



# State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)

## Himachal Pradesh

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No. DEST&CC/HPSEIAA/2025/ 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting/-

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2025

PROCEEDINGS OF 74<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF SEIAA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, HELD UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF SH. ARVIND MEHTA, IAS (RETD.) ON DATED 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025. [PARIVESH 1.0]

### ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 73<sup>rd</sup> MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

All decisions taken in 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 complied with, no additional comments received, hence minutes were confirmed.

### ITEM NO. 2: PARIVESH 1.0 Applications/Cases Recommended by SEAC for issuance of EC & TORs

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

#### Brief outline of the project:

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| a) | Online Proposal No.  | SIA/HP/MIN/65332/2021 (TOR's)<br>HP SEIAA/2021-852<br>SIA/HP/MIN/405479/2022 (EC)<br>HP SEIAA/2022-1023 |
| b) | Processing fee   | DD no. 824786 dated 29.04.2024 of Rs. 25,000/- State Bank of India.                                     |
| c) | Project type   | Collection of Stone Boulder, Sand & Bajri.  |
| d) | Project Location   | Khasra No. 54 falling in Mauza Mehat, Tehsil Dadahu, Distt. Sirmour, HP                                 |
| e) | Jamabandi  | Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016.   |
| f) | Land Status  | Private land.   |
| g) | Capacity   | 72,000 TPA.   |
| h) | Mining Area  | 44-04 Bighas, Private land- 3.7257 ha.  |
| i) | Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied. | One mining lease exist:<br>1. Sh. Prem Lal (24-12 Bighas)   |
| j) | Letter of Intent   | Lol extension issued on 31/8/22 valid upto 13/8/2025.   |
| k) | EMP Cost   | Capital Cost- Rs. 8.49 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.3.79 Lakhs/PA  |
| l) | CER cost   | Rs. 16.00 lakhs   |

The proposed project is for collection of Stone Boulder, Sand & Bajri. The SEAC in its 81<sup>th</sup> meeting recommended the Standard ToR issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI for preparing EIA/EMP report. The TOR's were issued on dated 24.09.2021. Thereafter, online proposal for granting Environment Clearance was submitted on dated 15/12/2022.

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 appraised in 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 23-24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 with observations.

The project proponent had submitted the documents. 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 observations. 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 appraised in 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<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 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 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 current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.

The project proponent submitted the documents on dated 18.12.2024. The committee observed that the proposed mining site is also located in the stretches which are indicated in the updated District Survey Report dully endorsed by SEIAA.

The case was appraised in 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 23/1/2025 with observations. The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply.

The proposal was listed in 106<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. The SEAC **RECOMMENDED** the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA subject to the fulfillment of standard conditions with following additional special condition that:

1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per  $\leq$  ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ transfer of funds in the bank account number mentioned in EC letter to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) may devise a plan for this purpose as per CER guidelines.
2. The project proponent under CER in consultation with concerned Dy. Commissioner shall install one electric vehicle charging station.
3. The project proponent shall sensitize and create awareness among people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of SUP in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MoEF& CC on 12/08/2021. A report, along with photographs, on the measures taken shall also be included in the six monthly compliance report being submitted by the project proponents.
4. The project proponent shall ensure that mining is carried out strictly in accordance with the approved mining plan failing which strict action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the proponent and environmental compensation shall be imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
5. The Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
6. The project proponent will ensure that no harm to the adjoining land or environmental degradation is caused due to mining activities and the mining activities are undertaken strictly as per approved mining plan.
7. This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
8. The project proponent in consultation with concerned DFO shall setup a nursery of vertiver grass and shall distribute them to PWD/NHA for slope stability measures.
9. The project proponent shall take adequate measures for not causing any harm, damage to the upstream reservoir on the river.
10. The project proponent shall undertake plantation for the restoration of excavated land area on annual basis and it will be assessed through vidiography with geo coordinates on half yearly basis.

The Authority in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 approved grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions as recommended by SEAC in its 106<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025.

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

**Brief outline of the project:**

a)	Online Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/416365/2023 (EC) HP SEIAA/2023-1041
b)	Processing fee	DD no. 936050 dated 20.05.2024 of Rs. 15,000/- Punjab National Bank.
c)	Project type	Extraction of Sand.
d)	Project Location	Khasra number 259/167, 260/167, 139, 140 & 247/168 falling in Mauza Mohal Deothi, Tehsil & Distt. Solan, HP.
e)	Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016
f)	Land Status	Private Land, Hill Slope (Leased Land)
g)	Capacity	2,205 TPA.
h)	Mining Area	06-14 Bighas, 0.5042 ha, Private land, hill slope.
i)	Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.	Two mining leases exist within 500 meters:- 1. Sh. Devender Sharma (07-16 Bighas) 2. Sh. Amit Bindal (09-13 Bighas)
j)	Letter of Intent	Letter of Intent issued on dated 12.08.2022 (Valid for one year i.e. up to 11.08.2025)
k)	EMP Cost	Capital Cost- Rs.5.06 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.3.06 Lakhs/PA
l)	CER cost	Rs. 4.00 lakhs

The proposed project is for 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 appraised in 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 23-24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 with observations. 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 observations.

