/2022 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat.

After completion of EIA report, the proponent through SPCB hold the public hearing (PH) on dated: 28/06/2022 for said project being B1 category project and proceedings of PH were received on 24.08.2022 from the Director DEST and forwarded to Member Secretary, HP SEIAA on dated 02.01.2023.

Accordingly, after the completion of procedural process *ibid* for Cat B1 projects, the case was relisted in 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 23-24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the Committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting after compliance to the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit copy of order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 27/12/2012 in IAN/ 2-13/ 2011 &729-731/ 2011mentioned in Joint Inspection Report.
- 2. The project proponent shall recheck analysis of GLC- PM 2.5 and PM 10 with air modeling and shall prepare the wind-rose diagram of the site to plan the installation of PCDs.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit the details of Laboratory and personnel involved in carrying the air quality samples to far off located lab. Proof of same be furnished.
- 4. The project proponent shall submit revised plantation plan with kml file, location of plantation with khsara no., revenue records of land.
- 5. The project proponent shall submit affidavit to install solar lights for which budget of Rs. 10.00 lack shall be earmarked as per commitment made during the public hearing over and above of the CER costs.

The project proponent had submitted the documents w.r.t. queries raised by SEIAA. The case was again listed in 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting with following observations:

1. The Project Proponent shall re-conduct GLC-  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  analysis & water analysis and submit video graphy of complete process with complete report as to authenticate the results.

The project proponent submitted the clarification and compliance to above observations on dated 27-01-2024.

After submission of compliance of the observations, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th January, 2024. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not consider the case at this stage for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28th April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.

In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.

3.2 Sh. Hari Krishan Sharma, S/o Sh. Laxmi Dutt Sharma, Village-Tikkar, PO-Salogra, Tehsil & District-Solan, HP.

#### **Brief outline of the project:**

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/416365/2023 HP SEIAA/2023-1041

b) Project type Extraction of Sand.

c) Project Location Khasra number 259/167, 260/167, 139, 140 & 247/168 falling in

Mauza Mohal Deothi, Tehsil & Distt. Solan, HP.

d) Jamabandi
 e) Land Status
 Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016
 Private Land, Hill Slope (Leased Land)

f) Capacity 2,205 TPA.

g) Mining Area 06-14 Bighas, 0.5042 ha, Private land, hill slope.

h) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.

O6-14 Bighas, 0.5042 ha, Private land, hill slope.

Two mining leases exist within 500 meters:
1.Sh. Devender Sharma (07-16 Bighas)

2.Sh. Amit Bindal (09-13 Bighas)

i) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 12.08.2022

(Valid for one year i.e. up to 11.08.2023)

j) EMP Cost Capital Cost- Rs.5.06 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.3.06 Lakhs/PA

k) CER cost Rs. 4.00 lakhs

The proposed project is Extraction of Sand.

Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 09/02/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 13/02/23 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 28/02/2022.

The case was listed in 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 23-24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 with the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit affidavit that trees mentioned by forest department in JIR shall not be cut by the project proponent in the proposed mining area.
- 2. The project proponent shall give details of land details of proposed approach road with kml file and ownership revenue record, dully attested by Mining Department.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit revised NOC of Jal Shakti Vibhag after revising the permission details.
- 4. The project proponent shall submit kml file of land, with revenue records, ownership details proposed for undertaking plantation under EMP for monitoring purpose.

After submission of the compliance by the project proponent the case was again appraised in 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 with following observations:

- 1. The Project Proponent shall submit revised tatima containing approach road to mining site duly signed by the revenue officer concerned.
- 2. The project proponent shall submit a prospective plantation plan. The project proponent shall prepare kml file of proposed land for undertaking plantation under EMP for monitoring purpose, and submit within one month with revenue records to SEIAA.

The project proponent submitted the clarification and compliance to above observations on dated 29.11.2023.

After submission of the compliance, the case was listed in 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 6/1/2024, but the project proponent did not appear before the Committee, therefore the case appraisal was deferred.

Now, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th January, 2024. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not consider the case at this stage for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28th April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.

