PROCEEDINGS OF 20TH MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

The 20th meeting of the State level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held in the Conference Hall of the office of the Director, Environment, Science & Technology, Paryavaran Bhawan, Near US Club, Shimla-171001 on 8th January, 2015 at 12:00 Noon. During the meeting the project proposals taken up by the SEIAA in its 19th meeting held on 15th February, 2014, and project proposals recommended by the SEAC for grant of Environmental Clearance in its 361st meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014 were discussed in details.

Deliberations and Decisions of SEIAA as per Agenda Items:

Item No. 1: Welcome of new SEIAA with introduction on SEIAA procedures - a 5 Minutes Power Point Presentation.

The Member Secretary, SEIAA, extended his warm welcome to the Chairperson and the Member of the Authority. With the permission of Chair a power point presentation was made on the procedures of SEIAA constitution, function and process etc.

Item No. 2: Discussions on the Minutes of the 19th Meeting of SEIAA held on 15.02.2014.

The Authority discussed the Minutes of 19th meeting of SEIAA held on 15.02.2014 and confirmed the minutes of 19th meeting of SEIAA.

Item No. 3: List of projects to whom Environment Clearance had been granted by SEIAA in its 19th Meeting held on 15/02/2014 (Minutes at Annexure ‘A’) but letter of Environment Clearance could not be issued due to expiry of tenure of SEIAA.


The proposal is for mining/collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 4-44-00 Hectares in the private land in Khasra No. 60111 at Mohal- Batlahu, Mauza-Dhatwal, Tehsil-Barsar, Distt. Hamirpur H.P with mineral extraction capacity is 28,600 TPA.

"The Authority in its 19th Meeting [at Item No. 2.8] approved grant of EC in favour of the project proponent subject to the condition that proponents shall produce revised certificate of the Mining Officer w.r.t. existence of other mining leases with total area within 500 mts. of the periphery of the lease under consideration as per records of the Mining Department of the area. The
proponents shall also give details of the plantation and species to be planted. These are in addition to the terms recommended by the SEAC in its 34th meeting held on 17th December 2013”.

In pursuance to the directions of SEIAA the project proponent has submitted the desired details of plantation & species to be planted besides the certificate from Mining Officer.

After perusal of the document and in view of the clarification of the Mining Department Authority (SEIAA) approved permission for issuance of Environment Clearance letter in favour of the proposal as per the decision taken by SEIAA in its 19th Meeting held on 15/02/2014.


The proposal is for River Bed mining for Sand, Stone and Bajri over an area of 59-00 Bighas or 4.93 hectare (private land) in Khasra No. 638/613/590/188/8 at Mauza Mohakampur Nawada, Tehsil, Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour, H.P. Mining capacity is 53760 TPA.

“The Authority in its 19th Meeting [at Item No. 2.14] approved grant of EC in favour of the project proponent subject to the condition that proponents shall produce certificate of the concerned Mining Officer w.r.t. existence of other mining leases with total area within 500 mts. of the periphery of the lease under consideration besides terms as recommended by the SEAC in its 35th meeting held on 23rd January 2014.”

In pursuance to the directions of SEIAA the project proponent has submitted the desired document i.e. certificate from Mining Officer.

After perusal of the document and in view of the clarification of the Mining Department Authority (SEIAA) approved permission for issuance of Environment Clearance letter in favour of the proposal as per the decision taken by SEIAA in its 19th Meeting held on 15/02/2014.


The proposal is for River Bed Mining for Sand, Stone and Bajri over an area of 18-18 Bighas or 1.51 hectare (private land) in Khasra No. 486/332/148 at Mauza Rampur Ghat, Tehsil, Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour, H.P. Mining capacity is 14,888 TPA.

“The Authority in its 19th Meeting [at Item No. 2.15] approved grant of EC in favour of the project proponent subject to the condition that proponents shall produce certificate of the concerned Mining Officer w.r.t. existence of other mining leases with total area within 500 mts. of the periphery of the lease under consideration besides terms as recommended by the SEAC in its 35th meeting held on 23rd January 2014.”

In pursuance to the directions of SEIAA the project proponent has submitted the desired document i.e. certificate from Mining Officer.

