

**MINUTES OF THE 85th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (SEAC),
JHARKHAND HELD ON 19TH, 20TH & 21ST JANUARY, 2021**

The 85th meeting of State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Jharkhand was held on 19th, 20th & 21st January, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.) in the Conference Room at SEAC, Ranchi.

The following members were present :

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| 1. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.) | - Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Kirti Avishek | - Member |
| 3. Shri Niranjan Lal Agarwalla | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Raju Kumar | - Member |
| 5. Dr. Ajay Govind Bhatt | - Member |
| 6. Shri Ashok Kumar Dubey, IFS | - Secretary |

SEIAA forwarded various projects to the SEAC for the technical appraisal after the last SEAC meeting held on 05th, 06th & 07th January, 2021. These projects have been put up for discussions. Besides, these Projects, wherein PP's were asked to provide requisite information / clarifications in the earlier meeting of SEAC, were also considered for appraisal. The Project Proponents have been asked to make technical presentation for the appraisal of their projects before the committee.

The following observations /recommendations were made during the presentation (Project -wise), as under:-

Day 1: January 19, 2021 [Tuesday]

Consideration of Proposals

1. Discussion on matter related to (pending proposals discussed in 83rd meeting of SEAC) :

- i. Pahartoli Sand Mining Project of Sri Anil Kumar Gupta at Vill. : Pahartoli, Thana :Basia, Dist. : Gumla (5.66 Ha).

Since request letter received from the Project Authority for allowing them additional time to submit the requisite documents, the committee is of the opinion that they may be provided one more opportunity to appear in the next SEAC meeting before final decision will be taken in the matter.

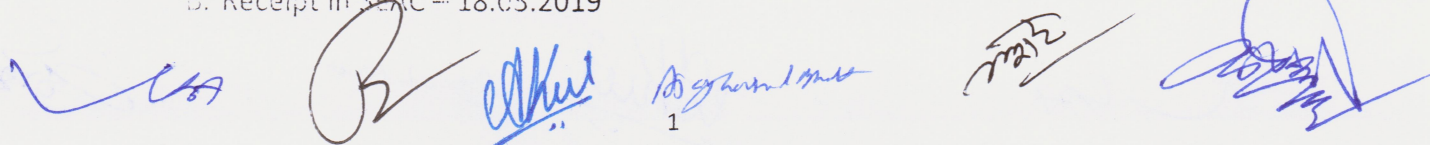
- ii. Rajbandh Stone Deposit of M/s Mandhan Mineral Corporation, Vill. : Rajbandh, Dist. : Pakur (6.677 Ha).

(Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/26292/2018).

Chronology of events :-

A. Date of Submission : 15.03.2019

B. Receipt in SEAC -- 18.03.2019



C. Listed in 69th Meeting held on 01 – 03.04.2019 wherein Clarification sought from PP.

D. Letter issued to PP vide SEAC letter no. 38 dated 12.11.2020 to attend the next SEAC meeting & submit the requisite documents.

E. Listed in 83rd Meeting held on 24 – 26.11.2020 wherein PP did not attend the meeting and no intimation was given.

F. Letter issued to PP vide Letter no. 61 dated 15.12.2020 for submission of requisite documents within 30 days of issual of letter.

Observation of the committee :

As there has been no response from the project authorities continuously, the committee is of the view that the project authorities are no longer interested in the project and therefore, the committee has taken a decision to recommend delisting of the project proposal.

- iii. **Simariya Stone Deposit of M/s Pawanputra Stone Works, Vill. : Simariya, Thana : Jirwabari, Dist. : Sahibganj (6.07 Ha).**

(Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/61685/2017)

Since request letter received from the Project Authority for allowing them additional time to submit the requisite documents, the committee is of the opinion that they may be provided one more opportunity to appear in the next SEAC meeting before final decision will be taken in the matter.