In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA and subject to following observation that:

- 1. The plantation may be undertaken in the vicinity of project site along with proposed site as suggested by project proponent. The project proponent will include to undertake the plantation in small patches of land as well.
- 3.3 Sh. Anchit Thakur, Prop: M/s Prem Stone Crusher, Village Nayagram, PO Jhajra, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

**Brief outline of the project:** 

SIA/HP/MIN/434431/2023 a) Proposal No.

HP SEIAA/2023-1093

Extraction of Stone. b) Project type

**Project Location** Khasra number 445 falling in Mauza/Mohal Dhalathon, Tehsil c)

Nalagarh, District Solan, HP.

Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2017-18. d)

Land Status Private Land, Hill Slope. e)

Capacity 11,228 TPA (including waste) f)

Mining Area 05-07 Bighas, (0.40 ha) Private land/hill slope g) One mining lease exist within 500 meters:

Leases with in 500 meter h)

from the periphery of the 1. Sh. Gulzar Mohammed (17-04 Bighas)

area applied.

Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 04/05/2023 i)

(Valid for one year i.e. up to 03/05/2024)

Capital Cost: Rs. 6.83 Lakhs, Recurring Cost: Rs. 2.29 Lakhs j) **EMP Cost** 

annually.

CER cost nil.

The proposed project is for extraction of Stone.

Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 21/07/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 22/07/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 26/07/2023.

The case was listed before the SEAC in 95th meeting held on 26/9/2023.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided to appraise the case in next meeting after compliance of the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit revised KML file of the proposed mining area indicating boundary pillar coordinates.
- 2. The project proponent shall submit the details of approach road (kh. No.s revenue record, agreement), with NOC of GP to use the existing road if any.

The project proponent has submitted the documents on dated 01-02-2024 to this office and during the appraisal process a representation was also received by villagers of Kundlu through Sh. Jagjit Singh Rana (Advocate), Chamber No. 36, Judicial Complex, Nalagarh, District Solan, H.P. for non issuance of Environment Clearance to Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

There after examining the matter by this office, the representation was forwarded on dated 03.11.2023 to the office of Pollution Control Board and Director Industries for their opinion about installation of stone crusher and grant of mining lease to M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

Now, this office has received a reply from HPPCB office on dated 08.01.2024 stating that State Board does not have any objections on installation and grant of mining lease to the unit subject to conditions as mentioned in the letter. And as per the reply received from Mining Officer, Solan through Director Industries, on dated 04.01.2024, it has been informed that the joint inspection committee has considered each and every aspect of both these proposed mining lease areas and hence recommended grant of mining lease in favour of Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher after completing all codal formalities.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided that:-

- 1. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not consider the case at this stage for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28th April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.
- 2. In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.
- 3. Meanwhile the sub-committee of SEAC shall visit the site.
- 3.4 Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher, Village-Nayagram, P.O. Jhajra, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

**Brief outline of the project:** 

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/434908/2023

HPSEIAA/2023/1092

b) Project type Extraction of Stone.

c) Project Location Khasra number 41 & 69 falling in Mauza/Mohal Kundlu, Tehsil-

Nalagarh, District Solan, HP.

Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2018-19

e) Land Status Private Land, Hill slope.

f) Capacity 42,232 TPA.

g) Mining Area 14-00 Bighas, 1-05-35 Hect., Private land/hill slope

h) Leases with in 500 meter No mining lease exist within 500 meters: from the periphery of the

area applied.

i) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 04/05/2023

(Valid for one year i.e. up to 03/05/2024)

j) EMP Cost Capital cost: Rs 9.99 Lakhs and Recurring cost: Rs 2.92 Lakhs.

k) CER cost Nil.

The proposed project is for extraction of stone. Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 12/07/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 22/07/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 21/07/2023.

The case was listed before the SEAC in 95th meeting held on 26/9/2023.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the fact, the SEAC decided to appraise the case in next meeting after compliance of the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit revised KML file of the proposed mining area indicating boundary pillar coordinates.
- 2. The project proponent shall submit NOCs from the competent authority w.r.t. electricity line and road crossing along the proposed mining area.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit the details of approach road (kh. NO.s revenue record, agreement), with NOC of GP to use the existing road if any.

