

**State Expert Appraisal Committee, Himachal Pradesh
at H.P. Department of Environment, Science & Technology
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests**

MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HELD IN
H.P STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, NEW SHIMLA, ON 22ND August, 2012

20th Meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of the Project proposals received for Environmental Clearance was held on 22st August, 2012 in the conference Hall of HPPCB, New Shimla. The following were present in the meeting:

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| 1. | Sh.Balram Sharma, | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. V.B.Negi | Member |
| 3. | Er. Ashok Mahajan | Member |
| 4. | Dr.Kartar S.Verma | Member |
| 5. | Er. Ram Mohan Gupta | Member |
| 6. | Er. D.K. Sharma | Secretary |

Dr.Kulraj Kapoor, Member informed telephonically that he will not be able to attend the meeting due to illness.

Opening Remarks of the Chairman

The following agenda items were taken up with the permission of Chair.

In the beginning the Secretary, SEAC apprised the members about the orders dated 22-06-2012 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 24/2009 relevant to the mandate of the SEAC and the members decided to incorporate the following relevant issues in the TORs while appraising application of Hydroelectric Projects;

1. The proponent shall carry out studies only after giving notices to the local residents of the areas. While conducting the environmental impact studies proponent to consider the other adverse effects on the social life style of the people of the area and also other adverse impact of such projects.
2. The proponent shall carry out studies of impacts on flora and fauna.
3. The proponent shall conduct studies of adverse impacts due to movements of trucks and traffic.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 19TH MEETING OF SEAC:

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The minutes of the 19th meeting of SEAC held on 6th July 2012 were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2: APPRAISAL OF CASES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE/ FIXING OF ToR'S

In view of the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No19628-19629 of 2009 Dated 27-02-2012 and the orders by the Hon'ble High Court of H.P in CWP No. 9/2011 dated 15-06-2012, the mining areas less than 5 Hectares also need Environmental Clearance and in compliance to the above orders, the application have been filed before the committee/Authority and these have been appraised as per and subject to contents of above orders and the clarification by Ministry of Environment and Forest vide OML-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 28-05-2012.

2.1 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit M/s Him Anchal Stone Crusher of Sh.Dixit Keparate S/o Sh. Hariman Kaperate, VPO-Purag, Tehsil- Kotkhai, Distt- Shimla (H.P) at Mauja- Riyana, Tehsil- Theog, Distt-Shimla (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit by Sh. Dixit Keparate over an area of 0-81-25 Hectares in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 500 MT/ week as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved in the mining area. The unit has also submitted letter of Divisional Forest Officer, Theog Forest Division, Theog dated 20-07-2012 certifying that there is no Wild Life Sanctuary within 35 Km from the site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

2.2 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit M/s J.D.D Kalta Brother & Associates (Stone Crusher), Village-Melath, P.O-Rawlakair, Tehsil- Kotkhai, Distt- Shimla (H.P) at Mohal & Mauja-Khola, Tehsil- Kotkhai, Distt-Shimla (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 1-12-11 Hectares in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 400 MT/Week as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest

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land is involved in the mining area. The unit has also submitted a certificate issued by Range Forest Officer, Kotkhai (H.P) dated 18-07-2012 certifying that there is no Wild Life Sanctuary within 15 Km of the site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

2.3 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit M/s Narinder Kumar Justa (Ambika Stone Crusher), Village –Chamera ,P.O- Rawlakair, Tehsil- Kotkhai, Distt- Shimla (H.P) at Mauza- Chemera, Tehsil- Kotkhai, Distt- Shimla (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 0-74-66 Hectares in the private land. The Proponent apprised during presentation that Stone extraction capacity is 18 Tonne/Day. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved in the mining area. The unit has also submitted certificate from Range Forest Officer ,Kotkhai dated 13-07-2012 certifying that there is no Wild Life Sanctuary Within 15 Km radius of site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

2.4 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Kundan Lal Verma, Stone Crusher (Prop. Suman Enterprises), Sanjauli, Shimla at Mauja- Sergata, Pargana Karoli, Sub Tehsil- Junga Distt Shimla H.P

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 23 Bighas in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 350 MT/Week as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that diversion of 0.0263 Hectares of Forest land is involved for construction of approach road to Stone Crusher and approval has been taken from Ministry of Environment and Forest vide letter No.9-HPB674/2007-CHA/2932 dated 02-04-2008 and submitted its copy. The unit has

also submitted certificate issued by Range Forest Officer, Koti dated 19-07-2012 certifying that the Wild Life Sanctuary area is about distance of 18 Km from the site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). The lease area is less than 5 Hectares, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

2.5 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Yashjeet Thakur (Stone Crusher) VPO-Bamta, Tehsil Chopal Distt- Shimla at Mauja & Mohal -Nar, Tehsil- Chopal, Distt Shimla H.P

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 0-56-87 Hectares in the private land. The Mining Department has approved the Working cum EMP for a capacity of 46455 MT for a period of five years. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes. The SEAC approved the TORs at the risk and cost of applicant subject to the condition that proponent shall submit the clear certificate for the Forest Department that no protected area notified under Wild Life Protection Act fall within 10 Km of the leased area. In case the area falls within 10 Km of Protected Area notified under Wilfe Life Protection Act, the proponent shall apply afresh to MOEF, Govt of India.