- iv. **Govindpur Sand Mine project in River Bed of Damodar of M/s CCL at Vill. Govindpur, Bermo, Bokaro (35.58 ha).**

Chronology of events :-

A. Date of Submission : 31.05.2013

B. Receipt in SEAC – 07.07.2013

C. Listed in 07th Meeting held on 16 – 18.07.2013

Recommended for ToR

D. EIA/EMP submitted by PP vide letter no. 352-H dated 04.11.2015.

E. Listed in 36th (part-C) Meeting held on 19 – 23.11.2015 wherein clarification sought from PP.

F. Listed in 39th Meeting held on 06 – 07.12.2016 wherein defer for next SEAC meeting.

G. Letter issued to PP vide Letter no. 220 dated 16.11.-2017 for submit the requisite documents.

H. Listed in 67th Meeting held on 25 – 27.02.2019 wherein clarification sought from PP.

I. Letter issued to PP vide Letter no. 56 dated 12.11.2020 to attend the Meeting.

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- vi. **Tepsa Stone Mine Project of Sri Raj Kishore Prasad, Vill. : Tepsa, P.O. + Thana : Ichak, Dist. : Hazaribagh (8.5 Ha).**

Chronology of events :-

- A. Date of Submission : 04.09.2015
- B. Receipt in SEAC – 04.09.2015
- C. Listed in 33th Meeting held on 10 – 15.09.2015 wherein clarification sought from PP.
- D. Listed in 39th Meeting held on 06 – 07.12.2016 wherein clarification sought from PP.
- E. Listed in 67th Meeting held on 25 – 27.02.2019.
- F. Listed in 69th Meeting held on 01 – 03.04.2019.
- G. Listed in 74th Meeting held on 10 – 12.07.2019.
- H. Listed in 75th Meeting held on 24 – 26.07.2019.
PP did not attend the above 04 meetings and no intimation was given.
- I. Letter issued to PP vide Letter no. 41 dated 12.11.2020 to attend the Meeting.
- J. Listed in 83rd Meeting held on 24 – 26.11.2020.
PP did not attend the meeting of SEAC and no intimation was given.
- K. Letter issued to PP vide Letter no. 61 dated 15.12.2020 for submission of requisite documents within 30 days of issue of letter.

Observation of the committee :

As there has been no response from the project authorities continuously, the committee is of the view that the project authorities are no longer interested in the project and therefore, the committee has taken a decision to recommend delisting of the project proposal.

- vii. **Balkudra OCP (1.0 MTPA Normative & 1.3 MTPA Peak) of M/s Central Coalfield Ltd at Vill. : Balkudra, Dist. : Ramgarh (149.50 Ha).**

Chronology of events

- A. Date of submission : 22.11.2016
- B. Receipt in SEAC : 22.11.2016
- C. Listed in 39th Meeting of SEAC held on 06-07.12.2016 : ToR recommended
- D. Listed in 45th meeting of SEIAA held on 30.12.2016 : referred back to SEAC on 16.01.2017.
- E. 41st (Part A) meeting of SEAC held on 16-17.01.2017 : ToR recommended
- F. ToR was granted by SEIAA on 12.04.2017.
- G. The EIA / EMP submitted by PP to SEIAA on 03.11.2017 and transferred to SEAC by SEIAA on 17.11.2017.
- H. Listed in 51st meeting of SEAC held on 17-18.01.2018 whereby the PP was requested to submit proper certificates from DFO & CO and reminder vide SEAC letter no. 17, dated 25.01.2018 & letter no. 37, dated 20.02.2018.

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- I. The PP submitted on 05.03.18 incomplete certificate of DFO & CO. SEAC again reminded the PP regarding submission of proper CO & DFO certificate and action taken report under Forest (Conservation) Act vide letter no. 40, dated 09.03.18 & letter no. 115, dated 17.07.18.
- J. The PP submitted on 05.11.18 the CO certificate dated 11.08.17 & dated 05.02.18, DFO old certificate dated 01.08.17 and forest clearance online application (proposal no. FP/JH/MIN/36411/2018) for diversion of 131.50 ha "Jangle Jhari" falling within the project site.
- K. The SEAC 64th meeting held on 04-05.12.18, the committee desired submission of –
- i. DFO proper certificate regarding distance from Notified Forest / National Park / Sanctuary / Eco Sensitive Zone & Bio - Diversity.
 - ii. Revised Form-I & Pre-Feasibility Report (in the light of changed land status).
- L. The SEAC vide letter no. 10, dated 11.01.19 requested the PP to submit the same in hard copy.
- M. The DFO certificate dated 01.08.17 is found to be not proper as the distance from RF/PF has not been certified. Besides, the DFO has mentioned in the said certificate dated 01.08.17 that elephants move adjoining the proposed mining site and that route be supposed to be Wildlife corridor.
- N. 69th meeting of SEAC held on 01-03.04.2019 whereby the committee requested to M.S., SEAC to seek comments of Chief Wildlife Warden regarding "Wildlife Corridor" in the project area. The M.S., SEAC has requested to Chief Wildlife Warden vide letter no. 51, dated 09.04.2019 & reminded memo no. 148, dated 03.07.2019.
- O. The E-mail dated 06.01.2021 from PP inform that :

"Balkudra OCP (1.0/1.30 MTPA) with project area of 149.50 ha was last considered by SEAC on 01.04.2019 wherein submission of DFO certificate (proper) and certificate of Chief Wildlife Warden was desired.