The project proponent has submitted the documents on dated 01-02-2024 to this office and during the appraisal process a representation was also received by villagers of Kundlu through Sh. Jagjit Singh Rana (Advocate), Chamber No.36, Judicial Complex, Nalagarh, District Solan, H.P. for non issuance of Environment Clearance to Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

There after examining the matter by this office, the representation was forwarded on dated 03.11.2023 to the office of Pollution Control Board and Director Industries for their opinion about installation of stone crusher and grant of mining lease to M/s Prem Stone Crusher.

Now, this office has received a reply from HPPCB office on dated 08.01.2024 stating that State Board does not have any objections on installation and grant of mining lease to the unit subject to conditions as mentioned in the letter. And as per the reply received from Mining Officer, Solan through Director Industries, on dated 04.01.2023, it has been informed that the joint inspection committee has considered each and every aspect of both these proposed mining lease areas and hence recommended grant of mining lease in favour of Sh. Anchit Thakur, Partner M/s Prem Stone Crusher after completing all codal formalities.

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC decided that:-

1. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not consider the case at this stage for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28th April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.

2. In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.

3. Meanwhile the sub-committee of SEAC shall visit the site.

### 3.5 Sh. Rajinder Singh, Prop. M/s Mankotia Stone Crusher, Village-Tipri, P.O. Lodhwan, Tehsil-Indora, Himachal Pradesh.

#### **Brief outline of the project:**

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/442278/2023

HP SEIAA/2023-1122

b) Project type Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

c) Project Location Khasra number 977/89 & 90 falling in Mauza/ MohalHagwal of

ib Tehsil-Gangath, District-Kangra, H.P. (suject to final outcome the decison of the Hon'ble High Court in CWP no. 1584/2018, led as M/s mankotia Stone Crusher V/s State of HP & Others and bject to the final outcome of the proceedings initiated by lodging

'R no. 0082 dated 25.06.2020 )

d) Jamabandi
 e) Land Status
 Jamabandi for the year 2020-21
 Private Land, terrace deposit

f) Capacity 21,025 TPA.

g) Mining Area 1-37-38 Hect., Private land/terrace deposit. h) Leases with in 500 meter No mining lease exists within 500 meters.

area applied.

from the periphery of the

i) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 12/06/2023

(Valid for one year i.e. up to 11/06/2024)

j) EMP Cost Capital cost: Rs 7.60 Lakhs and Recurring cost: Rs 3.72 Lakhs

for one year

k) CER cost Rs. 8.00 lacs

The proposed project is Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 07/09/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 30/11/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 22/11/2023.

The case application was again listed before the SEAC in 97<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7/12/2023. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the Committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting after compliance to the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit photographs of earlier mining sites indicating geo coordinates.
- 2. The project proponent shall also submit compliance to the earlier EC in PPT format.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit a certificate from the Director (Industries) to the fact that the proposed mining site is recommended/approved on the basis of the District Survey Report prepared & approved by SEIAA authorities in conformity with the SO No. 141 (E), SO No. 3611(E) and as per Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines, 2016 and Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 published by MoEF&CC, GoI.
- 4. The project proponent shall submit revised environment management plan with provision of installation of check dams with adequate height along the boundary.
- 5. The project proponent shall submit revised land use map.

The project proponent submitted the compliance to above observation on dated 27-01-2024.

After submission of the compliance, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th February, 2024. The committee examined the clarification submitted by the proponent to the fact that the mining lease has been approved as per approved DSR and also the fact that proposed mining lease is neither river bed nor hill slope type and is proposed on terrace sites which does not involve any replenishment process after the exhausting of the mineral as per

approved mining plan. Such sites are to be closed with restoration through agricultural activities.

Therefore, after deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA, subject to fulfillment of conditions annexed at Annexure-I with following special conditions that:-

- 1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ Transfer in the Bank Account Number mentioned in EC letter; to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) shall device a plan for this purpose within one month for that area in consultation with project proponent.
- 2. The project proponent shall provide 10 solar street lights with pole (including installation cost), 1 plastic waste shredder with washing arrangements, 1 pattal and dona making machine, 1 organic waste composter of one tone capacity within one month from the issuance of EC letter.
- 3. The project proponent shall furnish the mining site closure plan within fifteen days.
- 3.6 Sh. Jahangir Ali, Partner / GPA of M/s J.J. Associates, Village-Nawada, P.O. Shivpur, Tehsil-Paonta Sahib, District-Sirmaur, H.P.

