State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority
Himachal Pradesh
Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.

No. SEIAA/14th Meeting/2012-

Dated:

PROCEEDINGS OF 14TH MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

Opening Remarks:-

The 14th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held in Department of Environment, S&T, Shimla on 5th December, 2012 for considering the recommendations for Environmental Clearance in favour of the project proposals made by the State Level Environment Appraisal Committee, SEAC in its 18th & 19th meetings held on 1st June, 2012 and 6th July, 2012 respectively.

The Member Secretary, SEIAA, welcomed the Chairperson and the Member of the Authority. The proceedings were started with the permission of Chair and following deliberations were held and decision taken:-

Item No.1 (a) Ratification of the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of SEIAA:

The Authority ratified the minutes of its 13th meeting of SEIAA held on 30th August, 2012.

Item No.2 Consideration of the cases recommended by the SEAC for grant of Environmental Clearance in its 18th & 21st Meeting held on 1st June, 2012 & 19th September, 2012 respectively for grant of Environmental Clearance.


The proposal is for setting up of Cement Plant (Product Mix only) of capacity 15,000 MT/ annum in the industrial area Jeetpur Behri, Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P., with the Capital cost of Rs. 124.72 lacs in an area of 1,930 Sq. m of land in the industrial area.

SEIAA 14th meeting
The project proponents made presentation before the SEIAA with respect to their project proposal and environment and pollution control aspects, and the issues raised by the SEAC in its 18th meeting held on 1st June, 2012 and by the SEIAA in its 12th meeting held on 30th July, 2012.

The SEIAA was apprised by the proponents with respect to the rectification made in the proposal for the setting up of the cement plant having capacity 15,000 MT/ annum (50 MT per day on the basis of 300 working days in a calendar year). Since the rectification so made has been duly recorded by the General Manager, District Industry Centre, Department of Industry Una (H.P.), the SEIAA considered and approved the project proposal with the condition that the proponent shall give an undertaking in order to ensure that all the vehicles/trucks used for unloading and loading all the raw material as well as finished material and for other purposes will be parked inside the factory premises of A&A Cement Company and no vehicle should be allowed to be parked on the roads/National Highway/State Highway.

**Having complied to the observation of the SEIAA w.r.t furnishing of undertaking, the proposal of M/s A&A, Cement Company, Plot No.5, Industrial Area, Jeetpur Behri, Tehsil Amb. Distt. Una, H.P. for setting up of Cement Plant (Product Mix only) of capacity 15000MT/ annum in the industrial area Jeetpur Behri, Tehsil Amb, District Una, H.P was considered and approved for grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions as recommended by the SEIAA/SEAC.**

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

The proposal is for expansion of the Bahra University at Village Wakna & Bisha, Tehsil Kandaghat, District Solan, H.P by the M/S Bahra Educational & Charitable Trust. The proposed project involves construction of Administrative Building, Hostel Blocks, Residential Quarters and Internal roads. The total land area is 120.09 Bigha and the total built up area after finalization of master plan is 81,017.73 sq. m. as indicated by the proponent. The total water requirement for the proposed project is projected at 199 KLD which would be met through bore wells and tankers.
The power requirement for the project is indicated as 960 KW sourced through H.P.S.E.B. The DG set of 400 KVA shall be provided as requirement for the power back up in case of electricity breakdown. The unit has provided Sewage Treatment Plants of 50 KLD and proposed 120 KLD when campus is fully constructed. The proposal was taken by SEAC in its 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and finally in the 21st meeting which was held on 19-09-12.

The project proponents made presentation before the SEIAA with respect to their project proposal and environment and pollution control aspects, and the issues raised by the SEAC in its 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and finally in the 21st meeting. The SEIAA made following observations:

1. The project proponent categorically admitted their default of not obtaining prior Environmental Clearance for the project proposal before undertaking the construction activities. The SEIAA, therefore, asked the project proponent to furnish their admission of default in writing.

