## **MINUTES**

## 777th MEETING

## STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY-TAMIL NADU

Date: 09.12.2024.

## MINUTES OF THE 777<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 09.12.2024.

Agenda No	Description	File No.	Minutes
a)	Confirmation of the minutes of the 776 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Authority held on 03.12.2024.		The minutes of the 776 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Authority held on 03.12.2024 was confirmed.
1.	Existing Multi-Coloured Granite quarry over an extent of 2.52.42 Ha at S.F.Nos. 17/9A, 17/10A (Part), 17/11A, 18/9, 18/10, 18/12, 19/12A, 19/12B1 & 19/12B2 (Part) of Keelamangalam Village, Ottapidaram Taluk, Thoothukudi District, Tamil Nadu by Thiru. G. Gopalakrishnan - For Environmental Clearance. (SIA/TN/MIN/435949/2023)	10212	Earlier, the subject was placed in the 757th authority meeting held on 24.09.2024. The Authority noted that the subject was appraised in the 494th SEAC meeting held on 05.09.2024.  SEAC has furnished its recommendation for the two online applications (ref 4th & 5th cited above) pertaining to a single proposal (File No: 10212/2023) as follows:  Based on PP's request, the SEAC decided to appraise the earlier EC proposal under B2 category (Online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/435949/2023, Dated: 11.07.2023) and further decided to direct the PP to withdraw the application submitted by PP vide Online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/467170/2024, Dated: 25.03.2024 and accordingly SEIAA may accept the withdrawal request and subsequently close and record the file (SIA/TN/MIN/467170/2024) in accordance with law. The SEAC noted that the enumeration of violation in terms of period of violation cannot be concluded as the PP had a valid EC. However, the PP has made a deviation of the EC condition.

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In view of the above, the Committee decided to accept this proposal as a deviation / non-compliance and the SEAC directed the PP to contribute a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- towards CER for Panchayat Union Middle School, Keelamangalam, Ottapidaram Union, Thoothukudi District and the PP abides the same.

The authority is of the view that the deviation & non-compliance of EC should be treated & appraised under the violation category. Merely, PP's contribution to CER doesn't absolve the damages made to the Environment. In this regard, PP's request for change of category as a non-violation & withdrawal of B1 category application (ref 5<sup>th</sup> cited above) shall be reconsidered for remarks & recommendation. In view of the above, the Authority decided to refer back the proposal to SEAC for remarks and recommendations on the above details.

Now, the subject was placed in the 777<sup>th</sup>

Authority meeting held on 09.12.2024. The authority noted that the subject the proposal was subsequently placed in the 509<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 08.11.2024. Based on the Project proponent & EIA Coordinator's request, the SEAC decided to defer the proposal and the proposal was again placed in the 513<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 22.11.2024. During the meeting the PP has requested for additional time to produce documents as sought by the Committee. Hence, the SEAC decided to take

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		٠	up this proposal in any one of the forthcoming SEAC meeting.  Authority noted the SEAC's decision.
2.	Proposed Co-Generation Power Plant at S.F.Nos. 1/2B, 33/5 at Santhangadu & Alinjivalikkam Village of Madhavaram Taluk, Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Kothari Petro Chemicals Limited -For Terms of Reference. (SIA/TN/THE/34736/2019)	6869	Authority noted the SEAC's decision.  The Authority noted that the subject was earlier appraised in the 432nd SEAC meeting held on 20.12.2023. The Project Proponent vide letter dated:17.09.2020 has requested for withdrawal of the application stating the following,  "We, M/s. Kothari petrochemicals limited at S.F 1/2B,33/5 Santhangadu Village, Alinjivakkam Village, Madhavaram Taluk, Tiruvallur District had submitted application for EC on 08.03.2019 for the proposed change of fuel 100% coal in the existing cogeneration power plant. Our unit is of capacity 2 MW and this project activity falls under below 5MW Category plant as per schedule No.1 (d) & Category B under EIA Notification 2006 & its latest amendment. As this 2 MW Capacity plant does not require Environmental Clearance, we would like to Withdraw the EC application".  The SEAC decided that SEIAA may accept the withdrawal application of the PP and close the file.  Subsequently, the proposal was placed in the 689th Authority meeting held on 12.01.2024. After detailed discussions, Authority decided to request the Member Secretary, SEIAA to obtain present status of the project from the TNPCB.
			Based on the report obtained from the TNPCB, the subject was again placed in 777 <sup>th</sup>

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Authority meeting held on 09.12.2024. The authority carefully examined the report and noted the following, The unit was inspected on 06.12.2024. The unit has filed an application to SEIAA-TN seeking Environmental Clearance for proposed change of fuel 100% coal in the existing captive power plant of 2 MW on 08.03.2019. Further, the unit is having power plant with capacity of 2 MW which is less than 5 MW and the said activity is not required Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006 and requested SEIAA to withdraw the application filed to SEIAA-TN seeking Environmental Clearance. The unit is presently using 100% rice husk as fuel for the existing 2 MW power plant which does not require Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006. Based on the inspection report and views of the TNPCB, the authority after detailed discussions decided that the file may be closed and recorded. 3. Environmental Clearance was issued for 11289 The proposal was presented at the 777th the Proposed Industrial shed for Solar Authority meeting held on .12.2024. The PV authority noted that Environmental Clearance Module Manufacturing Assembling Plant at S.F. No's: 1724 Pt, was issued for this file under 1851 Pt, Plot No: A5, A6, A7 & A10 of EC24C3806TN5118704N, dated 12.11.2024. A complaint regarding the issuance of the SIPOT Industrial Park, Gangaikondan Village, Manur Taluk & Tirunelveli Environmental Clearance for this file was

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received from Mr. S.P. Muthuraman on 20.11.2024. The authority decided to forward the file to SEAC for its remarks.

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