

**Minutes of the 539<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 17.12.2021**

The meeting of 539<sup>th</sup> State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 17.12.2021 at the Directorate of Environment. Following were present in the meeting:-

<b>1. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg</b>	<b>Chairman, SEIAA, U.P</b>
<b>2. Shri Paras Nath</b>	<b>Member, SEIAA, U.P (In person)</b>
<b>3. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma</b>	<b>Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P</b>

**Agenda-B:- Minutes of 607th SEAC-1 Meeting Dated 13/12/2021**

**1. (15) Morrum Mining at Arazi No.- 824 Kh, Khand No.-04, Village-Agori Khas, Tehsil-Obra, District-Sonbhadra., M/s Sudhakar Pandey and Associates., Area: 12.368 ha File No. 6748/6321/Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/70049/2021**

SEIAA gone through the instructions of Government on letter of the project proponent dated 15.12.2021 to take up the above project on priority basis. Hence this project is being taken separately.

SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project for along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC adding following specific condition as follows:-

1. In the absence of replenishment study keeping in mind various orders issued by Hon'ble NGT and development works in the State, EC is granted for a period of one year.
2. Permissible mining of river bed material (sand / bajri) shall be strictly limited to quantity and area mentioned in LOI or mining plan, whichever is lesser, and maximum mineable depth will be limited to as the approved mining plan. The permissible mineable material will be valid till one year from the date of transfer of the EC.
3. For subsequent period, PP 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.
4. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.

5. 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.
6. 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.
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 13,000 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. Project Proponent / Consultant has given an affidavit that the project area doesn't fall within the boundary of Critically Polluted Area (CPA). If the affidavit given by PP / Consultant is found to be false then EC will be cancelled and legal actions will be initiated against them. Further, mining should not commence without obtaining certificate from DM, Sonbhadra that area doesn't attract CPA and a copy of the same should be submitted to SEIAA.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Department of Geology and mines, Government of UP and/or concern district administration, before releasing the security deposit to project proponent will insure that project proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non compliance, if any, should be reported to UPPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.

**Nodal Officer  
SEIAA, UP**

**(Ajay Kumar Sharma)  
Member-Secretary  
SEIAA**

**(Paras Nath)  
Member  
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**(Dr. Rajiv Kumar Garg)  
Chairman  
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