

Minutes of the 668th Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 10.11.2022

The meeting of 668th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 10.11.2022 at the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg
2. Shri Paras Nath
3. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma

- Chairman, SEIAA, U.P
Member, SEIAA, U.P
Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P

Agenda A- Minutes of 693rd SEAC-2 Meeting Dated 12/10/2022

1. **Building Stone "Sand Stone" Project at Araj No.-01, Village-Ahirupur, Tehsil- Chunar, District-Mirzapur,, Smt. Ruchi Singh W/o Shri Santosh Singh, Leased Area -0.809. File No. 5784/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/50340/2020**

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC- 2 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SFAC- 2 adding following specific conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 5 years from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 5 years or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
2. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
3. A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved in mining or as a route and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
4. The mining lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora fauna etc.
5. Three tier green shelter belt of 7.5m width should be developed on the periphery of mine lease area. Local and native species should be planted in consultation with Forest/Horticulture Department/Agriculture University.
6. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.



7. If the proposed project is situated in notified area of ground water extraction, where creation of new wells for ground water extraction is not allowed, requirement of fresh water shall be met from alternate water sources other than ground water or legally valid source and permission from the competent authority shall be obtained to use it.
8. Project Proponent should submit action plan for carrying out plantation at least @1,000 plants / ha of lease area. In this case, PP should prepare a plan, duly approved either by Forest Department or Horticulture Department, for planting at least 1,000 plants, either on government land or community land, within a periphery of 5 km from the boundary of the lease area along with provision for maintenance for 5 years. Survival of plants should not be less than the survival rate notified by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department otherwise it will be treated as violation of EC condition.
9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 5 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
10. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
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12. Number of mining projects are coming up in district. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP to carry out regional EIA-EMP report including carrying capacity of environmental components to assess the capacity to further bear the pollution load for such areas within a period of 1 year and submit the same to SEIAA, UP for evaluation.
13. Department of Geology & Mines, GoUP in consultation with UPSPCB will establish required number of CAAQMS in district within a period of one year and submit geo-referenced map of these stations along with data. Details of existing CAAQMS, if any, be submitted within a period of three months.
14. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
15. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.



2. River Bed Sand Mine Project at Gata No.- 01 Kha, 277, Khand No.-02, Village- Teharka, Tehsil-Garautha, District- Jhansi, M/s Shiv Corporation (India)Ltd). Shri Jitendra Singh, Lease Area: 13.0 ha. File No. 5671/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/53372/2020

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of SEAC- 2 to close/ delist the file as the project proponent did not appear and open only after submission of online request on prescribed online portal. A letter shall be send to DM, Jhansi to ensure that no mining activity is started until valid EC is obtained and in case mining has been carried out without valid EC then work should be stopped and legal action should be initiated against the PP.

3. Establishment of new 80 KLD Grain/ Molasses Based Distillery Unit (RS/ENA/Ethanol) along with 3.0 MW Co-Generation Power Plant at Khasra No.- 612/1, 564, 565, 566, 567, 589/1, 590, 600/1, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605/1, 606/1, 613/2 in Village- Derabarari, Tehsil- Bara, District- Prayagaraj, U.P., M/s Mahakaushal Agricrop India Pvt. Ltd., Shri Arun Patode, Director. File No. 6055/Proposal No. SIA/UP/IND2/59292/2020

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-1 and grant EC to the said project. Apart from terms and conditions recommended by SEAC-2, SEIAA opined that as per the project description for two types of raw materials viz. molasses and grains will be used and accordingly PP / consultant has suggested two types of treatment plants. For effluent coming out when molasses is used for spent wash of 789 KLD treatment plant with MEE, Slop Fired Boiler be installed and when grain is used for spent wash of 489 KLD, Decanter centrifuge, MEE and DWGS Dryer will be used. So two treatment plants be established. Further at a time only one input material either molasses or gain be used. Two should not be mixed while running the distillery.

4. Institutional Building (IT/ITES Building) Project at Plot No.- B-23, Sector-62, Noida, M/s Seven Star Infosoft Pvt. Ltd. Shri Mukesh Kumar Arora. File No. 6580/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/229916/2021

SEIAA observed that SEAC-2 in their MoM has recorded as follows –

"The committee noted that the matter was earlier discussed in 601st SEIAA meeting dated 11/05/2022 and decided is as follows:

"SEIAA noted that SEAC-2 has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that QCI validity of the consultant is mentioned as 21-12-2021 in the MoM of SEAC-2 while the presentation was made before SEAC-2 on 26-04-2022. SEAC-2 should not allow the consultant to present the project after expiry of their QCI validity period. Thus appraisal done by SEAC-2 is not tenable."