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After perusal of the document and in view of the clarification of the Mining Department Authority (SEIAA) approved permission for issuance of Environment Clearance letter in favour of the proposal as per the decision taken by SEIAA in its 19th Meeting held on 15/02/2014.


Proposal is for river bed mining of Sand, Stone and Bajri over an area of 4-87-72 Hectare (private land) in Khasra Nos. 1749, 1751 & 1763 at Mauza & Mohal Oel, Tehsil Amb, District Una (H.P). Mining capacity is 28,305 TPA.

"The Authority in its 19th Meeting [at Item No. 2.17] approved grant of EC in favour of the project proponent subject to the condition that proponents shall produce certificate of the concerned Mining Officer w.r.t. existence of other mining leases with total area within 500 mts. of the periphery of the lease under consideration besides terms as recommended by the SEAC in its 35th meeting held on 23rd January 2014."

In pursuance to the directions of SEIAA the project proponent has submitted the desired document i.e. certificate from Mining Officer.

After perusal of the document and in view of the clarification of the Mining Department Authority (SEIAA) approved permission for issuance of Environment Clearance letter in favour of the proposal as per the decision taken by SEIAA in its 19th Meeting held on 15/02/2014.

Item No. 4: Consideration of the projects for grant of Environment Clearance as recommended by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014 (Minutes at Annexure 'B')


Proposal is for River Bed mining for Sand, Stone and Bajri over an area of 31-8 Kanals or 01-20-32 Hectare (Private Land) in Khasra No. 25/1 at Mauza Jangal Rajgeer, Mohal Sachuhi, Tehsil Sujanpur District Hamirpur H.P. Mining capacity is 50.500 MT for the leased period of 5 Years as indicated in forms by the applicant. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries.

Proponent has submitted certificate from DFO Hamirpur informing that there is no National park, Sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, wildlife Corridors, Tiger/Elephant reserves within 10 Km of Mining lease area. Proponent has also submitted a certificate from Mining officer, Hamirpur of date 20-02-14 certifying that there is no mining lease within 1000 mtrs. of the mining lease area granted to Sh. Raj at Thakur, village Chnajyar P.O. Dhawali Tehsil Sakaghat Distt. Mandi. H.P.

It was observed that the key plan submitted by the unit in EIA/EMP is showing area of Madhya Pradesh, there are discrepancies in the data bases on flora and Fauna etc. approved working cum EMP and Environment
Management Plan is also not submitted. In view of above project proponent submitted revised key plan, approved working cum EMP along with drawings. certificate of local officials of forest department on flora and fauna and revised EMP.

The unit has submitted EIA/EMP report and gave a presentation on the project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The committee has also deliberated and examined the notification dated 9-09-13 and subsequent guidelines issued vide office memorandum No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before committee recommend the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 (only for the purpose of public hearing) with the specific conditions besides general conditions.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and with terms and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014


The proponent apprised the SEAC that there are mining leases within 500 mtrs. of the lease area and some of mining lease holders have already applied for grant of Environmental Clearance to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India.

The Committee is of the view that there is concentration of mining activity in the entire area including the area in Chakki River and its tributaries between Kandwal to Lodhwan and bridge on the Pathankot- Jallandar GT road. The committee further observed that the integrated environment management plan for this entire area is essential. Committee also perused the amendment in EIA Notification No. 2731 (E) dated 09-09-2013 and subsequent OM No. J-13012112/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13 issued by the Ministry of Env.& Forests. It observed that all the leases in the entire area cannot be within the competence of SEAC/SEIAA and an integrated environment management plan covering all impacted issues cannot be incorporated by the SEAC/SEIAA due to proximity of the interstate boundary and intensity of mining activities in the area.