#### **Brief outline of the project:**

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a)	Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/71682/2022, HP SEIAA/2022-938 (TOR's) SIA/HP/MIN/442956/2023, HP SEIAA/2022-938 (EC's),		
		PARIVESH 1.0		
b)	Project type	Extraction/collection of Sand, Stone & Bajri.		
c)	Project Location	Khasra number 640/563/480/1 falling in Mohal & Mauza-		
		Mohakampur Nawada, Paonta Sahib, District-Sirmaur, H.P.		
d)	Jamabandi	2017-2018		
e)	Land Status	Private Land, river bed		
f)	Capacity	62,842 TPA		
g)	Mining Area	3.9786 ha, 47-04 Bighas.		
h)	Leases with in 500 meter	Four mining leases exist within 500 meters,		
	from the periphery of the	1. M/s R.J. Associates, having an area of 52-16 Bighas.		
	area applied.	2. Sh. Gajender Pal Singh, having an area of 125.00		
		Bighas		
		3. Sh. Inder Singh, having an area of 58.10 Bighas		
		4. Sh. Sanjay Kishor, having an area of 58.01 Bighas		
i)	Letter of Intent	Extension of Letter of Intent issued on dated 01.10.2021		
		(Valid for one year i.e. from 04.03.2020 to 03.03.2022)		
j)	EMP Cost	Capital Cost- 0.60 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- 2.0 Lakhs annually.		
k)	CER cost	Capital Cost-1.00 Lakhs.		

The proposed project is Extraction/collection of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

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Online proposal for granting TOR was submitted on dated 30/01/2022 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 21/06/2022 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 19/07/2022.

The TOR's was issued to project proponent on dated 06/03/2023

Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 04/09/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on date 23/01/2024 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat.

After completion of EIA report, the proponent through SPCB hold the public hearing (PH) on dated 05/07/2023 for said project being B1 category project and proceedings of PH were receiver on 25/11/2023 from the Director DEST

The case application was listed before the SEAC in 99<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7/02/2024 but the project proponent did not appear before the Committee, therefore, it was decided to defer the case for next meeting.

3.7 Sh. Hari Prakash Abhi, Prop. Abhi Stone Crushing Company, Old GT Road, Damtal, Tehsil-Indora, District-Kangra, H.P.

**Brief outline of the project:** 

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/450552-2023

HP SEIAA/2023-1116

b) Project type Extraction/collection of Stone & Bajri.

c) Project Location Khasra number 35, 36 & 43 falling in Mohal and mauza-Majra,

Tejhsil-Indoa, District-Kangra, H.P.

d) Jamabandi 2017-2018 e) Land Status Private land. f) Capacity 39,000 MTPA g) Mining Area 1-42-01 hectare

h) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the

area applied.

i) Letter of Intent/ mining The grant of mining lease issued vide letter no. Udyog-

lease Bhu/(khani-4) Laghu-13/2015-6658 dated 10.11.2020

j) EMP Cost Capital Cost-Rs. 8.5 Lakhs, Recurring Cost-Rs.2.95 Lakhs

annually.

k) CER cost Rs. 8 lakhs

The proposed project is Extraction/Collection of Stone & Bajri. The project proponent was granted EC vide letter number EC/Kangra-6.5-Hari Prakash Abhi/2017-302 dated 03.08.2018 for the period of seven years by DEIAA, Kangra.

Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 30/10/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 25/11/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat.

