

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 26th MEETING OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE
HELD IN H.P. STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, NEW SHIMLA, ON 4th
May, 2013

26th Meeting of State Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of the Project proposals received for Environmental Clearance was held on 4th May, 2013 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. | Dr.Kulraj Kapoor | Member |
| 6. | Er. D.K. Sharma | Secretary |


Er. RM Gupta has telephonically informed about leave of absence and accepted by chair.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 25th MEETING OF SEAC:

The minutes of the 25th meeting of SEAC held on 25th April, 2013 were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2: APPRAISAL OF CASE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

2.1 M/s Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, The Mall, Shimla-2, H.P, for Integrated Solid Waste Management Project.

 TORs for the proposal for setting up of Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plant (100 TPD) and Engineered Land fill facility (30 MT/Day) i.e. Integrated Solid Waste Management Project at Bhariyal (near Tara-Devi), Majthai, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh were fixed in 12th, 18th and 19th meeting of SEAC.

Proposal was also listed in 25th meeting and it was observed that the proponent had not conducted public hearing hence, proponent was advised to get the public hearing conducted as were recorded on the minutes of 18th meeting of SEAC and submit final EIA/EMP report after addressing issues of public hearing.

Subsequently, Hon'ble High Court of H.P vide order dated 26-04-2013 in CWPIL No. 56 of 2009 has directed as under:

".....As a result, in the peculiar facts of this case, in the larger interest, we direct the Committee to process the proposal submitted by the Corporation for grant of clearance without insisting for procedure of public hearing. Indeed, the Committee is free to examine other technical aspects, if any, before grant of such clearance. That shall be done within four weeks from today and compliance report submitted to this Court before the next date....."

With due respect to orders of Hon'ble High Court of H.P, the Committee convened its meeting for appraisal of proposal. Consultant appointed by the proponent who prepared EIA/EMP was not present for the presentation and the representative present affirmed that he is not technically prepared to make presentation. The proponents were not able to answer the some of technical queries of the SEAC such as quantum of leachate generation and its treatment and disposal, gas formation due to fermentation of material and disposal/management. The SEAC also observed that source of data taken in EIA report has not been mentioned. SEAC observed that the proponent has not submitted Detailed Project Report of the Integrated Facility and the representative of the Municipal Corporation assured to submit the same by Monday i.e on 06-05-2013. The proponent stated that the Environmental Clearance for the project has not been granted but only the forest clearance under Forest Conservation Act,1986 Environmental clearance is yet to be obtained by the applicant. The proponent also stated that till the time engineered land fill is fully commissioned the inert material shall be continued to be dumped at the existing site in Darni Ka Bagicha. Construction of the engineered landfill is yet to be started. The existing site in Darni ka Bagicha shall also be continued to be used as transfer facility for transferring the inert waste to new integrated facility at Bhariyal.

SEAC asked proponent to submit following additional information before appraisal of the project:

1. Photographs and Videography of the site.
2. Details of Parking area and distances of school, hospital etc. from the project.
3. Quantum of leachate generation and its treatment and disposal, gas formation and its disposal/management.
4. The proponent shall prepare a layout plan showing roads, leachate collection, treatment & disposal facility, components such as waste processing & engineered landfill.
5. Drainage plan showing separately the details of drains for storm water & leachate should be submitted.
6. Sources & dates of primary and secondary data should be clearly mentioned.
7. Undertaking for supplying water to the local people in the vicinity.
8. Applicant was also advised to call the technical representative of the Consultant who has prepared the EIA/EMP report of the project in the next meeting.

SEAC advised the proponents to incorporate the observations of the SEAC in supplementary addendum to the Draft EIA /EMP report submitted by it. In view of the urgency of timeframe prescribed by the Hon'ble High Court, SEAC apprised the proponent that next meeting for appraisal of this proposal will again be convened on 10-05-2013 at 11:00 AM. The supplementary information should be made available on e-mail to all the members of Committee by 08th May, 2013. Committee will appraise the project & make recommendations for consideration of the SEIAA as mandate for grant of Environmental Clearance is vested with the SEIAA as per procedure defined in the EIA Notification No. 1533 (E) dated 14-09-2006..

ITEM NO. 3: CONSIDERING REQUEST OF HIMACHAL TEXTILE PARK LIMITED FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

SEAC examined the request made by M/s Himachal Textile Park Limited for change of address which according to the proponent has been inadvertently mentioned as "Athmah Road, VPO-Amb, Distt-Una Amb (H.P.)"

SEAC had appraised this project in it 9th Meeting held on 25-06-2010 and recommended environmental clearance for the project. Address mentioned in the proceedings of SEAC and Environmental Clearance for the project is mentioned as "Athmah Road, VPO-Amb, Tehsil Amb (H.P.). SEAC examined the following documents before arriving at the decision:

- 1 Original application filed by the applicant to the SEIAA: SEAC observed that the location of the proposed textile park is written in Rapid EIA report by the applicant as “Village-Thathal, Tehsil-Amb, Distt-Una” and correspondence address is written as “Athmah Road, VPO-Amb, Tehsil-Amb, Distt-Una H.P”
- 2 Approval for the project by the State Government: Committee also examined the proposal which was listed and approved in the 46th Meeting of the State Level Single Window Clearance & Monitoring Authority held on 16-03-2010. It is observed by the SEAC that the location of the project is approved by the State Government as “Village Thathal, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una”

In view of above facts, SEAC recommends for consideration by SEIAA that the location address of the project may be changed as “Village Thathal, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una”



Chairman,

Himachal Pradesh State Expert Appraisal Committee.

Endst. No. SEAC 26th Meeting/2013-

Dated May, 2013

Copy to following for information and further necessary action please:-

1. The Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. Case files of all projects, Guard file.

Note:- These minutes are being posted on the official website of Authority in department of Environment, Science & Technology and all concerned shall down load these minutes for taking necessary actions relevant to their Project for further necessary action.



Secretary,

Himachal Pradesh State Expert Appraisal Committee