The project proponent submitted their replies vide letter dated 16/09/2022 and mentioned that during SEAC query reply presentation in 647th meeting held on 26/04/2022 the QCI/NABET accreditation for Ascenso Enviro Pvt. Ltd. is valid till 13/06/2022 and there was no gap in the NABET/QCI accreditation of M/s Ascenso Enviro Pvt. Ltd. Presently, the NABET/QCI accreditation of M/s Ascenso Enviro Pvt. Ltd. is valid up to 21/12/2024."

SEIAA opined that from the MoM it is clear that when project proponent/consultant presented their case before SEAC-2 they didn't have valid QCI

accreditation certificate and SEAC-2 also didn't ask for the same. Any appraisal done in such a manner is not tenable. Project proponent/consultant to present their project before SEAC-2 for appraisal along with valid QCI accreditation documents and SEAC-2 to appraise the project and give their recommendation to SEIAA.

5. Group Housing at Plot No 3, SP-03, Sector-3, Siddharth Vihar, Ghaziabad, U.P., M/s T and T Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. File No.6640/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/ 232844/2021
SEIAA took note of comments recorded by SEAC-2.

6. Sand/Morrum Mining from Betwa River bed at Gata No - 1482, Khand No-02, Village- Teekar, Tehsil- Orai, District- Jalaun, Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta, M/s Sushil Stone Gramodhyog, Area 20.20 ha. File No.6688/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/69252/2021
SEIAA took note of comments recorded by SEAC-2.

7. Expansion of Group Housing at Khasra No. 69m, 70m, 70mi, 71m, 71mi, 72m, 72mi, 73m, 73mi, 76m, 76mi, 77/2, 79mi at Village-Chhajarsi, Tehsil- Dadri, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Shri Sudeep Yadav, M/s Ramprastha Urban Development Pvt. Ltd. File No. 7180/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIS/78848/2022

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC-2 to issue the additional ToR to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. SEIAA also added following points to ToR:-

- 1- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
 - 2- Copy of all the analysis reports duly signed by analyst approved by NABL or MoEF&CC shall be annexed with the EIA report and original analysis reports should be presented at the time of presentation.
 - 3- MOU signed between the project proponent and the consultant should be submitted.
 - 4- A certificate from Forest Department shall be obtained that no forest land is involved and if forest land is involved the project proponent shall obtain the forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per law under the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit along with EIA.
 - 5- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
 - 6- Provision for charging of electric vehicles as per the guidelines of GoI / GoUP should be submitted.
 - 7- Along with the EIA-EMP report, PP / consultant will also submit in tabular form as to how they have addressed entire ToR while preparing draft EIA-EMP report for PH. Further, PP / consultant will submit in tabular form as to how they have addressed issues raised during public hearing and have incorporated the same in final EIA-EMP report. A presentation to this effect should be made before SEAC at the time of EIA-EMP presentation.
8. Stone (Sand Stone) Mining at Gata No.- 485 & 486 Vill. Pattikalan, Tehsil- Chunar, District- Mirzapur, Shri Abdul Hamid Ansari, Area-1.818 ha. File No. 6151/Proposal No. SIA/UP/ MIN/60482/2021

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9. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 10 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
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9. **Sand/Morrum Mining from Dhasan River bed at Gata No.-1419 Kha, Khand No.-01, Villlage- Dhamnaud, Tehsil- Garautha, District- Jhansi, Shri Vipin Kumar Saxena, Area- 24.00 ha. File No. 5860/5578/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/56882/2020**
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 2. In the absence of replenishment study, in compliance of Hon'ble NGT Order dated 06.05.2022 initially the EC will be operational till 31.12.2022. Permissible quantity and area shall be strictly limited to quantity and area mentioned in Lol or mining plan, whichever is lesser, and maximum mineable depth will be limited to as approved in the mining plan.
 3. For subsequent years, Project Proponent shall submit fresh annual replenishment study to SEIAA, UP for amendment in EC for mineable quantity and maximum permissible depth for mining based on scientific findings of replenishment study. Such study shall be placed before SEAC for appraisal for next three years to assess rate of deposition and accordingly, mineable production capacity and depth can be prescribed based on trends analysis, provided it is found scientifically satisfactory by the SEAC. The placing of the study report SEAC is mandatory for initial three years.
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MoM prepared by Secretariat in consultation with
Chairman & Members on the basis of decisions
taken by SEIAA during the meeting.

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**(Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg)
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