The case application was listed before the SEAC in 97<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7/12/2023. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the Committee, the SEAC decided to list the case in next meeting after compliance to the following observations:

- 1. The project proponent shall submit certified compliance to the earlier issued EC issued at the level of DEIAA vide letter number EC/Kangra-6.5-Hari Prakash Abhi/2017-302 dated 03.08.2018.
- 2. The project proponent shall submit photographs with geo coordinate in compliance to the earlier issued EC by DEIAA.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit clarification from the Department of Industries, HP w.r.t. Notification issued by Deptt. of Industries, GoHP No. Ind-II (F) 6-15/2020-I, dated 3/8/2021.
- 4. The project proponent shall submit a certificate from the Director (Industries) to the fact that the proposed mining site is recommended/approved on the basis of the District Survey Report prepared & approved by SEIAA authorities in conformity with the SO No. 141 (E), SO No. 3611(E) and as per Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines, 2016 and Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 published by MoEF&CC, GoI.

The project proponent submitted the compliance to above observations on dated 05-02-2024.

After submission of the compliance, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th February, 2024. The committee examined the clarification submitted by the proponent to the fact that the mining lease has been approved as per approved DSR and also the fact that proposed mining lease is neither river bed nor hill slope type and is proposed on terrace sites

which does not involve any replenishment process after the exhausting of the mineral as per approved mining plan. Such sites are to be closed with restoration.

Therefore, after deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA, subject to fulfillment of conditions annexed at Annexure-I with following special conditions that:-

- 1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ Transfer in the Bank Account Number mentioned in EC letter; to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) shall device a plan for this purpose within one month for that area in consultation with project proponent.
- 2. The project proponent shall provide 10 solar street lights with pole (including installation cost), 1 plastic waste shredder with washing arrangements, 1 pattal and dona making machine, 1 organic waste composter of one tone capacity within one month from the issuance of EC letter.
- 3. The project proponent shall furnish the mining site closure plan within fifteen days before the committee.

## 3.8 Sh. Ajay Mahajan, Prop:-M/s Krishna Stone Crusher, Village & P.O. Mohtali, Tehsil-Indora, District-Kangra, H.P.

#### **Brief outline of the project:**

a)	Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/453310/2023

HP SEIAA/2023-1131

b) Project type Collection/Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

c) Project Location Khasra number 1177 falling in Mauza & Mohal-Mohtali,

Tehsil-Indora, District- Kangra, H.P

d) Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2019-20

e) Land Status Private land/ hill slope.

f) Capacity **26,316 TPA.** 

g) Mining Area **00-98-53 Ha**, Private land/terrace deposit.

h) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the

area applied.

i) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 05.07.2023

(Valid for one year i.e. up to 04.07.2024)

j) EMP Cost Capital Cost- 5.00 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- 1.44 Lakhs

annually.

k) CER cost Rs. 4.00 lakhs.

The proposed project is Collection/Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 25/11/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 15/01/2024 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 08/12/2023.

After submission of the compliance, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th February, 2024. The committee examined the clarification submitted by the proponent to the fact that the mining lease has been approved as per approved DSR and also the fact that proposed mining lease is neither river bed nor hill slope type and is proposed on terrace sites which does not involve any replenishment process after the exhausting of the mineral as per approved mining plan. Such sites are to be closed with restoration.

Therefore, after deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA, subject to fulfillment of conditions annexed at Annexure-I with following special conditions that:-

- 1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ Transfer in the Bank Account Number mentioned in EC letter; to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) shall device a plan for this purpose within one month for that area in consultation with project proponent.
- 2. The project proponent shall provide 10 solar street lights with pole (including installation cost), 1 plastic waste shredder with washing arrangements, 1 pattal and dona making machine, 1 organic waste composter of one tone capacity within one month from the issuance of EC letter.
- 3. The project proponent shall make provision to construct retaining wall (wire mash) of 300 meters length x 2mx2m within 6 months of issuance of EC letter in the downstream boundary of the lease area.
- 3.9 Sh. Atul Sharma, S/o Sh. M.D. Sharma, Village-Sainj, P.O. Kirti, Tehsil-Kumarsain, District-Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

#### **Brief outline of the project:**

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/453421/2023

HP SEIAA/2023-1125

b) Project type Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

c) Project Location Khasra number 5724/2552/2 & 2565/2 falling in Mauza/ Mohal-

Nithar Himri, Sub-Tehsil-Nithar, District-Kullu, HP. (The khasra numbers are mentioned as 6250/5724/2552 and 6252/2565 as per report of Patwari in jamabandi for the year

2019-2020)

d) Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2019-2020

e) Land Status Private Land/Hill Slope

f) Capacity 9,185 MT/year

g) Mining Area 04-19-00 Bighas, Private land.

h) Leases with in 500 meter Four other mining lease exists within 500 meters:-

from the periphery of the area applied.

