No.SEIAA/16th Meeting/2011-

Dated:

PROCEEDINGS OF 16TH MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

Opening Remarks:-

The 16th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held in Department of Environment, S&T, Shimla on 22nd August, 2013 to consider the project proposals recommended by the State Level Environment Appraisal Committee, SEAC in its 28th & 29th Meeting held on 17th June 2013 and 23rd August 2013 respectively and to deliberate for grant of Environmental Clearance/ other recommendations as per the listed Agenda.

With the permission of the Chair following deliberations were held:-

Item No.1 (a) Ratification of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of SEIAA:

The Authority ratified the minutes of its 15th meeting held on 21st May, 2013.

Item No.2 Consideration of the cases recommended by the SEAC for grant of Environmental Clearance in 28th and 29th meeting.

2.1 Clay mining for Brick kiln of M/s Honey Brick Kiln, Village-Kharyali P.O Mubarkpur, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una, H.P.

ToRs for the proposal is for clay mining for the Brick Kiln over an area of 03-33-53 Hectares in the private land in Kharsa No. 374,352, 375, Village-Kalruhi and Khasra No. 1651, 3125, 1649,1652,1650,1653 Village- Kanshipur and Khasra No. 655 Village- Shivpur and Khasra No. 1744/644 Village Rampur, Tehsil-Amb, Distt- Una with annual clay extraction capacity 9600 m³ were fixed in 22nd meeting of SEAC. The proponent had also submitted certificate issued by Divisional Forest Officer, Una certifying that there existed no Wild Life Sanctuary or Prohibited area within 12 Km of site.

The Proposal was again taken up by the SEAC in its 28th meeting after the proponent submitted the EIA/EMP. The committee after considering and deliberating on the
information/facts placed before it, recommended the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 (only for the purpose of public hearing as the area is located in private land) with various terms and conditions.

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 28th meeting. The SEIAA after detailed deliberations considered and approved grant of Environmental Clearance to the proposal with following conditions besides the conditions recommended by the SEAC and the General Conditions.

1 The mining should be done manually and no mechanical means such as JCB, Excavators are to be used for Clay extraction.

2 The excavated clay material should be transported in covered vehicles to the brick molding area.

3 Ground Water Level shall have to be assessed and recorded before undertaking the clay excavation operations and report submitted to SEIAA.

4 Latest conditions of the MoEF circulated vide OM No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 24-06-13 which are as follows.

(A) The activity associated with borrowing/excavation of 'brick earth' and 'ordinary earth' for purpose of brick manufacturing, construction of roads, embankments etc. shall not involve blasting.

i. The borrowing/excavation activity shall be restricted to a maximum depth of 2 m below general ground level at the site.

ii. The borrowing/excavation activity shall be restricted to 2 m above the of the ground water table at the site.

iii. The borrowing/excavation activity shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.

iv. The borrowing/excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s).

v. Appropriate fencing all around the borrowed/excavated pit shall be made to prevent any mishap.

vi. Measures shall be taken to prevent dust emission by covering of borrowing/excavated earth during the transportation.

vii. Safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to borrowing/excavation of earth.

viii. Workers / labourers shall be provided with facilities for drinking water and sanitation.

ix. A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation.

x. A minimum distance of 15 m from any civil structure shall be kept from the periphery of any excavation area.
xi. The concerned SEIAA while considering granting environmental clearance for such activity for brick earth / ordinary earth will prescribe the guidelines as stated at (1) to (11) above and specify that the clearance so granted shall be liable to be cancelled in case of any violation of above guidelines.

(B) Notwithstanding what has been stated at (a) above, the following will apply:

i. No borrowing of earth / excavation of 'brick earth' or 'ordinary earth' shall be permitted in case the area of borrowing/excavation is within 1 km of boundary of national parks and wild life sanctuaries.

ii. In case the area of borrowing/excavation is likely to result into a cluster situation i.e if the periphery of one borrow area is less than 500 m from the periphery of another borrow area and the total borrow area equals or exceeds 5 ha, the activity shall become Category 'B1' Project under the EIA Notification, 2006. In such a case, mining operations in any of the borrow areas in the cluster will be allowed only if the environmental clearance has been obtained in respect of the cluster.

The Proposal of M/s. Clay mining for Brick kiln of M/s Honey Brick Kiln, Village-Kharvali P.O. Mubarkpur, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una, H.P. was considered and approved for grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions recommended by the SEAC & SEIAA besides the general conditions and the latest conditions of the MoEF circulated vide OM No. L-11011/47/2011-IA.II(M) dated 24-06-13

2.2 Mining/Collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher, Village Manoh, P.O. Karota, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.-Hamirpur, H.P. at Tikka Jahu Kalan, Mauja Mewa Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P.

ToRs for the proposal for Mining/Collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 450-07 Kanals in the Government land in Khasra No. 64, 1620/1007, 1925/1025, 1025/1 Min, 64 Min, 1025/1 Min, 1181/63 min, 1600/1003min,32/1025. Stone extraction capacity is 38600 MT/annum were fixed in the 21st meeting. Public hearing of the project was held on 10-07-13.

The Proposal was again taken up by the SEAC in its 29th meeting after the proponent submitted the EIA/EMP. The SEAC after considering and deliberating on the information/facts placed before it, recommended the matter to SEIAA for environment clearance as Category B-1 with various terms and conditions.
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 28th meeting. The SEIAA after detailed deliberations considered and approved grant of Environmental Clearance to the proposal on the conditions recommended by the SEAC and the General Conditions.

