

Minutes of the 68th Meeting of State level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand, held on 19th March, 2019 & 23rd March 2019.

The 68th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was convened on 19/03/2019 and 23/03/2019 in the office of SEIAA, Ranchi. The meeting was chaired by Shri S.E.H. Kazmi, Chairman, SEIAA, Jharkhand. The attendance in the meeting was as follows:-

1. Shri S.E.H. Kazmi, Chairman, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. Shri Kamlesh Pandey, Member Secretary, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. Shri S.C. Narayan, Member, SEIAA, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

The decisions taken in the 68th SEIAA meeting are as follows:-

The authority examined the recommendation made by SEAC in its 67th meeting held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019. SEIAA in its 66th meeting held on 22nd January, 2019 has issued direction to SEAC for appraisal of the projects in consonance with 9 point advisory suggested by SEIAA which is as follows:

1. The geographical coordinates of the project area as per survey of India Topo sheet.
2. Geo- Mining parameter of mine, if applicable.
3. Details of court cases and the compliance status, if any.
4. Details of water bodies, impact on drainage, if any.
5. If a joint venture the names and address of the JV partners including their share.
6. If the project involves diversion of forest land.
7. If the project involves the National Board of Wild Life Clearance.
8. If the project falls within 10km of Eco-Sensitive Zone and No Mining Zone Area.
9. If any, statutory clearance required.

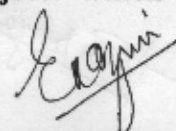
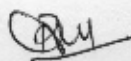
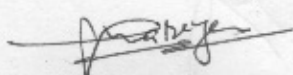
It was found that committee has not made compulsory the 9 point suggestion in introductory part of proposals while considering the projects for recommendations of grant of ToR/EC. Therefore, it is being again advised to SEAC to comply the advise in future while sending the recommendation.

Hence, after full deliberations it was decided unanimously that Environmental Clearance will be given in future to any project only when SEAC, Jharkhand will send a project wise recommendation to authority in line with the nine points advisory.

1. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 67th meeting of SEAC held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019.

- i. SEIAA letter no. 36, dated 22.01.19 regarding distance of housing projects from forest land.

The Authority examined the recommendation made by SEAC. After full deliberations the Authority unanimously decided that the MoEF has already issued the direction for appraisal of construction projects which is as follows:-



S.O. 695 (E) dated 4th April, 2011 of MoEF, illustrates in Appendix V, for para 3, the following para shall be substituted, namely: -

“3 where a public consultation is not mandatory, the appraisal shall be made on the basis of prescribed application Form-1 and EIA report, in the case of all projects and activities other than item 8 of the schedule. In case of item 8 of the schedule, considering its unique project cycle, the EAC or SEAC concerned shall appraise projects or activities on the basis of Form – 1, Form-1A, Conceptual Plan and the EIA report [required only for projects listed under 8(b)] and make recommendations on the projects regarding grant of environmental clearance or otherwise and stipulate the conditions for environmental clearance”.

Thus in the case of item 8 of the schedule, the MoEF has already issued clear cut guideline for appraisal of the projects. Hence SEAC is directed to follow the guideline issued by MoEF, accordingly.

- ii. SEIAA email dated 30.01.19 regarding scheme for Accreditation of EIA Consultant organizations : Version 3- Improvisation.

The authority considered the recommendations made by SEAC and agreed with their recommendations.

- iii. Deptt. of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand letter no. 2982, dated 16.07.18.

Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC and after full deliberations it was decided that committee's recommendation in this regard is final.

- iv. Letter dated 21.01.19 of M/s Balmukund Sponge & Iron Pvt. Ltd seeking cancellation of ToR application (Proposal No. SIA/JH/IND/18748/2017).

The Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposal.

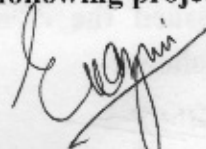
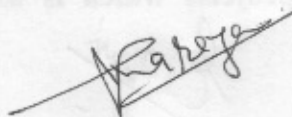
- v. Letter dated 17.01.19 of “Ashiana Ananda” of M/s Ashiana Housing Ltd seeking withdrawal of EC application.

The Authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposal.

- vi. Proposal No. SIA /JH/NCP/75825/2018 (“Ashiana Aditya” of M/s Ashiana Housing Ltd at Asanga, Adityapur, Saraikela-Kharsawan) regarding the distance of notified forest is 08 m from proposed project site.

Authority considered the recommendations made by SEAC and it was decided unanimously that SEAC is being directed to follow the guideline issued by MoEF &CC vide S.O. 695 (E) dated 4th April, 2011 in terms of item mentioned in 8 of the schedule.

2. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 67th meeting held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019 for grant of ToR to the following project :-



- i. Hazam Stone Deposit of M/s Tangent Construction India Pvt. Ltd at Vill. : Hazam, Tipudana, Ranchi (15.37 Ha).

It was decided to grant ToR to the above mentioned project proposal with the conditions recommended by SEAC.

3. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 67th meeting held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019 for correction/corrigendum of Environmental Clearance to the following project :-

- i. Madhopur & Parodih Stone Mines of M/s Mahesh Kumar Verma & Other at Vill. : Madhopur & Parodih, Dhanwar, Giridih (0.52 Ha).

The authority examined the recommendation made by SEAC and observed that above project proposal was pending before SEAC, Jharkhand since November, 2016 and SEAC recommended to issue corrected Environmental Clearance in its 67th meeting held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019, Thus this case was pending in SEAC for more than 26th months. Mean while SEAC conducted 29th meeting but this project was not appraised. Reason for non appraisal of this particular project may kindly be communicated to the authority.