2. The proponents accordingly acknowledged the admission of default both verbally and in writing and therefore, the SEIAA considered the proposal on the basis of recommendations of the SEAC and approved the grant of Environment Clearance with the condition to have the right reserved to prosecute the Chairman/ Top Management later at any stage if the company failed to demonstrate any credible action on ground w.r.t environmental performance and/or on the conditions imposed both by SEIAA and SEAC, which among others are as under:

   - The proponents shall furnish the admission of their default of not obtaining prior Environment Clearance in writing to the Authority.

   - The muck generated shall be utilized as proposed during the presentation made before SEIAA and the rest of the muck generated shall be disposed off in the approved designated dumping sites. The existing dumping sites would be adequately strengthened so that it does not pose any hindrance to the natural drainage and cave in at the later stage. Further, the site should be
strengthened in such a way that no damage should in future be caused to the agricultural land below due to the dumping of the muck.

- The Municipal Solid Waste generated shall be disposed off in accordance to the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 and as per the plan proposed during the presentation made before the SEIAA.
- The trees shall be planted in the green area in such a way that it reduces the visibility of structures from the National Highway.
- The plantation of native varieties be preferred and the proponents finalize the same in consultation with the Forest Department and all the existing trees shall be protected and maintained.
- The proponent shall include the concept of green buildings in all construction activities while promoting solar passive features in the university premises.

The proposal of M/s Bahra Educational & Charitable Trust for Expansion of Bahra University, Village Wakna & Bisha, Tehsil Kandaghat, District Solan, H.P was considered and approved for grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions recommended by the SEIAA/SEAC, fully reserving the right to prosecute the Chairman/ Top Management later at any stage if the company failed to demonstrate any credible action on ground w.r.t environmental performance and on the conditions imposed both by SEIAA and SEAC.

Item No.3

Cases for Consideration/ Approval of Terms of Reference (TORs) for EIA Studies ToRs of which were fixed by th SEAC in its 21st Meeting:

3.1 Mining/ collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher, Vill. Manoh, PO. Karota, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur HP. at Tika Jahu Kalan, Mauza Mewa, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur

The project involves Stone Crushing Unit and Mining of Sand, Stone and Bajri in area measuring 450-07 Kanals of capacity 38,600 MT/ Annum in Tika Jhahu kalan, Mauza Mewa, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur HP.
The SEIAA approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 21st meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.

3.2 **Mining/collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher, Vill, Manoh, PO. Karota, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur, HP. at Tika Jahu Khurad and Tikka Badehar, Mauza Mewa, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur.**

The proposal is for mining/collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the stone crushing unit over an area measuring 801-05 Kanals situated in Mauja Mewa, Tikka Jahu Khurad and Tikka Badehar, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur for extraction of stone of capacity 48720 MT/Annum max. as indicated.

The SEIAA approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 21st meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.

3.3 **Extraction of stone from the Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Akhter Stone Crusher, Vill. Dadoh, Tehsil Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi, HP.**

The 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. The stone extraction capacity has been indicated as 1,06,200 MT for entire lease period of five years.

The SEIAA approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 21st meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.

3.4 **Clay mining for Brick Kiln by M/s Sai Industries Bricks Kiln, Mouza Gurha, P.O. Matlahar, Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra.**

The project involves establishing Brick Kiln Unit for manufacturing bricks and mining of clay in area measuring 50 Kanals in Mouza Gurha, P.O. Matlahar, Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra.
The SEIAA approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 21st meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/ EMP report of the proposal.

**Item No.4:** List of the Project Proposals TORs of which were fixed by the SEAC but TORs not placed before/approved by SEIAA.

**4.1 The proposal for manual mining of minor minerals like Boulders, Bajri and Sand by M/s Himachal Stone Crusher, Mohal Tikka Mundkhar, Mauza Mehlata, Distt. Hamirpur.**

The proposal is for manual mining of minor minerals like boulders, bajri and sand in the leased area of 298.03 Kanals, Tehsil Bhoranj of Hamirpur District. The annual extraction of sand, stone and bajri is indicated as 56,500 TPA. No blasting has been proposed by the proponent. Further, ‘No objection’ of the Panchayat has been obtained by the project proponent. The Joint Inspection of the project has reportedly been made and the Mining Plan has been prepared.

