

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Uttar Pradesh

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Minutes of the 714th Meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) held on 30.03.2023

The meeting of 714th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) was held on-line on 30.03.2023 the Directorate of Environment. The following were present in the meeting:-

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| 1. Shri Paras Nath | Member, SEIAA, U.P |
| 2. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma | Member Secretary, SEIAA, U.P |

Chairman SEIAA did not participate in the meeting. 714th State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, UP (SEIAA) meeting was convened and conducted in reference to the letter no. 135/81-7-2023-103(parya)/2007 dated 7-2-2023 of Department of Environment Forest and Climate Change, GoUP.

Agenda:- A -

1. "River bed morrum mining at river Kanhar at Gata No - 1, at Village - Khokha, Tehsil- Duddhi, District- Sonbhadra, M/s Shree Mangal Stone Crusher Private Limited, Shri Mahesh Kumar Garg, Area- 11.336 ha., File No. 7702/7280/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 421765/2023

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. (Except Sand mining) SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC adding following specific conditions:-

1. District Mining Officer shall ensure that if mineable quantity mentioned in LOI is amended as per replenishment study report the project proponent shall seek amended/fresh EC
2. For subsequent years mining Department shall ensure that mined out production and geo-coordinates are as per EC and replenishment study.
3. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
4. 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.
5. 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.

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 12,000 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.
8. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 60 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
9. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.
10. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Large number of mining projects are ongoing as well as new mining leases are coming up in the district. A reference be sent to DGM and MS, SPCB for preparing mitigation plan for controlling air pollution in the district especially in mining areas.
14. If the air quality deteriorates due to mining, then District Administration & Directorate of Mining should ensure that mining be stopped immediately. Adequate measures be taken for restoring air quality and mining should commence only when air quality attains the prescribed standards.



2. "Sand/ Morrum Mining" Project at Gata No.- 402 to 404, 432 to 436, 438, 440 to 453, 468 to 473, 480 to 488, Composite-1, Village- Adhawal, Tehsil- Fatehpur, District- Fatehpur, Shri Alok Mishra, Area: 30.0 ha., File No. 7714/7645/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/422565/2023

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. (Except Sand mining) SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC adding following specific conditions:-

1. District Mining Officer shall ensure that if mineable quantity mentioned in LOI is amended as per replenishment study report the project proponent shall seek amended/fresh EC.
2. For subsequent years mining Department shall ensure that mined out production and geo-coordinates are as per EC and replenishment study
3. Directions/suggestions given during public hearing and commitment made by the project proponent should be strictly complied.
4. 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.
5. 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.
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 30,000 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.
8. In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 150 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
9. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-compliance, if any, should be reported to UPSPCB for appropriate legal action and recovery of compensation.



10. Any application for transfer of this EC, during its validity period unless it is cancelled by a competent authority, has to be necessarily accompanied with status of compliance of EC conditions duly certified by IRO, MoEFCC, Gol, Lucknow.

Agenda:- B - Minutes of 731st SEAC-2 Meeting Dated 21/02/2023 (Only Mining Projects)

1. Ordinary sand mining from river bed of Ganga, at Khand No. 22, Village – Devrakh/Chhatnag, Tehsil- Karchhana, District- Prayagraj, Shri Vikash Singh, M/s Sarita Construction Company, Area-5.0 ha., File No. 7538/ Proposal No.SIA/UP/MIN/414402/ 2023

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant EC to the above project. SEIAA gone through the letter of DGM, letter no. 1686/M-NGT vaad/2021 dated 10.02.23 along with which replenishment study report prepared by CMPDIL was submitted. According to the report the quantity mentioned for the above area is mentioned as 35,983 m³ whereas in LOI quantity mentioned is 1,00,000 m³. Hence SEIAA opined that a letter shall be sent to DGM for clarification.

2. “Ordinary Sand Mining” having lease area – 8.09 ha along riverbed of Ganga river at Araj No/Gata No.- 7kh, Khand-1, Village – Badagaon, Tehsil -Sakaldiha, District- Chandauli, M/s Rajesh Prasad Yadav and Sons, Area – 8.09 ha., File No. 7577/ Proposal No. SIA/UP/MIN/ 414232/2023

SEIAA noted that SEAC has recommended to grant ToR to the above project. SEIAA gone through the file and documents and found that no documents is available online or in file regarding the above area in DSR. Hence SEIAA opined that to refer back the project to SEAC for review.

