

# **PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KERALA**

## **Guidelines for the Project Proponents & Consultants to streamline the EC Appraisal Procedures**

The SEIAA Kerala in its 142<sup>nd</sup> meeting decided to streamline the EC appraisal procedures in line with procedure followed by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The following guidelines is hereby issued to comply with the Project Proponents / Consultants with effect from 01 August, 2024.

1. The Project Proponent or his Consultant is directed to forward a copy of each of the following documents by soft copy/e-mail to the Authority, the Chairman/Members of the Expert Appraisal Committee one week prior to the meeting:
  - a. A brief write up of project (maximum 3-4 pages in MS-word format) along with the power point presentation containing salient features of the project with compliance to the stipulated ToRs, preferably not exceeding 35-40 slides.
  - b. Details of the court matters/Orders of the Court, complaints and remarks on complaint pertaining to the project, if any.
  - c. Geotagged photographs of the project region.
2. The presentation should consist of Proposal No., Company Name, Name of the Nodal person and Consultant with contact details (Mobile/ E-mail).
3. Details of project site and its surroundings (0.5-1.0 Km) have to be presented using drone survey along with UI Number of drone used for survey and geotagged photographs before the SEAC during appraisal of the project.
4. The Consultant shall include an undertaking in the EIA report that the prescribed TOR have been complied with and that the data submitted is factually correct. Also submit an undertaking owning the contents (information and data) in the EIA/EMP report.
5. The Consultant shall follow all the Rules/Guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time and make the correct and complete Report, failing which necessary action against

the consultant may be taken accordingly. Consultant shall submit the Plagiarism Certificate accordingly.

6. The PP shall submit the detailed green belt development plan along with details of species, timelines, budget provisions and also implementation status (for existing unit).
7. The EMP shall also include details of carbon foot prints and carbon sequestration study w.r.t. proposed project needs to spell out. Proposed mitigation measures. It shall also need to be included in the Presentation.
8. The Consultant shall submit photo affidavit stating that EIA coordinator has visited the site and all the details and facts in the reports are correct.
9. The Project Proponent shall submit the details of nearby schools, villages, habitations and other environmental sensitivity area along with distance and its impact due to the proposed activities and details mitigation measures needs to be spell out for further appraisal of the SEAC.
10. The Project Proponent shall ensure that all the reports / documents/presentations are uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal and those documents circulated among SEAC members should be same as that of the documents uploaded. In case of discrepancy or suppression of facts or false documents, the project will not be considered and the responsible will be punished.