

MINUTES OF THE 83rd MEETING OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 22.10.2018 AT 04.00 P.M AT CONFERENCE HALL, STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA.

Present:

- 1. Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA**
- 2. Dr. Jayachandran.K, Member, SEIAA**
- 3. Sri.P.H.Kurian I.A.S. Additional Chief Secretary & Member Secretary, SEIAA.**

The 83rd meeting of SEIAA constituted as per Notification No.S.O.804 (F) dated 19.09.2018 and the first meeting of the newly constituted SEIAA started at 2.30 pm.

Member Secretary welcomed the Chairman and the Member and had a self introduction. In the beginning the Member Secretary delivered the guidelines (suggestions) with regard to the procedures involved in issuance of EC. He urged the need to focus on the EIA Rules and directed to convey any important paper like court judgment and paper from MoEF to the Authority as and when they receive which will provide a clear cut picture of the updation in respect of implementation of EIA Notifications. And every decision taken in the administrative level should be conveyed to the Authority.

The Chairman and the Member also have put forth some suggestions that the agenda note in future has to be elaborated with administrative and legal points and the note in hard copy may be provided to them one week before the meeting which will make them equipped for the same.

After that the Authority went to the next stage and took the items in agenda for deliberation.

Item No: 83.01 **Appointment of Shri.Adv.M.P.Sreekrishnan as Standing Counsel in High Court on behalf of SEAC & SEIAA (File No.820/A1/ 2018/SEIAA)**

Decision :- **SEIAA decided to appoint Adv.M.P.Sreekrishnan as Standing Counsel for SEIAA.**

- Item No: 83.02** **Transfer of EC File to DEIAA, Palakkad (File No.310/SEIAA/ KL/1693/2014)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to forward the entire file to DEIAA, Palakkad for further action.**
- Item No: 83.03** **Request for extension of validity of Environment Clearance issued - Ooragam Metals (LLP) – Malappuram (File No. File No.120/SEIAA/KL/2186/2013)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to hold another meeting on 26.10.2018 at 4 pm with the proponent and RQP for collecting some technical details.**
- Item No: 83.04** **Renewal of validity of Environmental Clearance for Granite stone quarry project of M/s Chengalathu quarry Industries by Shri.Thomas Mathai (1150/A1/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to hold another meeting on 26.10.2018 at 4 pm with the proponent and RQP for collecting some technical details.**
- Item No: 83.05** **Request for extension of validity period of Environment Clearance issued-Infra Granites, Kondotty, Malappuram (File No.3423/EC1/2015/SEIAA)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to hold another meeting on 26.10.2018 at 4 pm with the proponent and RQP for collecting some technical details.**
- Item No: 83.06** **Extension of validity of ToR for Proposed 475 MW Gas Based Combined Cycle Power Plant of KSEB at Brahmapuram, Ernakulam District (File No. 1261/A1/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to give extension for one year.**
- Item No: 83.07** **Environmental Clearance to P.K.Das Institute of Medical Sciences, Nehru College of Educational and Charitable Trust Vaniyankulam (File No. 554/SEIAA/EC1/4089/2014)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to obtain remarks from SEAC after site inspection.**
- Item No: 83.08** **Ratification of the violation of EICL (File No. 1091/EC/SEIAA/17)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA was informed that there was a recent Judgment of Hon'ble High court. The Judgment has been received and deferred for examination in the next SEIAA.**

- Item No: 83.09** **Violation by Mount Zion Medical College & Hospital (File No. 1094/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to reject the proposal as it was reconsidered and found no merits earlier itself.**
- Item No: 83.10** **Clarification regarding imposing of fine and issuing EC to illegal mining – reg (File No.1188/A2/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision :-** **SEIAA decided to ask DEIAA to clarify whether the illegal mining was going on before 2012 under permit system and the mining is ongoing during the inspection period.**
- Item No: 83.11** **Illegal Construction of Sowparnika Projects (File No. 1000/A2/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA decided to seek a detailed report from the Town Planner, Thiruvananthapuram Corporation whether the work has been started and continuing or it is yet to be started and also about the land ownership of both the plots, and whether the construction is in two separate compound, or as to whether there is any organic link between both the projects.**
- Item No: 83.12** **Violations of M/s Green Vistas Infrastructure Projects (File No. 32/SEIAA/3045/2012)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA noted.**
- Item No: 83.13** **Report of Conservator of Forests on illegal functioning of Granite Stone Quarries (File No. 221/A1/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA decided to forward file to SEAC for inspection in the field through a Sub Committee and for submission of report within two months before SEIAA.**
- Item No: 83.14** **Application for EC for removal of laterite Building Stone (LTBS) in Ummannor Village of Kottarakkara Taluk, Kollam District submitted by Shri.Jacob John Vadakkadom (File No.986/SEIAA/EC3/ 4702/2015)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA decided to forward the entire file to DEIAA, Kollam.**