1. Sh. Nagin Chand, 10-18 Bighas.

2. Sh. Naresh Kumar, 08-19 Bighas

3. Sh. Ashok Kumar, 03-05 Bighas

4. Sh. Sanjay Kumar, 05-14 Bighas.

i) Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 03/04/2023 (Valid for one year i.e. up to 02/04/2024)

j) EMP Cost Capital cost: Rs 4.12 Lakhs and Recurring cost: Rs 1.44 Lakhs

annually.

k) CER cost Rs. 4.00 Lakhs.

The proposed project is Extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajri.

Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 27/11/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 13/12/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 30.11.2023. The project proponent informed that the proposed mining area is located on a river terrace and is neither hill slope nor river bed. The type of mining has been wrongly mentioned in the LOI and mining plan.

The case was listed in 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts & compliance placed before the committee, the SEAC did not recommend the case for grant of EC in view of the MoEF&CC directions issued vide F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E-208230) dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 w.r.t. Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.12.2022 passed in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs.

MoEF&CC; to scrutinize and appraise the EC proposals based on the updated District Survey Report after five years, approved by SEIAA as per Ministry's Notification S.O 3611(E) dated 25.07.2018.

In view of the above, the SEAC decided to list the case of the proposed mining area after ascertaining the type of mining site and if it is hill slope the current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.

The project proponent submitted a clarification from Mining Department concerned dated 18-01-2024.

After submission of the compliance, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th February, 2024. The committee examined the clarification submitted by the proponent to the fact that the mining lease has been approved as per approved DSR and also the fact that proposed mining lease is neither river bed nor hill slope type and is proposed on terrace sites which does not involve any replenishment process after the exhausting of the mineral as per approved mining plan. Such sites are to be closed with restoration.

Therefore, after deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA, subject to fulfillment of conditions annexed at Annexure-I with following special conditions that:-

- 1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per  $\leq$  ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ Transfer in the Bank Account Number mentioned in EC letter; to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) shall device a plan for this purpose within one month for that area in consultation with project proponent.
- 2. The project proponent shall provide 4 solar street lights with pole (including installation cost), 1 plastic waste shredder with washing arrangements, 1 pattal and dona making machine, 1 organic waste composter of one tone capacity within one month from the issuance of EC letter.
- 3. The project proponent shall furnish the mining site closure plan within fifteen days before the committee.
- 3.10 Sh. Rahul Singh Pathania, Partner M/s Happy Stone Crusher, Unit-I, Dhangu Majra Road Damtal, Tehsil-Indora, District-Kangra, H.P.

#### Brief outline of the project:-

Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/455350/2023 (PARIVESH-1)

HP SEIAA/2024-1130

Project type Collection of Sand, stone & Bajri.

**Project Location** Khasra number 1444 & 1445 situated at Mohal & Mauza-

Mohtali of Tehsil-indora, District-Kangra, Himachal Pardesh.

Jamabandi Jamabandi for the year 2019-2020

Land Status Private Land, terrace deposit e)

54,040 MT Per annum. f) Capacity

Mining Area 02-09-82 hectare. g)

Leases with in 500 meter No mining lease exists within 500 meters periphery. h)

from the periphery of the

area applied.

Letter of Intent Letter of Intent issued on dated 31/07/2023 i)

(Valid up to 30/07/2024)

**EMP Cost** Capital cost: Rs 3.0 Lakhs and Recurring cost: Rs 2.85 Lakhs j)

for five years.

Rs. 12 lakhs. k) CER cost

The proposed project is extraction/collection of Sand, Stone & Bajri. Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 14/12/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 08/01/2024 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat.

