MINUTES OF THE 5th JOINT MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) AND STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC), JHARKHAND HELD ON 27thMARCH, 2018

The 5th Joint Meeting of State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Jharkhand was held on 27thMarch, 2018 .The following members were present:

SEIAA

1. Sri Ş.C. Narayan

- Member

2. Sri Y. K. Das

- Member Secretary

SEAC

1. Sri K. P. Bhawsinka - Chairman Dr. B. K. Tewary - Member 2. 3. Dr, R. N. Singh - Member 4. Sri S. P. Sriwastava - Member 5. Sri Y. K. Singh - Member 6. Dr. R.V. Singh - Member 7. Dr. V. P. Sinha - Member

8. Sri Om Prakash

- Member Secretary

A. Joint meeting of SEIAA & SEAC with Industry Deptt. & Municipal Corporations.

At the inception, in the scheduled joint meeting of SEIAA & SEAC, deliberation with the Director, Industries, Directorate of Industries, Deptt. of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand and Municipal Commissioner & their representative was done on some important issues, especially effective implementation of EIA Notification, 2006 *vis-a-vis* Ease of doing Business of Govt. of Jharkhand.

The Director, Industries, Directorate of Industries, Deptt. of Industries, Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand has raised following issues to be taken up by SEIAA & SEAC -

(i) Queries to be raised in SEAC meeting, reg. :

SEAC Chairman / members should seek mandatory documents and raise technical queries in one go, while appraising the projects under EIA notification, 2006, as per the guidelines of MoEF & CC notification no 22-154-1A/2015-1A dated 10th November, 2015 and normally further queries (esp. trivial one) should be avoided in subsequent meetings. SEIAA & SEAC agreed to the follow the said guideline, as far as possible.

(ii) Periodicity of meeting and uploading of "minutes".

Meeting of SEAC, Jharkhand is normally convened every month. However, depending upon availability of projects for appraisal and urgency, frequency and date of meeting is

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being decided. SEIAA & SEAC has agreed to fix SEAC meeting, in normal course on 3rd week of Monday and Tuesday of every month. SEIAA has assured that minutes of meeting would be uploaded in time.

Helpdesk for Project Proponent. (iii)

Presently, the provision of Secretariat for SEIAA & SEAC, as stipulated in EIA notification & State Govt. Resolution, could not be materialised by the Govt. of Jharkhand and accordingly, the office of SEIAA & SEAC is running on contractual or daily wage staffs. Hence, it is not possible to create Helpdesk for the Project Proponents / consultants for online/ offline grievance/query redressal mechanism. However, some adhoc arrangement would be made.

Proposal submission to members of SEAC (iv)

It is expected that the proposal (Form 1, PFR and plan etc) in soft and hard copy should be provided by the Project Proponent to members of SEAC, at least 07 days in advance of the schedule meeting for perusal and proper appraisal of the project.

To provide guidelines for appraisal of the proposal to, DEIAA & DEAC : (v)

It has been unanimously decided to request all the DC-cum-Chairman, DEIAA of different districts in the State to organize a joint meeting / workshop of DEIAA and DEAC in every district, wherein SEIAA & some members of SEAC would provide technical guidelines to deal with the Environmental Clearance process.

B. Clarification on Building Construction & Township Area Development Projects:-

The matter was discussed in the meeting along with the Municipal Commissioners or their representatives present. Presently, no clear cut guideline has either been framed by MoEF & CC pertaining to the said issue or otherwise, not in the acquaintance of SEIAA & SEAC.

Hence, it would be on the safer side for concerned Municipal Corporation to grant approval of Building Construction & Township Area Development Projects, as per the prevalent law of the land, subject to other statutorily mandatory clearance viz, Environmental Clearance / Forest Clearance etc.

Let the "minutes" of the meeting be sent to concerned officials of respective Deptt. / Corporation for needful.

Member

SEIAA