

MINUTES OF THE 3rd JOINT MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) AND STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), JHARKHAND HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2014

The 3rd Joint Meeting of State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Jharkhand was held on 22nd February, 2014. The following members were present:

SEIAA

1. Prof Dr. Gurdeep Singh - Chairman
2. Shri U. R. Biswas - Member Secretary

SEAC

1. Sh A. K. Saxena - Chairman
2. Sh. S.B.S Chauhan - Member
3. Dr. R.P. Singh Sangu - Member
4. Prof. (Dr.) M.C. Mahata - Member
5. Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Singh - Member
6. Dr. M Mahto - Secretary

Invitee

Shri B. M. Baitha ,Additional Director, Department of Mines, Government of Jharkhand.

The following points were deliberated and the outcomes of the same are as follows:

1. EC of Banamghutu Stone Mines of M/s Madhucon Projects Ltd.

It was informed that the process of recommendation to SEIAA was held up due to non submission of DMO's Certificate by PP despite several reminders. PP was called and displeasure of the Committee was conveyed to him about the failure in this regard. PP has submitted an Undertaking that he will submit the necessary Certificate by 10th March, 2014, failing which this will be treated as a fresh case. Shri B. M. Baitha Additional Director, Department of Mines, Government of Jharkhand has agreed to speak with concerned DMO to expedite the matter.

2. Proposals for EC regarding Brick Earth / Sand Mining ---- to be expedited as State Government are concerned over delay in the matter.

It was informed that 22 cases regarding Brick Earth were examined in the 14th Meeting of SEAC held on 18th and 20th to 22nd February 2014 and PPs were asked to submit additional information. Regarding Sand Mining, TORs have been issued in 3 cases and in 15 cases PPs have been asked to submit additional information. Once PPs submit the information asked for (both in case of Brick Earth and Sand Mining proposals) the same will be examined by SEAC and recommendations will be forwarded to SEIAA for its consideration.

3. Case of Adityapur Auto Cluster regarding Hazardous Waste Management Facility.

The recommendations made by SEAC (Part 1 of MOM of 14th Meeting of SEAC held on 18th and from 20th to 22nd February 2014) in respect of Hazardous Waste Management Facility were discussed. Based on the same, information submitted, CPCB Guidelines and importance of this facility, it was agreed to recommend for EC once information desired in site visit report is

furnished by the PP. It was also agreed not to insist for Consent to establish as it is only issued after grant of EC (as per JSPCB Guidelines as informed by Secretary SEAC who is also Member, Secretary JSPCB).

4. Approval of Mine Plans.

Matter related to approval of Mine Plans was discussed. As per Office Order of MOEF dated 24th December 2013 proposals for Minor Minerals, Brick Earth and Sand Mining are only to be considered after approved Mine Plans are submitted along with EC request. In absence of directive regarding approval of Mine Plans in respect of above, the EC process will get delayed. Shri B. M. Baitha Additional Director, Department of Mines, Government of Jharkhand informed that steps are being taken to make enabling provision in the MMC Rule so that authorised officer can approve the Mine Plans.


5. On issues arising from Guidelines issued by MOEF on 24.06.2013 and 24.12.2013

A Sub - Committee consisting of A. K. Saxena, Chairman, SEAC, Sh S.K. Singh, Member, SEAC and Dr. M Mahto, Secretary, was constituted to prepare a set of procedures to be followed in examining the proposals for grant of EC by SEAC /SEIAA by March 25, 2014 after reviewing various notifications issued by MOEF and other relevant documents. Sitting charges may be paid for the sub-committee meetings to be conducted over a period of 2-3 days (max.).

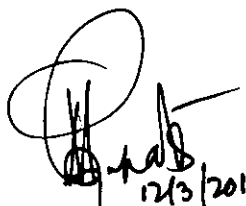
6. Based on earlier Notifications TORs were issued to PPs whose area was more than 5Ha. In the recent Office Memorandum dated 24.12.2013 issued by MOEF the area for B2 category projects has been enhanced from 5Ha to 25Ha. It was agreed that cases being considered after 24.12.2013 will be considered as per this OM and the previous decisions before this date will hold good.
7. Problems being faced by PP in respect of information desired in Annexure 1 and Annexure 2 of SEIAA Guidelines were discussed. It was agreed that distance of Mines from forest land is to be obtained from DFO. Regarding mining leases having more than 5 Ha (General Conditions of EIA Notification 2006 will apply) previous requirements as mentioned in SEIAA guidelines will hold good.
8. Regarding Category B2 Projects it was decided that for projects categorized under B2 category the case is to be presented before SEAC by project proponents along with RQP (Mining Projects) / Technical Expert (other than Mining Projects) and Consultant.
9. For Category B2 Projects it was agreed that Self declaration / undertaking by Project Proponents can be accepted in respect of Compliance Report for NOC given by JSPCB and Compliance Report for conditions given at the time of granting Mining Lease (in case of renewal of Mining Lease).
10. In case of B1 category projects the EIA / EMP is to be presented only by NABET / QCI registered / accredited consultants and presentation made by specific EIA coordinator or functional area


expert and not by any other representatives of consultancy organization. However, in respect of issue of TOR is concerned the presentation can be made by Project Proponent along with Technical Experts/ Consultants.

11. Manpower as existing can be commonly used both by the SEAC/SEIAA.
12. Matter regarding revision of sitting fees was discussed. It was agreed that the proposal for revision in line with prevailing rates in Bihar will be moved by Member Secretary, SEIAA for approval.
13. On the points raised by Professor Mahata, Chairman/SEIAA emphasised that specific subject area experts must ensure proper appraisal of proposals while addressing issues appropriately brought in the minutes of the SEAC meetings including recommendations being made to SEIAA regarding TORs /ECs. Chairman/SEIAA further requested that SEAC consider finalising the minutes of the meetings on the same day and may sit for an additional day so that the minutes are finalised for timely submission to SEIAA.
14. It was decided in the meeting that matters related to strengthening of office support staff and other sundry infrastructure issues may be looked into.


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