After examining the application, the case was again listed in 99th meeting of the SEAC held on 7th February, 2024. The committee examined the clarification submitted by the proponent to the fact that the mining lease has been approved as per approved DSR and also the fact that proposed mining lease is neither river bed nor hill slope type and is proposed on terrace sites which does not involve any replenishment process after the exhausting of the mineral as per approved mining plan. Such sites are to be closed with restoration.

Therefore, after deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA, subject to fulfillment of conditions annexed at Annexure-I with following special conditions that:

- 1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ Transfer in the Bank Account Number mentioned in EC letter; to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) shall device a plan for this purpose within one month for that area in consultation with project proponent.
- 2. The project proponent shall provide 12 solar street lights with pole (including installation cost), 1 plastic waste shredder with washing arrangements, 1 pattal and dona making machine, 1 organic waste composter of one tone capacity within one month from the issuance of EC letter.
- 3. The project proponent shall make provision to construct retaining wall (wire mash) of 350 meters length x 2mx2m within 6 months of issuance of EC letter in the downstream boundary of the lease area.

# 3.11 Sh. S.P. Sharma, Sr. Executive Engineer, Hydel Channel & B.G. Division, BBMB Sundernagar, District-Mandi, HP.

#### **Brief outline of the project:**

a) Proposal No. SIA/HP/MIN/67240/2021(TOR's) (HPSEIAA/2021/876) SIA/HP/MIN/444649/2023(EC's) (HPSEIAA/2021/1121)

b) Project type Hydroelectric Power Project (2x21MW).

Category 1(c)-River Valley hydro project.

c) Project Location Khasra number 53A/14 falling in Village Baggi, Tehsil

Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi, HP.

d) Installed Capacity 42 MW (2x21 MW)

e) Land Status 3.437 Ha, out of which 0.877 ha forest land, Govt. Non Forest

land is 2.390 ha and 0.170 ha is private land.

f) Water Requirement 100 KLD

g) Total Project Cost Rs. 284.87 Crores.

n) EMP Cost -

i) CER cost -

As proposed during the construction of Beas Sutlej Link Project, it was conceived that a power plant could be constructed at the exit of Pandoh- Baggi Tunnel (PBT) as sufficient head was available between Pandoh Reservoir and at the start of Sunder Nagar Hydel Channel (SNHC). Consequently a Bypass Tunnel at 170 meters upstream of Baggi Control Works (BCW) was constructed to divert the water for the prospective power plant. The upcoming Baggi Power Plant is proposed to have two units of 21 MW each on the basis of head and water availability.

The case was listed before the SEAC in its 84<sup>th</sup> meeting after compliance of the observations by the project proponent. After deliberating on the information submitted and considering the facts placed before the committee, the SEAC recommended the issuance of Standard ToR issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI for preparing EIA/EMP report with the following additional conditions:

- 1. The project proponent shall make provision to provide 10 plastic waste shredders, 10 plastic waste bailing machines to the concerned ULBs/ PRIs through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.
- 2. The project proponent shall make provision to provide 20 solar lights through Department of Environment, Science & Technology, GoHP.
- 3. The project proponent shall submit FCA before submission of the case for Environment Clearance.
- 4. The project proponent shall adopt MC, Nerchowk and shall prepare detailed plan with budgetary provisions for effective Solid Waste Management in collaboration with Department of Environment, Science & Technology & UD Department area under CER.

The case was approved in 57th meeting of SEIAA on dated 20.01.2022. Then the project proponent was granted TOR on dated 03.02.2022.

Online proposal for EC was submitted on dated 20/09/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 25/11/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 10/11/2023. After completion of EIA report, the proponent through SPCB hold the public hearing (PH) on dated 06/03/2023 for said project being B1 category project and proceedings of PH were received on 22-06-2023 from the Director DEST.

The case application was listed before the SEAC in 97th meeting held on 7/12/2023 but the project proponent did not appear before the Committee, therefore, it was decided to defer the case for next meeting.

The case application was again listed in 99th meeting held on 07-02-2024. After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, it was observed that the EIA coordinator approved by NABET was not present to attend the meeting and only one sector expert of Air Quality was present, who was also not carrying the requisite documents of authority, the SEAC decided that:

1. The project proponent shall submit a valid certificate from NABET/ QCI stating that consultants are approved by them for providing consultancy services in Himachal Pradesh specially for Hydro Power Sector. and that the approved EIA coordinator is present.