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.

The case was again listed in 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 7<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 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.*

The project proponent submitted the incomplete documents on dated 18.12.2024.

The case was appraised in 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 23/1/2025 with observations.

The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply. The proposal was listed in 106<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. The SEAC **RECOMMENDED** the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA subject to the fulfillment of standard conditions with following additional special condition that:

1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per  $\leq$  ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ transfer of funds in the bank account number mentioned in EC letter to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) may devise a plan for this purpose as per CER guidelines.
2. The project proponent under CER in consultation with concerned Dy. Commissioner shall install one electric vehicle charging station.
3. The project proponent shall sensitize and create awareness among people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of SUP in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MoEF& CC on 12/08/2021. A report, along with photographs, on the measures taken shall also be included in the six monthly compliance report being submitted by the project proponents.
4. The project proponent shall ensure that mining is carried out strictly in accordance with the approved mining plan failing which strict action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the proponent and environmental compensation shall be imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
5. The Geological Wing of the Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh and Project proponent shall ensure that the mining outside the riverbed on Patta Land/ Khatedari Land be granted when there is possibility of replenishment of material. In case, there is no replenishment then mining lease shall only be granted when there is no riverbed mining possibility within 5 KM of the Patta Land/ Khatedari land.
6. The Midterm review of hill slope mining activity shall be undertaken in case of any deviation from terms and conditions of EC/ Mining plan the EC shall be withdrawn along with environmental compensation imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
7. The Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
8. The project proponent will ensure that no harm to the adjoining land or environmental degradation is caused due to mining activities and the mining activities are undertaken strictly as per approved mining plan.
9. This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
10. The project proponent shall undertake plantation for the restoration of excavated land area on annual basis and it will be assessed through vedio graphy with geo coordinates on half yearly basis.

The Authority in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 approved grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions as recommended by SEAC in its 106<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025 with the following additional conditions:

1. The project proponent shall get the trees marked through Forest Department before the mining lease is allowed by the Department of Industries. The PP shall report this aspect in the 6 monthly compliance report which will be examined by the Monitoring Cell of the SEIAA.

2.3 Sh. Parth Mehta, Legal heir S/o Late Sh. Kuldeep Mehta, Village-Chaunti, P.O. Luhri, Tehsil Anni, District-Kullu, HP. Correspondence Address:- Sh. Kuldeep Mehta, S/o Dwarka Dass Mehta, Prop. M/s MKC Stone, Village-Chaunti, P.O. Luhri, Tehsil Anni, District Kullu, HP.

**Brief outline of the project:**

a)	Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/440034/2023 (EC) HP SEIAA/2023-1110
b)	Processing fee	Transaction number 422101852053 of Rs. 15,000/- dated 08.08.2024
c)	Project type	Extraction of Stone/boulder, RBM & Sand.
d)	Project Location	Khasra number 1444 & 1445 falling in Mauza/Mohal Bargaal, Tehsil-Kumarsain, Distt. Shimla, HP.
e)	Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2018-2019
f)	Land Status	Private Land.
g)	Capacity	50,152 MTPA.
h)	Mining Area	00-66-83 Hectare/ 6.50 bighas, Private land/hill slope.
i)	Leases within 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.	No mining leases exist within 500 meters.
j)	Letter of Intent	LOI valid upto 7/1/2026
k)	EMP Cost	Capital Cost- Rs.8.25 Lakhs, Recurring Cost- Rs.1.44 Lakhs annually.
l)	CER cost	Rs. 4.00 Lakhs.

The proposed project is for extraction of Stone/boulder, RBM & Sand. Online proposal for granting EC was submitted on dated 11/08/2023 and accepted by the SEIAA secretariat on dated 18/11/2023 and forwarded to SEAC secretariat. The hard copy was submitted by Project proponent on dated 31/10/2023.

After submission of compliance of the observations on dated 27-12-2023, the case was again appraised 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 current status of mining area, in next meeting after submission of updated District Survey Report duly endorsed by SEIAA.

After submission of the compliance, the case was appraised in 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 with observations.

The PP submitted the compliance vide online EDS reply. The proposal was listed in 106<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025. The SEAC **RECOMMENDED** the case application for consideration of grant of environmental clearance by the SEIAA subject to the fulfillment of standard conditions with following additional special condition that:

1. The capital cost (@ Rs. 4.00 lacs per ≤ ha.) under CER, shall be deposited in the form of Demand Draft/ transfer of funds in the bank account number mentioned in EC letter to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) may devise a plan for this purpose as per CER guidelines.
2. The project proponent in consultation with concerned Dy. Commissioner shall install one electric vehicle charging station under CER
3. The project proponent shall sensitize and create awareness among people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of SUP in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MoEF& CC on 12/08/2021. A report, along with photographs, on the measures taken shall also be included in the six monthly compliance report being submitted by the project proponents.
4. The project proponent shall ensure that mining is carried out strictly in accordance with the approved mining plan failing which strict action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the proponent and environmental compensation shall be imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).