The SEIAA considered and approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 13th meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.

**4.2 Proposal for manual mining of minor minerals like Boulders, Bajri and Sand by M/s Rajinder Singh, Thakur Enterprises, 11/F Jeeven Market, Una.**

The proposal is for manual mining of minor minerals like boulders, bajri and sand in the leased area of 9-35-30 Hac., and annual extraction of sand, stone and bajri is indicated as 54,000 TPA, in Una District. No blasting has been proposed. Further, ‘No objection’ of the Panchayat has been obtained by the proponent. The Joint Inspection of the project has reportedly been made and the Mining Plan has been prepared.

The SEIAA considered and approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 13th meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.

The proposal is for manual mining of minor minerals like boulders, bajri and sand in the leased area of 18-68-75 Hac., and annual extraction of sand, stone and bajri is indicated as 72,000 TPA, in village Pragpur, Tehsil Dehra, District Kangra.

The SEIAA considered and approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 13th meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.


The proposal is for manual mining of minor minerals like boulders, bajri and sand in the leased area of 18-11-31 Hac., and annual extraction of sand, stone and bajri is indicated as 54,000 TPA, in village Thathal, Tehsil Amb of Una District. Further, ‘No objection’ of the Panchayat has been obtained by the proponent. The Joint Inspection of the project has reportedly been made and the Mining Plan has been prepared.

The SEIAA considered and approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 13th meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/EMP report of the proposal.

4.5 Mining of Sand, Stone and Bajri Mining of Sand, Stone and Bajri by M/S Dhatwalia Stone Crusher at Jajri (Shukar Khad), P.O. Raili Jajri, Tehsil Badsar, District Hamirpur, H.P.

The case was not considered by the SEIAA as the project proposal was deferred by the SEAC in its 18th meeting.
4.6 Extraction of Stone from the self owned Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit by M/s Suresh Thakur, Village Nangla Devi, G.P. Devri Ghat, Tehsil Theog, District Shimla, H.P.

The proposal is for extraction of Stone from the self owned Quarry for the Stone Crushing Unit by M/s Suresh Thakur, in an area of 0-57-54 Hac. in private land.

The SEIAA considered and approved the Terms of Reference (ToRs) fixed by SEAC in its 19th meeting for conducting EIA studies for the preparation of EIA/ EMP report of the proposal.

Any Other Item with the permission of Chair :-

After due deliberations it was decided that :-

1. A Public Notice on the requirement of mandatory prior Environment Clearance in construction activities be published again, duly citing various penal provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 leading to prosecution of Head of Institute/ Top Management for failing to comply with the provisions of EIA Notification-2006.

2. Strong reminder be issued to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board w.r.t. non-compliance on Authority’s letter No. HPSEIAA /EC/2012-1133-1134 dated 14-08-12 seeking list of educational institutions/ universities/ building construction activities being undertaken in the State, in violation of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, within week’s time. The Authority observed that the Member Secretary State Pollution Control Board has endorsed only a copy of its notice dated 30-11-12 issued to APG University as a follow up to the SEIAA’s directions referred supra.

3. A D.O. communication be sent to the Secretary (Town& Country Planning), to the Govt. of H.P. and the Director, Department of Town & Country Planning requesting for due recognition of the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the
4. EIA Notification-2006 while granting NOCs/permissions for various construction activities in the State of H.P.

5. The decisions of Hon’ble High Court on the Stone Crushers located in Himachal Pradesh were duly deliberated upon and it was decided that the Director (Env., Sc., & Technology) would refer the matter to the State Geologist and Director (Industries) for compliance on the directions of Hon’ble High Court.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to/ from the Chair.

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