ITEM No. 4: Proposal for amendment in Environment Clearance letter:-

4.1 Mr. Sandeep Shelke, Business Head and Director, M/s Indorama Industries Limited, Plot No. 10 Village- Lodhimajra, Tehsil-Baddi, District-Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

**Brief outline of the project:** 

Project type

Proposal No.

SIA/HP/IND2/65989/2021, TOR Granted on 09/08/2021

HP SEIAA/2021-855

SIA/HP/IND2/67828/2021, Applied for EC

HP SEIAA/2021-881

SIA/HP/IND2/30417/2023, Amendment in EC letter

Expansion of Manmade Fibres unit.

Category 5(d)-Manmade Fibres Unit.

c) Total production Capacity 28,500 TPA, Spandex Yarn expansion from existing capacity i.e. 16,500 TPA.

d) **Prior Environment** Clearance obtained by the company

- 1. HP SEIAA/2010/78-Indorama Industries Ltd., EC Granted on 12/05/2016.
- 2. HP SEIAA/2021-834 Indorama Industries Ltd., EC Granted on 15/07/2021 for capacity 16,500 TPA.

Land Status Lease Land. 1,00,000 m<sup>2</sup> Total plot area

> 971 crores (existing: Rs. 697 crores, proposed Rs. 274 Crores) Capital Cost: Rs. 245 lakhs; Recurring cost: Rs. 42 lakhs/year.

Capital Cost: Rs. 7 Lakhs.

e)

f)

Cost of project g)

**EMP Cost** h)

CER cost i)

The M/s Indorma Industries Limited is an existing manmade fibre unit located at village-Lodhiajra, Tehsil-Baddi, Solan, H.P. The project proponent was granted Environment Clearance for expansion of project on dated 03.02.2022 vides this office letter no. HPSEIAA/2021/881-128-135.

Now, the project proponent has applied for amendments in EC letter vide proposal number SIA/HP/IND2/30417/2023 dated 14.09.2023, which was accepted by SEIAA on dated 31.01.2024, where project proponent has requested for amendments as per detail given below:-

Sr No.	Description	Existing and Approved Capacity after Expansion		As per proposal submitted by project proponent for amendment in EC	Remarks
1	Boiler	Existing	4 TPH	4TPH	No change
		After Expansion	8 TPH	4 TPH. No change in capacity.	Reduced
2	Steam	Existing	4 TPH (Idle and	4 TPH	No change
	Generator	After Expansion	not in service)  8 TPH (Kept standby which will be used in the event of periodic maintenance of steam boiler)	4 TPH.	Reduced.
3	Thermic Fluid Heater	Existing	02 Nos. of capacity 6 M Kcal each	02 Nos. of capacity 6 MKcal each	No change
		After Expansion	3 Nos. of total capacity 20 MKCal	3 Nos. of total capacity 20 M KCal	No change
4	DG set	Existing	4 DG set working and 1 standby of capacity 2000 KVA	4 DG set working and 1 standby of capacity 2000 KVA	No change
		After Expansion	6 DG set working and 1 standby of capacity 2000 KVA	5 DG set working and 1 standby of capacity 2000 KVA.	Withdrawing #1 DG set. Reduced

After deliberating on the information submitted by the project proponent and considering the facts placed before the committee, in view fact that there is no change in pollution load and only few changes solicited due to observation in expansion process, the SEAC decided to recommend the case approval of changes as requested by the project proponent by the SEIAA.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

Dated: 14/2/2024

(Parveen Gupta)

(Sandeep Bhatnagar) Chairman, HPSEAC

Member Secretary, HPSEAC No./ 99<sup>th</sup> meeting /2023-

Copy to following for information and further necessary action please:

1. The Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Himachal Pradesh.

2. Case files of all projects, Guard file.

**Note:** Minutes of the Meeting are being hosted on the official website of SEIAA and all concerned shall download it for taking further necessary actions relevant to their project.

Member Secretary (SEAC)