5. The Geological Wing of the Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh and Project proponent shall ensure that the mining outside the riverbed on Patta Land/ Khatedari Land be granted when there is possibility of replenishment of material. In case, there is no replenishment then mining lease shall only be granted when there is no riverbed mining possibility within 5 KM of the Patta Land/ Khatedari land.
6. The Midterm review of hill slope mining activity shall be undertaken in case of any deviation from terms and conditions of EC/ Mining plan the EC shall be withdrawn along with environmental compensation imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
7. The Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
8. The project proponent will ensure that no harm to the adjoining land or environmental degradation is caused due to mining activities and the mining activities are undertaken strictly as per approved mining plan.
9. This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
11. The project proponent in consultation with UHF Nauni shall setup plant nursery. The project proponent shall undertake plantation for the restoration of excavated land area on annual basis and it will be assessed through vedio graphy with geo coordinates on half yearly basis.

The Authority in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 approved grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions as recommended by SEAC in its 106<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 21-22, February 2025.

**2.4 Sh. Ram Lok, S/o Sh. Shiv Ram, Village Pohini, P.O. Namhol, Tehsil Sadar, District-Bilaspur, HP.**

**Brief outline of the project:**

a) Proposal No.	SIA/HP/MIN/442305/2023 (EC) HP SEIAA/2023-1128
b) Processing fee	UTR number PUNBL24212844478 of Rs. 15,000/- dated 30.07.2024.
c) Project type	Extraction/ Collection of Dolomitic Limestone and Sand stone.
d) Project Location	Khasra number 21/2 falling in Mauza/ Mohal Pohni/8, Tehsil Sadar, Distt. Bilaspur, HP.
e) Jamabandi	Jamabandi for the year 2017-18.
f) Land Status	Private Land, Hill slope.
g) Capacity	10,540 TPA.
h) Mining Area	09-04 Bighas, 0.6923 ha, Private land/hill slope
i) Leases with in 500 meter from the periphery of the area applied.	No mining lease exist within 500 meters:
j) Letter of Intent	Extension of Letter of Intent issued on dated 02/09/2024 (Valid up to 25/04/2025)
k) EMP Cost	Capital Cost Rs. 3.42 Lakhs and Recurring Cost Rs. 2.72 Lakhs annually.
l) CER cost	Rs. 4.00 Lakhs.

The proposed project is Extraction of Dolomitic Limestone and Sand stone.

Online proposal for amendment in EC was submitted on dated 07.09.2023 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 05.09.2023 and 30.11.2023.

The case was listed in 98<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAC held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

The project proponent did not appear before the Committee; therefore, the case appraisal was deferred by SEAC. Now, pp has submitted the extension of Letter of Intent dated 02.09.2024.

The proposal was listed in 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025. The SEAC, **RECOMMENDED** the case application for consideration of grant of Environmental Clearance by the SEIAA subject to the fulfillment of standard conditions with following additional 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 of funds in the bank account number mentioned in EC letter to the office of Director (DEST&CC), GOHP. The Director (DEST&CC) may device a plan for this purpose as per CER guidelines.
2. The project proponent shall sensitize and create awareness among people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of SUP in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MoEF& CC on 12/08/2021. A report, along with photographs, on the measures taken shall also be included in the six monthly compliance report being submitted by the project proponents.
3. The project proponent shall ensure that mining is carried out strictly in accordance with the approved mining plan failing which strict action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the proponent and

environmental compensation shall be imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).

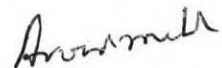
4. The Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh shall ensure that the mining is carried out strictly as per the Terms & Conditions of the Environment Clearance.
5. The Geological Wing of the Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh and Project proponent shall ensure that the mining outside the riverbed on Patta Land/ Khatedari Land be granted when there is possibility of replenishment of material. In case, there is no replenishment then mining lease shall only be granted when there is no riverbed mining possibility within 5 KM of the Patta Land/ Khatedari land.
6. The Midterm review of hill slope mining activity shall be undertaken in case of any deviation from terms and conditions of EC/ Mining plan the EC shall be withdrawn along with environmental compensation imposed as per orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 19.02.2019 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (W.P.) (Civil) No. 375/2012).
7. The project proponent will ensure that no harm to the adjoining land or environmental degradation is caused due to mining activities and the mining activities are undertaken strictly as per approved mining plan.
8. This Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal Forest Clearance (FC) under the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, if applicable to the Project.
9. The project proponent shall ensure that the mining activity is carried out after leaving the required buffer zone and distance from existing habitation/village. Measures will be taken to protect the nearby habitation from noise, water and air pollution.
10. The project proponent shall provide a sanitary napkin vending and disposal machine in nearby Girls Sr. Sec. School in 15 days under the CER through DEST&CC with provision of O&M cost for five years.
11. The project proponent shall construct 170-meter-long retaining wall to prevent the impact of mining activities on the adjoining & to protect the downstream area.

The Authority in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 approved grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions as recommended by SEAC in its 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on dated 22/3/2025.

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The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to & from the Chair.

D.C. Rana, IAS  
Member Secretary  
HPSEIAA

  
Arvind Mehta, IAS (Rtd.)  
Chairman, HPSEIAA

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2025  
Place: Shimla