

**MINUTES OF THE 89<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), JHARKHAND HELD ON 04<sup>TH</sup>, 05<sup>TH</sup>, 06<sup>TH</sup> and 07<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

The 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Jharkhand was held on 04<sup>th</sup>, 05<sup>th</sup>, 06<sup>th</sup> and 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.) in the Conference Room at SEAC, Ranchi.

The following members were present :

1. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.) - Chairman
2. Dr. Kirti Avishek - Member
3. Shri Niranjana Lal Agarwalla - Member
4. Dr. Raju Kumar - Member
5. Dr. Ajay Govind Bhatt - Member
6. Shri Ashok Kumar Dubey, IFS - Secretary

SEIAA forwarded various projects to the SEAC for the technical appraisal after the last SEAC meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. These projects have been put up for discussions. Besides, these Projects, wherein PP's were asked to provide requisite information / clarifications in the earlier meeting of SEAC, were also considered for appraisal. The Project Proponents have been asked to make technical presentation for the appraisal of their projects before the committee.

The following observations /recommendations were made during the presentation (Project -wise), as under:-

**Day 1 : August 04, 2021 [Wednesday]**

**A. Matter referred by SEIAA**

- i. **Amarpur Stone Mine of Shri Baidhanath Roy, Mouza : Amarpur, P.S. : Gopikandar, Dist. : Dumka, Jharkhand (2.27 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/210354 /2021).**

The proposal was considered in the light of observations in 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEIAA held on 05-07 July, 2021, wherein it was observed that as per DFO, Dumka letter no. 1047, dated 27.05.2020 the proposed project falls within 250 m distance from forest land. These does not qualify guideline of distance criteria for consideration of proposal. Hence, committee is of the view that Project Authorities are required to obtain fresh DFO certificate for re-consideration.

- ii. **Jitpur Stone Mine of M/s RAN Enterprises, Mouza : Jitpur, P.S. : Gopikandar, Dist. : Dumka, Jharkhand (2.65 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/195144 /2021).**

The proposal was considered in the light of 89th meeting of SEIAA held on 05-07 July, 2021 wherein in SEIAA has sought information why the recommendation has been made for the highest production level during the 05 years plan. The committee is of the view that mining activities and level of production are under taken as per approved mine plan which is for 05 years. The production levels per year may or may not be the same.

Hence, the project of mining is considered for the highest production per year as per the approved mine plan so as to enable the project to operate as per approved mine plan.

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- e. The Boundary Pillars of the proposed mine lease area will be maintained properly.
- f. One day post monsoon baseline data related to environment monitoring will be submitted with the first compliance report.
- g. The plantation work will be completed in the first year only. Same will be maintained during the life of mine.
- h. Sufficient water spray using water tankers will be done for effective dust suppression on haul roads and the mine lease area.
- i. All the mining machineries / equipment and transport vehicles should be annually tested for fitness and PUC and records to be maintained.

**Specific observation of the committee during appraisal are as under :**

- i. Waste to be generated 7838 cum during life of mine but no stocking or dumping is proposed. Hence, an undertaking that the waste to be utilized as and when generated.

**The Project Authorities have submitted above required undertaking.**

**The committee recommends the following project specific conditions :**

- i. Gabion Plantation work in the safety zone (7.5 m width around the proposed lease boundary) and on either side of approach road in two rows with the spacing of 3x3 m with suitable species such as timber & fruit bearing etc. will be done in first year. Maintenance work such as h/w, mortality replacement, protection and watering shall be undertaken for the life of mine as per norms and schedule issued by PCCF, Development, Deptt. of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand. Records of same to be maintained and will be submitted with compliance report.
- ii. One day post monsoon baseline environmental monitoring data will be submitted with the first compliance report.

Based on the presentation made and information provided, the Committee in the light of Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi order dated 13.09.18 and MoEF& CC O.M dated 12.12.18 decided that the proposal for Upraili Kanhai Stone Deposit of M/s Baba Baidyanath Stone Works, Village : Upraili Kanhai, Thana : Gawan, Dist. : Giridih, Jharkhand (2.023 Ha) is recommended for grant of EC. The various conditions for grant of EC is enclosed as Annexure - I besides specific conditions.

- 8. Simariya Stone Deposit of M/s Pawanputra Stone Works, Vill. : Simariya, Thana : Jirwabari, Dist. : Sahibganj (6.07 Ha)

(Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/61685/2017)

The PA's have not yet submitted the status of the Lol. The committee allows maximum of 02 months to submit the status of Lol from concerned DMO, failing which the project will be recommended for delisting without any reference to the PA's

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