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MINUTES OF THE 77th MEETING OF SEAC, KERALA, HELD ON 07th AUGUST 2017, AT HARITHASREE HALL, DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The 77th meeting of the SEAC commenced at 10.00 am with **Sri.V. Gopinathan** in the chair. The Chairman welcomed the members and initiated the proceedings of the Committee.

Item No : 77.01

Environmental clearance for proposed Government Medical College at Sy.No.643 at Iravan Village, Kozhencherry Taluk, Aruvapulam Panchayat, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala by Sri. Dr. P.G.R Pillai M.S., (File No. 810.A/SEIAA/EC4/2373/2015)

Project Proponent

Sri. Dr. P.G.R Pillai M.S

The Committee appraised the proposal based on the Form 1 application, conceptual plan, revised EMP, two field inspection reports and other connected documents.

Probably being a governmental undertaking nobody has really bothered to follow the environmental regulations or the relevant building rules. Without proper environmental clearance the work has progressed ahead and even now it is in progress. Large quantities of granites has been blasted from the site without EC. To that extent there is a violation of the 2006 EIA Notification and SEIAA may take appropriate decision in the matter.

The Sub Committee during its visit has also observed that all the construction at the site are being taken up without proper permits from the local body.

In fact the application submitted for EC is also incomplete as the component for hostel facilities and the related infrastructure for the same has been left out. The Sub Committee was informed that all such buildings will be taken in Phase II and only then the college will commence its operation.

Considering the remoteness of the location and proximity to vast stretches of reserve forests the site is not an ideal one for setting up a medical college. But having progressed thus far it is recommended to advise the proponent to submit a revised Form I integrating both phase I and II incorporating the following safe guards/details.

- 1. The present access road to the site is not wide enough to cater to the needs of the hospital. Hence details of the proposed new access road to be provided.
- 2. Provision for a strong compound wall around to protect from any possible wild animal depredation in the campus and also to prevent litering and other damages to the adjacent forest ecosystem.
- 3. Details of water supply arrangements.
- 4. Provisions for treating and using entire waste water within the campus itself.
- 5. Details for arranging disposal of biodegradable non medical waste.
- 6. A detailed parking plan.
- 7. Quantum of non conventional energy proposed to be tapped for the functioning of the hospital and the college.

Item No. 77.02

Environmental clearance for the proposed building stone quarry project in Survey No. 254/2(P) and 254/3(P) Ayyampuzha Village & Ayyampuzha Panchayat, Aluva Taluk Ernakulam Kerala, State by Sri. George Joseph, Managing Partner, M/S G.M Granites (File No. 1068/EC3/2016/SEIAA)

Project Proponent : Sri. George Joseph, Managing Partner, M/S G.M Granites

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, Pre-feasibility Report, Mining Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee decided to **Recommend for issuance of EC** subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition for mining.

- As top soil availability is more, designated zone shall be set apart for stacking the overburden
- The approach road of length over 150 m to the property from the main road is in poor shape, need to be improved
- A green belt to be maintained on the border by retaining the border trees and planting appropriate agro forestry species on borders.
- If any rare, endemic and threatened plant species are noticed, they shall be properly protected insitu or transplanted to a suitable site inside the lease area.

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The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.15 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.15 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat.

Item No. 77.03

Environmental clearance for the proposed Medical College & Hospital (Expansion of the infrastructure of the college and hospital) in Sy.No.116/1, 116/2, 116/3, 116/4, 116/5, 116/6, 116/7, 116/8, 117/2, 117/3, 117/4, 117/5, 117/8, 113/3-1, 114/1-1-2, 125/1-2,133/1, 117/1, 117/6, 117/7, 133/1-1, 133/1-2, 115/5 at Ezhamkulam, Enathimangalam Village, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala of Sri. K J Abraham, M/s Mount Zion Medical College & Hospital, Charitable, Educational & Welfare Society (File No. 1094/EC/SEIAA/2017)

Project Proponent

:Sri. K J Abraham, M/s Mount Zion Medical College & Hospital, Charitable, Educational & Welfare Society

The proponent has gone ahead with the construction works based on a permit obtained from local panchayat for constructing 28000 m² of buildings. In fact now he has completed 42000 m² of construction without a proper EC. Apart from the above violation the Sub Committee has observed that the width of the access road to the plot is less that 8 m which is grossly inadequate for a proposal of this size. It is also observed that in the application the access road width is erroneously shown as 10 m which does not agree with the ground reality. Hence the proposal cannot be considered in the presence form. However SEIAA may decide whether the proponent need be given a chance to explain the current situation.

Item No. 77.04

Environmental clearance for the proposed expansion of building stone quarry project in survey Nos. Sy. Nos. 347/5-1, 347/5-2, 347/5-3, 347/5-4, 347/5-6 & 347/5-7 of Thachanattukara-1 Village, Mannarkkad Taluk, Palakkad District, Kerala by Sri. P.T.V. Mustafa, (File No 1098/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)

Project Proponent : Sri. P.T.V. Mustafa

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, Pre-feasibility Report, Mining Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee decided to **Recommend for issuance of EC** subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition for mining.

- The approach road to the quarry on the eastern side is in very poor condition. The proponent shall be directed to maintain this road in proper condition
- The office and the basic facilities for labour have to be improved drastically and sign boards fixed
- The proponent should establish a clarification pond/sedimentation tank at a lower elevation,
- Shall ensure that the debris or suspended matter form the quarry dol not enter the lower wetland strip on the valley bottom, which seems to serve as an effective recharge system.
- Quarrying depth shall be restricted, not to go beyond the level of the lower wetland on the valley bottom of the hill.
- If any rare, endemic and threatened plant species are noticed, they shall be properly
 protected insitu or transplanted to a suitable site inside the lease area.