2.6 Extraction of Sand, Bajri and Boulder from the river bed for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher at Tika Dhamrol, Mauja Mewa, Tehsil-Bhoranj Distt Hamirpur (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Boulder, Sand and Bajri from the river bed for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 39-12 Kanals in the private land as indicated. Stone extraction capacity is 14610 MT/Annum as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in

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the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes subject to the condition that proponent shall provide Certificate from competent authority in the Wild Life Department that no wild life sanctuary is located within 10 Km of lease area.

2.7 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Yogesh Kumar Sood, Prop Uma Stone Crusher, VPO-Mohari, Tehsil-Theog, Distt-Shimla H.P at Mauja Jungle Ishta & Kaduth Tehsil-Theog Distt Shimla

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 01-65-94 Hectares in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 200 MT/weekly as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved. The unit has also submitted letter dated 25-07-2012 of Divisional Forest Officer, Theog Forest Division certifying that there is no Wild Life Sanctuary within radius of 10 KM from site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

2.8 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Jagdamba Stone Crusher, VPO-Deonda, Tehsil-Kandaghat, Distt-Solan H.P at Mauja & Mohal- Doenda Tehsil-Kandaghat ,Distt- Solan. (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 7-14 Bighas in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 200 MT/weekly as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved. The unit has also submitted letter dated 04-08-2012 of Divisional Forest Officer, Solan Forest Division certifying that there is no Wild Life Sanctuary within radius of 10 KM from site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

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2.9 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Akhter Stone Crusher, Village-Dedoh, Tehsil- Sadar, Distt-Mandi H.P at Mauja-Bagla , Mohal-Brahal, Tehsil-Sadar , Distt- Mandi (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 11-11-14 Bighas in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 106200 MT for leased period as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved.

The project proponent gave a presentation on the project before the SEAC. As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares but falls within 10 Km of Wild Life Sanctuary and therefore become Category 'A' project which is not within the purview of the SEAC, hence advised to apply to the competent authority at Centre level.

2.10 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Aradhana Laghu Udyog, Village-Dalgaon, P.O-Kutara Tehsil- Rohru, Distt-Shimla H.P at Mauja-Rantari , Tehsil-Rohru , Distt- Shimla (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 0-71-20 Hectares in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 2200 MTPA as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved. The unit has also submitted letter dated 01-08-2012 of Divisional Forest Officer, Rohru Forest Division certifying that there is no Wild Life Sanctuary within 10 Km of the site.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes.

2.11 Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone crushing Unit of M/s Ajay Sharma (Sharma Stone Crusher), Village-Loharb, P.O-Rouri Tehsil & Distt-Shimla H.P at Mauja-Loharb , Tehsil& Distt- Shimla (H.P)

Proposal is for Extraction of Stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 10-01 Bighas in the private land. Stone extraction capacity is 55 MT/Day as indicated. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of

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Industries. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no Forest Land is involved. The unit has also submitted letter dated 07-08-2012 of Range Forest Officer, Tara Devi Range (Totu) certifying that sanctuary area Chandi Range Wild Life Division Shimla is over a distance 40 Km by road and Chail Range Sanctuary area is over a distance 40 Km approx by road.

The Project Proponent gave a presentation on the Project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). As the lease area is less than 5 Hectares and located in the private land, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2 only for the purpose of public hearing. However, proponent shall prepare EIA as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) attached as Annexure-I of these minutes subject to the condition that the proponent shall submit certificate from Forest deptt indicating clear aerial distance of Wild Life Sanctuary from the leased area/project area.

2.12 M/s AP Goyal Charitable Trust, Pine Cottage, Lower Panthaghati, Shimla-171009 for construction of University.

The applicant had earlier withdrawn its application contending that the total built up area was less than 20,000 square metres. Now again the applicant has submitted application. Applicant must clearly state the reasons why the application was withdrawn and also submit details of Mater plan indicating details of area built up till date and the approval by the competent Authority that the construction as on today is strictly according to the approval given to applicant. Applicant shall also address the issues as raised in the minutes of the 13th meeting held on 01-07-2011 and submit requisite information.

2.13 Expansion of Bahra University, Village Wakna&Bisha, Tehsil Kandaghat, District Solan, H.P by M/s Bahra Educational & Charitable Trust.

Consultant Name:- Idma Laboratories Ltd, 391 Industrial Area, Phase-I Panchkula Haryana.

As per decision taken in the 19th meeting, the papers duly signed by the Chairman were not submitted in compliance to the issues raised nor Chairman was present. A letter from the Chairman was presented regarding his inability to come. The representative of Chairman requested another opportunity.

SEAC decided to give final opportunity subject to representative of proponent giving a written request and after ensuring compliance to directions of 19th meeting, the chairman will personally be present in next meeting due to reasons recorded in the minutes of 19th meeting.

