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Minutes of the 490th Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 09.09.2021

The meeting of 490th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 09.09.2021 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

General discussion:-

SEIAA gone through the letter of Director, Geology and Mining Department, UP letter no. 434/M28/2012(Parya SWA)2019 TC dated 27.08.2021 and Secretary, Geology and Mining Department, UP letter no. 736/86-2020-14(SA)/2020TC dated 12/05/2020 regarding priority of ToR for mining projects of sand/morrum, building stone etc. Hence SEIAA opined to give preference to mining projects.

Agenda-A: -Complaints/letters –

1. **Chief Secretary letter no. NGT- 137/81-7- 2021 dated 09.09.2021 regarding order dated 26.02.2021 passed by Hon'ble NGT in O.A. no. 360/2015**

SEIAA gone through the Chief Secretary letter no. NGT-137/81-7-2021 dated 09.09.2021 regarding order dated 26.02.2021 passed by Hon'ble NGT in O.A. no. 360/2015 which states that – "in the absence of replenishment studies and physical inspection before award, many times sites are awarded where there is no sand. The lease holder per force indulges in mining adjoining areas, some of which may be environmentally not very suitable. Before award of LOI physical inspection should be mandatory."

Due to uncertainty and to avoid any critical condition SEIAA is granting EC only for one year with the condition:-

1. Replenishment study, duly approved by the competent authority for approving DSR for the district should be submitted within one year. In the absence of replenishment study, keeping in mind various orders issued by Hon'ble NGT and development works in the State EC is accorded for a period of one year.

Agenda-B: -Replies- Nil

Agenda-C:- Minutes of 556th SEAC-1 Meeting Dated 06/08/2021

1. **Stone (Khanda, Boulder, Gitti) at Araj No.1195/11 & 1219/11, Village-Digara, Tehsil-Sadar, Jhansi, Shri Pramod Kumar Gupta., Area-1.396 ha File No. 6336 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 208009/2021**

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC that the matter shall be discussed after submission of online information on prescribed portal.



2. Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration & Appraisal and Early Production" in GV-ONHP-2017/1, Hydrocarbon Block falling in Kheri and Shahjahanpur Districts of U.P., M/s Vedanta Ltd.(Div: Carin Oil & Gas) File No. 5902 Proposal No. SIA/UP/IND2/ 175859/2020

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant of environmental clearance for the project proposal along with general and specific conditions as annexed at Annexure-5 to the minutes. The General and specific conditions are mainly based on the environmental clearances issued in the state of Gujrat, Rajasthan, and Assam because with the available information with the directorate and SEAC-1 such type of a project is completely new for the issuance of environmental clearance for the state of Uttar Pradesh. SEIAA opined that the project proponent/consultant shall be asked to join online to clarify the queries of SEIAA.

3. Sand/Morrum Mining along Betwa River Bed in Khand No.- 10/22, at Village- Beri, Tehsil- Hamirpur, District-Hamirpur., Area-36.437 Ha). File No. 4390 Proposal NoSIA/UP/MIN/ 216509/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended that SEIAA may like to grant the Environment Clearance to the said project as per the 520th SEAC meeting dated 11-01-2021 along with the aforesaid amendments. The project requires a detailed scrutiny which is not possible through video conferencing. Hence SEIAA opined that this project shall be taken when the meeting is held in person at Directorate of Environment, Lucknow.

4. Stone (Khanda, Gitti& Boulder) Mine at Gata No.-587, Khand No.-03, at Village- Nahari, Tehsil-Naraini, Banda, U.P. Area-2.0 ha. File No. 5844/ 4784 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 56743/2019

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file, documents and DM Banda letter no. 1374/Khanij-30 Banda dated 13.08.2021 regarding amendment in DSR. SEIAA agreed with the recommendations of the SEAC to grant the prior Environmental Clearance to the proposed project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by the SEAC adding following specific condition as follows:-

1. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
2. 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 the forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per law under the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
3. 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.



4. 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.
 5. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
 6. 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.
 7. 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 2,000 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.
5. Stone (Khanda, Gitti& Boulder) Mine at Gata No.-587, Khand No.-06, Village-Nahari, Tehsil-Naraini, Banda. M/s MaaSharda Associates, Area-2.0 ha File No. 5848/ 4791 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 50695/2019

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6. Sand/Morrum Mining from Betwa Riverbed at Gata No.-747, Khand No.- 03, Village-Pathrehta, Tehsil- Kalpi, Jalaun., Area: 16.194 ha. File No. 6246/ 5931 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 62127/2021

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that the geo-coordinates mentioned in mine plans are different from geo-coordinates mentioned in the application. Hence SEIAA opined that project proponent shall clarify the same.

7. Sand/Morrum Mining from Betwa Riverbed at Gata No.-747, Khand No.- 06, Village-Pathrehta, Tehsil- Kalpi, Jalaun., M/s Krishna Techno Consultant Pvt. Ltd., Area: 10.121 ha File No. 6247/ 5934 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 62183/2020

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

1. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
2. 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 the forest clearance and permission of Central and State Government as per law under the provisions of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and submit before the start of work.
3. 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.
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study keeping in mind various orders issued by Hon'ble NGT and development works in the State EC is accorded for a period of one year.

5. 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.
6. 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 10,121 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.
8. Stone (Sand Stone Mining) Mine at Khasra/ Gata No.-37, VillageDakahi, Tehsil- Chunar, District- Mirzapur, U.P., Area-1.21Ha. File No. 5408 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/48287/2019

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through file and documents and found that there are multiple leases with same gata no. and same area in the DSR therefore the proposed area cannot be differentiated in the DSR. Hence SEIAA opined that the project shall be referred back to SEAC for review/comments. SEIAA also opined that the project proponent shall submit relevant documents to SEAC for examination.

9. Stone (Sand Stone Mining) Mine at Khasra/ Gata No.-188 mi, VillageLahaura, Tehsil- Chunar, Mirzapur, U.P., Area-0.909 Ha. File No. 5409 Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/48341/2019

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

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3. 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.



4. 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.
 5. Plan for using the mine void for productive use in consultation with local administration and gram-panchayat.
 6. 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.
 7. 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 909 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.
 8. Project Proponent / Consultant has given the 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 false then EC will be cancelled and legal actions will be initiated against them. Further, mining should not commence without obtaining certificate from concerned RO, UPSPCB that area doesn't attract CPA and a copy of the same should be submitted to SEIAA.
10. Stone (Sand Stone Mining) Mine at Khasra/Gata No.-188 mi, Khand No.-V/1, Village-Lahaura, Tehsil-Chunar, Mirzapur., Area-2.02 Ha File No. 5410 Proposal No. SIA /UP /MIN/ 49909/2020
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