This case is pending for long time, therefore, site inspection in this case needs to be done whether the mining activity is not being carried out by the project proponent.

Hence after full deliberations it was decided that SEAC, Jharkhand will conduct site inspection in this case and examine whether the project proponent has made any mining activity at proposed land without rectification in Environmental Clearance yet.

Once site inspection report will be received, authority would consider the case.

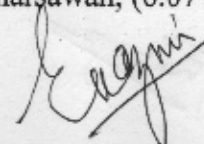
4. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 67th meeting held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019 for delisting of the following projects.

- i. Jarangdih Sand Mine project in River Bed of Damodar of M/s CCL at Mouza – Jarangdih, Gomia, Bokaro (48.75 hac).
- ii. Swang Sand Mining project in River Bed of Bokaro of M/s CCL at Vill. Hazari, Gomia, Bokaro (34.83 hac).

The authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above case and after full deliberations it was decided to accept the recommendations made by SEAC in this regard and to delist the above proposals.

5. SEIAA considered the recommendations made by SEAC in its 67th meeting held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019 to the following projects.

- i. Tirildih-Turi Stone Deposit of M/s Kiran Construction & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd at Vill. Tirildih & Turi, Ghatsila, East Singhbhum (8.90 Ha).
- ii. Dindli Sand Mining Project on Kharkhai River of M/s Amit Trading Corporation at Village- Dindli, Thana- Adityapur, Dist.- SaraikelaKharsawan, (6.07 Ha).



- iii. Heben Sand Mine Project on Sanka River of Sri Binay Kumar Agarwal at Vill.- Heben, Simagunda, Saraikela-Kharsawan (6.24 Ha).

The authority examined the recommendations made by SEAC in above cases wherein SEAC has mentioned/informed that due to unavailability of DSR of different district of Jharkhand, the above mentioned projects are withheld, as DSR of minor minerals are mandatory for the mining projects. SEAC has also informed that issue of DSR needs to be settle with the help of state mining department by providing fresh DSR (sand and other than sand) as per the norms of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India.

Hence after full deliberations on the recommendation forwarded by SEAC, it was decided unanimously that department of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand should provide DSR (sand and other than sand) of all district of Jharkhand as per the norms laid down by the MoEF & CC.

6. Decision on matter related to:-

- i. Project Director (Technical), JUIDCO Letter No: JUIDCO Ltd./DPR/Rabindra Bhawan/RMC/571/2016-1214 Date: 14.03.2019 (**Ravindra Bhawan Building Construction Project** of Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (JUIDCO) at Kutchery Chowk, Opposite Jaipal Singh Stadium, Ranchi).
- ii. Project Director (Technical), JUIDCO Letter No: JUIDCO Ltd./Urban Tower Ranchi/Monitoring of DPR/495/2016-1215 Date: 14.03.2019 (**Proposed Civic Tower Building Construction Project** of Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (JUIDCO) at Ranchi Smart City, HEC Campus, Ranchi).
- iii. Project Director (Technical), JUIDCO Letter No: JUIDCO Ltd./PMC Services/Convention Centre/1746/2018-1216 Date: 14.03.2019 (**Proposed Convention Centre Building Construction Project** of Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (JUIDCO) at Ranchi Smart City, HEC Campus, Ranchi).

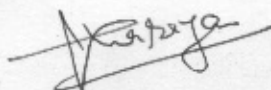
The authority examined the letter no - 1214, 1215 and 1216 dated - 14.03.2019 of project director of above project proposals, whereby he has requested that to exempt public hearing for the project as the above project proposals was listed under category 8(a) of the EIA notification no. S.O. 1533(E) dated - 14.09.2006 and allow to continue with the works "below ground level".

Hence after full deliberations it was decided unanimously that:-

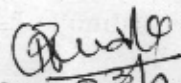
- a) The request of Project Director (Technical) JUIDCO for exemption of public hearing is accepted and request to continue with the works "below ground level" is rejected until Environmental Clearance is issued.
- b) The ToR has been issued to the above project proposals with the recommendations/conditions recommended by SEAC. SEAC, Jharkhand is an expert committee and it is often seen that SEAC, Jharkhand has been committing such errors while recommending the projects. Hence SEAC, Jharkhand is requested to make every effort to avoid such errors in their recommendations.

- iv. While examination of 67th minutes of the meeting of SEAC, Jharkhand held on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2019, it was observed that in **Agenda No-1 (Khokha Sand Mining Project)** located on river bed of Son River of M/s Ganga Kaveri Construction Pvt. Ltd at Vill. : Khokha, Anchal : Kharaundhi, Dist. : Garhwa (23.00 Ha), **Agenda No-4 (Moradih, Loyadih & Polkera Balu Ghat)** of M/s S.G. Pro Ltd (Sri Ajay Singh) at Vill.- Moradih, Loyadih & Polkera, Tehsil & Dist.- Dhanbad (20.39 Ha) and **Agenda No-5 (Pondra Bejra Balu Ghat)** on Barakar River of M/s Mihijam Wine Traders (Prop: Sri Shankar Ghosh) at Vill.- PondraBejra, Anchal – Dhanbad, Dist.- Dhanbad (14.40 Ha) etc, annual production capacity of sand is equal to the estimated mineable reserve. The rate of annual replenishment needs to be addressed properly. Hence SEAC is requested that during examination of such cases, the scientific parameter needs to be mentioned in recommendations that how can annual production of sand is equal to the estimated mineable reserve.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairman.



**Member
SEIAA**



**Member – Secretary
SEIAA**



**Chairman
SEIAA**