The Proposal of Mining/Collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher, Village Manoh, P.O. Karota, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P. at Tikka Jahu Kalan, Mauja Mewa Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P. was considered and approved for grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions recommended by the SEAC besides the general conditions.

2.3 Mining/Collection of sand, stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher, Village Manoh, P.O. Karota, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P. at Mauja Mewa Tikka Jahu Khurad and Tikka Badehar, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P.

ToRs for the proposal for Mining/Collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 801.05 Kanals in the Government land in Khasra No. 801-05 Kanals in the Government Land in Khasra No. 1866/1732, 1879/1841, 1740/870 min, 882 min, 1881/1826 min, 1516, 1859/1525, 1524, 1848/1521, 2133/1810, 1837 min, 2156/1849, 1848, 1847, 1881/1826 min, 882 min, 1866/1732 min, 1740/870 min, 1897/1816 min at Mauja-Mewa, Tikka Jahu Khurad and Tikka Badehar, Tehsil-Bhoranj, Distt-Hamirpur H.P. with Stone extraction capacity is 48,720 MT Stone extraction capacity is 48720 MT/annum were fixed in the 21st meeting. Public hearing of the project was held on 10-07-13.

The Proposal was again taken up by the SEAC in its 29th meeting after the proponent submitted the EIA/EMP. The SEAC after considering and deliberating on the information/facts placed before it, recommended the matter to SEIAA for environment clearance as Category B-1 project with various terms and conditions.

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 28th meeting. The SEIAA after detailed deliberations considered and approved grant of Environmental Clearance to the proposal with the observation that the EMP cost of the project proposal shall stand revised to Rs. 33.5 lakhs from Rs. 31.5 lakhs besides the conditions recommended by the SEAC and the General Conditions.
The Proposal of Mining/ Collection of sand, stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit of M/s Sanjay Chauhan Stone Crusher, Village Manoh, P.O. Karota, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P. at Mauja Mewa Tikka Jahu Khurad and Tikka Bdehar, Tehsil Bhoranj, Distt.- Hamirpur, H.P. was considered and approved for grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions recommended by the SEAC besides the general conditions

ITEM NO.3: Action taken report on the Decisions/ recommendations of the 15th meeting of the SEIAA on the other issues:

The authority took note of the action taken report on the decisions taken in its 15th meeting and made following observations.

1 It was informed by the Member Secretary SEIAA that the matter of Bahra University is being processed according to the OM No. J-11013/4/2006-IA-III(i) dated 12-12-12 of MOEF, GOI. The project proponents have complied with the condition in para 5(i) and further has been taken up according to para 5(ii) and subsequent action will be as per para 6 of the OM. Member Secretary PCB has been repeatedly requested for furnishing details of the violations by the proponents. The SEIAA took note of the action taken and observed that there could be similar violations by the other universitites/ institutions. The Authority desired that the Government of H.P. may be asked to take a decision in the matter preferably within 15 days. It was also decided that in the meanwhile clarification with regard to inclusion of approach roads and open service areas such as pavements and open parking in the built up area be sought from MoEF, GoI.

2 On the action taken report with regard to previous decisions, the Authority desired that all pending issues if any in which the Authority had approved clearance but the environment clearance letters were not issued should be brought to its notice. The SEIAA was apprised that no other case except for Bahra University is lying pending with the Department.

3 With regard to covering Hydro Electric Project between 5 to 25 MW, the Authority desired that the issue be pursued to its logical ends.

4 The SEIAA after going through the communication received from the Director, Industries, GOHP observed that the spirit of their view point has not been understood in right perspective. It was decided that a suggestive note be sent to Director, Industries to at least have the demand assessment area wise done in respect of Stone, Aggregate & Sand for use of buildings/roads( other than projects) so that optimum requirement of the total inputs could be worked out. Such an exercise would facilitate the decision for location of the Stone

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Crushers as well as help in putting a check on the over-exploitation of mineral resources in certain areas.

5 The SEIAA observed that PWD should be asked to dovetail the provision of dumping sites in their planning process in a manner not only to accommodate the muck generated during road construction but also to accommodate debris in the event of landslides. It also desired that issues related to specific cases, where dumping sites has reached saturation levels or have given away for some reason or the other, the concerned department or agency be asked in writing to identify new dumping sites. The SEIAA specifically desired that the Principal Secretary and Director, Urban Development be approached for identification of proper sites for dumping of building waste materials as the stacking of building waste in the outskirts of the town/city gives an ugly look. This communication be also endorsed to all the Deputy Commissioners for appropriate actions.

Any other item with the permission of Chair:-

The Authority was appraised that the Environmental Clearance was granted to M/s Thakur enterprises vide letter F.No.HPSEIAA/2011/-Thakur Stone Crusher dated 03-07-13, Mauja Choki Minar, Mohal Baduhi, Tehsil Bangana, Distt. Una for mining of Sand, Stone and Bajri in view of the recommendations made by the SEAC in its 28th meeting after deliberating on the representation of the proponents contesting the reported violations and in consideration of the decision of the SEIAA in its 15th meeting authorizing the Member Secretary to issue Environment Clearance in favour of the Unit.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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