3. River bed sand/morrum mining from river Yamuna at Khand No. 16/11 to 16/14 at Village- Ramnagar (Mahewa), Tehsil-Manjhanpur, District-Kaushambi, Shri Arun Kumar Tripathi, Area- 25.00 ha., File No. 7594/ Proposal No.SIA/UP/MIN/416110/2023

SEIAA agreed with the recommendation of SEAC to issue additional ToR to the title proposal for conducting EIA studies. SEIAA added following points to ToR-

- 1- Since no intimation has been submitted regarding available monitoring data, hence data will be collected after issuance of ToR.
- 2- All pages of technical documents/EIA/EMP etc. should be signed by the consultant and project proponent both.
- 3- The lease area its address and production per annum should match with as mentioned in DSR and LoI. In case there is any difference clarification/ amendment letter from competent authority shall be submitted along with EIA. EIA and public hearing shall be conducted as per the lease area its address and production per annum mentioned in DSR and LoI.
- 4- Public hearing shall be conducted as per EIA notification, 2006 (as amended).
- 5- SEIAA opined that the project proponent shall submit permission of CGWA or proposal for alternative source of fresh water.
- 6- KML file for the area and mining lease area should be provided.
- 7- Status of leases granted/to be granted in various mining khand along with production since the formulation of DSR, duly certified by the competent authority should be submitted.
- 8- In case project proponent intends to temporarily store mined out material or any tools, equipment's or other material outside mine lease area then NOC from



- competent authority for doing so should be submitted and details of such area and associated Environmental impacts should be included in EIA-EMP report. This should also be clearly mentioned during public hearing.
- 9- Road network to be used by the project should be clearly shown on Survey of India toposheet in 1:50,000 scale. In case road network involves forest road, permission should be obtained from Forest Department and a copy of the same should be submitted at the time of appraisal of EIA-EMP report.
 - 10- The project proponent should clearly spell out whether it is a green field or brown field project. In case it is a brown field project and -
 - (i) If the earlier and present lease holder are same then compliance report of previous EC should be submitted.
 - (ii) If the earlier and present lease holder are different then environmental footprint of the site and mitigation measures should be included in EIA-EMP report.
 - 11- In case of expansion / renewal of earlier EC, following information should be submitted
 - a. Status of compliance of earlier EC conditions by Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, GoI, Lucknow.
 - b. Copy of CTE and CTO issued by SPCB.
 - c. Status of submission of six-monthly compliance report to EC granted earlier
 - d. Court cases, if any.
 - 12- Observations raised in public hearing, replies submitted by project proponent, suitable modifications carried out in EIA-EMP report.
 - 13- PP / consultant in compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 06.05.2022 in OA no. 141/2021 (With report dated 31.03.2022) Raj Kumar Vs. State of UP and Others and with OA no. 141/2021 Rajkaran Karn Vs. State of UP and Others, will submit replenishment study, duly approved by DGM, along with EIA-EMP report for seeking EC.
 - 14- 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 25,000 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 below Uttar Pradesh Forest Department's survival rate will be treated as violation of EC condition.
 - 15- In consultation with District Environment Authority or an Authority nominated by concerned DM, project proponent will prepared a conservation and management plan for rejuvenation and management of water bodies having total surface area of more than 125 ha. Funds for the same will be kept in a separate bank account and six monthly compliance status will be presented by project proponent before the nominated authority in the District.
 - 16- Along with the EIA-EMP report, PP / consultant will also submit in tabular form as to how they have addressed entire ToR while preparing draft EIA-EMP report for PH. Further, PP / consultant will submit in tabular form as to how they have addressed issues raised during public hearing and have incorporated the same in final EIA-EMP report. A presentation to this effect should be made before SEAC at the time of EIA-EMP presentation.



4. Ordinary Earth mining project at Gata No.- 1393, 1394, Village: Sarosi, Tehsil: Unnao, District- Unnao, Sumit Misra, Area- 0.742 Ha., File No. 7625/ Proposal No.SIA/UP/ MIN/ 417482/2023.

In light of discussion held in SEIAA meeting no. 597 dated 05.05.2022. SEIAA opined to accept the recommendation of SEAC-1 and grant EC to the said project along with all the general and specific conditions as suggested by SEAC but SEIAA replaces the specific condition regarding cluster certificate as "If in future during the progressive mining this lease area becomes part of cluster i.e. area equal to or more than 5 ha., limited to B-1 category, then additional conditions based on the EIA conducted by the concerned lease holders shall be imposed and joint EMP shall be implemented. The lease holder shall mandatorily follow all the imposed conditions otherwise it will amount to violation of E.C. conditions. If the certificate related to cluster provided by the competent authority is found false or incorrect then punitive actions as per the law shall be initiated against the authority issuing the cluster certificate" and adding following conditions:-

1. Validity period of this EC is 3 months from the date of issue as the Lol has been issued for a period of 3 months or co-terminus with the validity of current mine plan or current lease period whichever is earlier. After this period the EC will become null and void.
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 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.
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7. Department of Geology and Mines, Government of Uttar Pradesh and / or concerned district administration, before releasing the security deposit to Project Proponent will ensure that Project Proponent has fully complied with the EC conditions. Non-



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Nodal Officer

SEIAA, UP

MoM prepared by Secretariat in consultation with
MS& Member on the basis of decisions
taken by SEIAA during the meeting.



(Ajay Kumar Sharma)
Member-Secretary
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