Item No: 83.15 Report of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment on the proposed construction of Office space project by M/s Claysys Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, Ernakulam (File No.832/SEIAA/KL/2706/2015)

Decision:- Member Secretary was informed by CEO, Infopark that they have already obtained an EC from MoEF for Phase II construction. Hence no need to pursue the matter in SEIAA.

Item No: 83.16 Request for reduction of distance from, Reserve forest from 100 to 50 metre (File No. 1062/SEIAA/EC1/1639/2016)

&

Item No: 83.17 Representation by Shri. Raju Abraham MLA regarding regulation of distance of Quarries from Forest land (File No. 511/A1/2018/SEIAA)

Decision:- Agenda Item 16 and 17 taken together and a common decision taken. It is decided to constitute an expert Committee for an evaluation study on the environmental impact caused by quarrying adjacent to the forest area with the following members

1. Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd), Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr.P.S.Esa, Member, SEAC
3. Prof.A.P.Thomas, Professor, M.G.University

The Committee will submit the report within one month.

Item No: 83.18 Report of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau conducted an enquiry against M/s Amity Rock Products, Pathanamthitta (File No. 755/A1/2018/SEIAA)

Decision:- SEIAA decided to address SEAC for conducting an audit on the violations of EC of M/s Amity Rock Products Pvt.Ltd.

Item No: 83.19 Request for amendment of Environmental Clearance (File No. 958/SEIAA/EC1/4434/2015)

Decision:- SEIAA approved the modification in Survey Number.

Item No: 83.20 Petition submitted by Adv.Harish Vasudevan on non-implementation of MoEF Notification Dated 14.03.2017 by DEIAAs (File No.1444/A1/2018/SEIAA)

Decision:- SEIAA decided to give direction to all DEIAAs for compliance of EIA Notification 2006 and all subsequent amendments.

- Item No: 83.21** **Budget proposal to hike fees and charges for services by 5% (File No. 658/A1/18/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA decided to inform Government that its a policy matter to be decided by Government.**
- Item No: 83.22** **Fire & Rescue Services recommendations in Height restrictions to certain category of Building (File No. 583/A1/2018/ SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA observed it is not a matter comes under the purview of SEIAA.**
- Item No: 83.23** **Fluctuation in ground water level & quality due to mining – Reg (File No. 868/A2/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA Noted.**
- Item No: 83.24** **Request for exemption from EC ‘Burj Alhind’ by M/s. Alhind Builders, Kozhikkode (File No. 1270/A1/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **Environment Clearance will lapse only after its period. SEIAA has noticed that the proponent has constructed 19,000 sq.mt of built up area. Hence there is no need to cancel the E.C granted by MoEF.**
- Item No: 83.25** **Request to re-consider application for EC submitted by M/s. Wimrock granite Pvt. Ltd., being delisted by SEIAA earlier (File No. 104/SEIAA/1689/2013)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA rejected the proposal as per Section (5) direction issued by MoEF vide Notification No. F No. 1-4/2012 RE(Pt) dt.13.11.2013 is still in vogue.**
- Item No: 83.26** **Representation received from Dr. Keshav Mohan, former SEAC Member on implementation of payment of Echo System in consumption of Natural Resources (File No. 1377/A1/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA noticed that as the system is already going on no further action is necessary.**
- Item No: 83.27** **Draft Kerala Scientific Mining Policy, 2015 (File No. 930/A1/2018/SEIAA)**
- Decision:-** **SEIAA has no remarks to offer in the matter.**

Item No: 83.28 **Approval of ToR by MoEF and directions to take action against the project proponent.**

Decision:- **SEIAA decided to address Government for prosecution either through District Collector and through Pollution Control Board. Government may be specifically informed that filing of prosecution is a precondition for getting E.C from E.A.C of MoEF.**

The meeting came to end at 9.00 pm.

Sd/-
Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu IFS (Retd)
Chairman, SEIAA

Sd/-
Dr. Jayachandran.K
Member, SEIAA

Sd/-
Sri.P.H.Kurian I.A.S.
Additional Chief Secretary
& Member Secretary, SEIAA