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.10 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.10 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat.

If the proponent is going ahead with quarrying operation in the adjacent plot, both the Mining Plans should be integrated.

Item No. 77.05

Environmental clearance for the proposed Residential Project by M/s Asset Homes Pvt. Ltd. in Survey Nos. 174/1-1, 174/1-2, Kizhakambalam Village & Panchayat, Kunnathunad Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala, Application of Mr. Mahesh L., Chief Technical Officer M/s Asset Homes Pvt. Ltd. (File No. 869/SEIAA/EC3/3100/2015)

Project Proponent : Mr. Mahesh L., M/s Asset Homes Pvt. Ltd.

The Committee verified the additional documents submitted by the proponent and found satisfactory. The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form 1, Form I A,

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Conceptual Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted by the proponent. The Committee decided to **Recommend for issuance of EC** subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific conditions.

- 1. As agreed by the proponent a drainage will be constructed at the cost of the proponent along the access road in the eastern side of the project.
- 2. RWH facility shall be enhanced to atleast 15 days requirement.
- 3. Effluent from the STP should be disposed through specially designed soak pits. It should not be let into public drains.
- 4. 10% of the Power Consumption should be utilised from solar energy.
- 5. Emergency assembly points furnished in the clarification shall be provided.
- 6. Minimum area of 500 m^2 should be earmarked for material recovery facility.

The proponent agreed to set apart an amount of Rs.1.5 crore over a period of 5 years for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local body.

The notarised documents submitted by the proponent assuring transfer of water source to the residents association shall be taken into record.

Item No.77.06

Environmental Clearance for the proposed Common Biomedical Waste treatment plant in Block No. 37, Sy No. 205 at Puthenkurissu Village, Kunnathunadu Taluk, Ernakulam district-by Dr. N K Pillai, M/s Kerala Enviro Infrastructure Limited (File No. 1036(A)/SEIAA/EC3/502/2016)

Project Proponent

: Dr. N K Pillai, M/s Kerala Enviro Infrastructure Limited

The Committee decided to defer the item for a personal hearing of the proponent.

Item No.77.07

Environmental Clearance issued for the proposed Commercial Complex (Hotel, Convention Centre & Shopping Mall) project in Survey Nos. 1888/2-6, 1888/4-2, 1888/1-3, 1890/1, 1888/12-1-1, 1888/12-2, 1888/1-2-1, 1888/1-2, 1888/1-1-1, 1888/12-3, 1888/1-1-1, 1888/1-2-4-1, 1888/1-1-2, 1882, 1888/1-2-2, 1888/1-2-6, 1888/2-2, 1888/2-3 and 1888/2-4 at Kadakampally Village, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk and District, application of Sri. Nishad, M. A., Director, M/s LULU International Shopping Mall Pvt. Ltd.—Request for Amendment. (File No.1047/SEIAA/EC1/899/2016)

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Project Proponent

: Sri. Nishad, M. A., Director, M/s LULU International Shopping Mall Pvt. Ltd.

The Committee decided to defer the item for a personal hearing of the proponent.

Item No: 77.08

Environmental Clearance for the proposed Expansion of building stone quarry project in survey Nos. Sy. Nos. 475/9, 475/9-1, 475/10, 477/9-1, 477/15-1, 236/1, 236/3, 236/4, 236/6, 236/7, 236/8, 236/9, 235/3 & 235/10 of Manickal & Thekkada Village, Nedumangad Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala by Sri. Abdul Kareem, Owner M/s. Al - Falah Metal Crusher (File No. 1097/EC/SEIAA/KL/2017)

Project Proponent : Sri. Abdul Kareem, M/s. Al - Falah Metal Crusher

The Committee appraised the proposal based on Form I, Pre-feasibility Report, Mining Plan, field inspection report of the Sub Committee and all other documents submitted with the proposal. The Committee decided to **Recommend for issuance of EC** subject to general conditions in addition to the following specific condition for mining.

- A clear distance of 100 m must be left from the dwelling units seen on the eastern side.
- Catch water drains to be provided to channelize storm water and check dams for clarification before safe disposal.
- The stack of OB on the western side should be provided with adequate side protection
- Dedicated RWH structure may be provided in the lower part near the crusher unit to enhance water availability.
- If any rare, endemic and threatened plant species are noticed, they shall be properly protected insitu or transplanted to a suitable site inside the lease area.

The proponent agreed to set apart Rs.15 lakh (non-recurring) and Rs.15 lakh per annum (recurring) for CSR activities for the welfare of the local community in consultation with the local Panchayat.

Item No. 77.09

Environment Clearance - Construction of Group Housing cum Commercial Complex project at Rajagiri Valley inn Sy.NBos.558 p, 559/1 to 11, 557/2, 560/1, 2, 563/5 p, 11 p, 12 p, 569/1, 2, 569/1 to 11, Kakkanad Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala-

Extention of validity of Environment Clearance & Amendment in EC.

The Committee decided to defer the item for a Power point presentation.

The meeting ended at 2.00 pm with vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members.

Smt. Padma Mahanti IFS

Sri. V. Gopinathan IFS (Rtd)

List of members present (07.08.2017)

1. Sri. S. Ajayakumar

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2. Dr.K.G.Padmakumar-

3. Prof. (Dr.) Keshav Mohan

4. Sri.P. Sreekumaran Nair FIE

5. Dr.K.Harikrishnan

6. Dr. George Chackacher

7. Shri. John Mathai

8. Dr.E.A.Jayson