Form I application for ToR of Bhurkunda Colliery which includes Balkudra OCP with project area of 910.16 ha was submitted under violation category to MoEF&CC as per OM vide S.O 804 (E) dated 14.03.2017.

The proposal of Bhurkunda Colliery was considered by EAC (Violation), MoEF&CC on 30.08.2019 wherein ToR was recommended. ToR letter is awaited. Bhurkunda colliery consists of 621.14 ha of forest land. The forest application for stage-I forestry clearance was submitted on 29.03.2019.

In view of above, you are requested not to consider the proposal of Balkudra OCP in the forthcoming SEAC meetings."

Observation of the committee :

The Project Authorities have parallelly applied to MoEF&CC for EC. The project can not be considered at two different authorities simultaneously. The project authorities must withdraw the project officially from Jharkhand SEIAA within 15 days. If there is

no response from PAs, the matter will be brought to the notice of MoEF&CC and subsequently taken up in the next meeting of SEAC for further action. The PAs may be intimated of this decision as a reply to the above e-mail.

- viii. **Moradih, Loyadih & Polkera Balu Ghat** of M/s S.G. Pro Ltd (Sri Ajay Singh) at Vill.- Moradih, Loyadih & Polkera, Dhanbad (20.39 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/62454 /2017)
- ix. **Pondra Bejra Balu Ghat** on Barakar River of M/s Mihijam Wine Traders (Prop: Sri Shankar Ghosh) at Vill.- Pondra Bejra, Anchal – Dhanbad, Dist.- Dhanbad (14.40 Ha). (Proposal No. : SIA/JH/MIN/68159/2017)
- x. **Taratand Stone Quarry** of Sri Devendra Pd. Mehta at Vill. – Taratand, Domchanch, Koderma (0.761).
- xi. **Khanudih Dagdho Balu Ghat** of Shri Raj Kumar Mahto, Vill. : Khanudih Dagdha, Tehsil : Baghmara, Dist.: Dhanbad, (21.04 Ha).
- xii. **Bhendra Sand Mining Project** on Jamunia River of Sri Pintu Kumar, Vill. : Bhendra, Anchal : Nawadih, Dist. : Bokaro (9.71 Ha).

Since request letter received from the Project Authorities for allowing them additional time to submit the requisite documents, the committee is of the opinion that they may be provided one more opportunity to appear in the next SEAC meeting before final decision will be taken in the matter.

2. **Regularization & Expansion project of Jyoti Pahari Kyanite Open Cast Mine Project of M/s Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., Village : Jyoti Pahari, Block : Bahragora, Dist.: East Singhbhum, Jharkhand (20.331 Ha).**
(Proposal no. : SIA/JH/MIN/54315/2019)

This project has been appraised by previous SEAC in 82nd meeting held on 04-07.11.2019. Thereafter, a ToR was granted by SEIAA vide letter no. 689, dated 08.11.2019.

The final EIA / EMP submitted by PP to SEIAA on 24.12.2020 and which was again forwarded to SEAC on 24.12.2020.

JSMDC Ltd., a Govt. of Jharkhand enterprises operates a number of mining projects in the state. Jyoti Pahari Kyanite mine is one of such mines which is being operated by JSMDC Ltd. producing Kyanite suitable for refractory Industries. Prior to creation of Jharkhand State, the mine was owned by Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. Original lease was in favor of BSMDC Ltd, expired in 2004. Lease was granted for period of 20 years which became effective from the date of registration of lease, 19.08.1984. Application for renewal of lease for further period of 20 years has been filed in the office of DMO on 14.08.2003, vide their receipt no. 678 dated 14.08.2003, mining started on 10.10.1985, the mining operation was stopped in 2009.

This is category B project & SEIAA, Jharkhand issued ToR for Jyoti-Pahari Kyanite Mine on 01.05.2015. JSMDC submitted draft EIA / EMP to JSPCB. JSPCB conducted Public Hearing & final EIA /EMP incorporating minutes of Public Hearing was submitted to SEIAA. Public Hearing was conducted on 03.12.2016.