After detailed deliberations the committee unanimously decided to recommend for consideration and approval of SEIAA that the lease applications of environmental clearance in Chakki & its tributaries in the areas in Chakki khad and its tributaries 1 km. upstream of the bridge on Mandi-Pathankot National Highway and 3 kms. downstream of railway bridge on Pathankot-Jallandar section should be dealt with at one level i.e. at the level of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India to take holistic view of the entire area and the environment. social, infrastructural and other issues.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved that the matter be referred to Govt. of India for further necessary action as per the recommendations of SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.
4.3 River Bed Mining of Stone, Bajri and Sand Prop. Sh. Shiv Dass of Shiv Dass Stone Crusher at Village Chokhang, P.O. Mooring Tehsil- Keylong, Distt. Lahaul Spiti (H.P.) at Mauza/ Mohal, Chokhang, P.O. Moorang, Tehsil Keylong Sub Tehsil Udaipur District Lahaul Spiti, H.P.

Proposal is for River Bed mining for Sand, Stone and Bajri over an area of 16-16-00 Bighas or 01-21-52 Hectare (Private Land) in Khasra No. 69,70,71 & 72 at Mohal/Mauza Chokhang of sub Tehsil Udaipur, Distt. Lahaul & Spiti. H.P. Mining capacity is 31,200 MT for the leased period of 5 Years as indicated in forms by the applicant. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved. Mining has been sanctioned by the State Government, Department of Industries.

The proponent has submitted a certificate dated 13-11-2013 from Mining Officer Keylong, indicating that there is no mining lease existing within the radius of 500 mtrs. of the proposed mining lease area. Unit has also submitted a certificate dated 4-03-13 from DFO, Lahaul that there is no wild life sanctuary within radius of 20 Km from the applicant mining lease area.

The unit has submitted EIA /EMP report and copy of approved working cum EMP gave a presentation on the project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The committee has also deliberated and examined the notification dated 9-09-13 and subsequent guidelines issued vide office memorandum No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and the facts placed before committee recommend the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 with the specific conditions besides general conditions.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and with terms and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.


The proponent apprised the SEAC that there are mining leases within 500 mtrs. of the lease area and some of mining lease holders have already applied for grant of Environmental Clearance to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt of India.

The Committee is of the view that there is concentration of mining activity in the entire area including the area in Chakki River and its tributaries between Kandwal to Lodhwan and bridge on the Pathankot- Jallandar GT road. The committee further observed that the integrated environment management plan for this entire area is essential. Committee also perused the amendment in EIA Notification No. 2731 (E) dated 09-09-2013 and subsequent OM No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13 issued by the Ministry of Env.& Forests. It observed that all the leases in the entire area cannot be within the competence of SEAC/SEIAA and an integrated environment management plan covering all impacted issues cannot be incorporated by the SEAC/SEIAA.
due to proximity of the interstate boundary and intensity of mining activities in the area.

After detailed deliberations, the committee unanimously decided to recommend for consideration and approval of SEIAA that the lease applications of environmental clearance in Chakki & its tributaries in the areas in Chakki khad and its tributaries 1 km. upstream of the bridge on Mandi-Pathankot National Highway and 3 kms. downstream of railway bridge on Pathankot-Jallandar section should be dealt with at one level i.e. at the level of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India to take holistic view of the entire area and the environment, social, infrastructural and other issues.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved that the matter be referred to Govt. of India for further necessary action as per the recommendations of SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.


Proposal is for Collection/ Extraction of Minor Minerals (Stone, sand & bajri) over an area of 3-05-43 Ha. (private land, River Bed) in Khasra 1672 & 1752 at Mauza Tatehra of Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una (H.P.) as per details in approved working cum EMP submitted from Department of Industries. Mining capacity is 350 MTPD as indicated in forms by the applicant. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved.

Project proponent has submitted a certificate dated 27-09-13 from Naib Tehsildar, Una stating that the distance from mining lease of above said crusher to mining lease of M/s Bharat Stone Crusher is 800 mtrs. and distance from mining lease of M/s Krishna Stone crusher is 600 mtrs. In view of this certificate there is no mining lease within the periphery of 500 mtrs. of this lease area.

It has been observed in EIA report that there are discrepancies in the data bases on flora and fauna etc. SEAC observed the issues and found that data base of Flora and Fauna. Revised application form was submitted with all the details and was taken on record.

The unit has submitted EIA/EMP report and gave a presentation on the project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The committee has also deliberated and examined the notification dated 9-09-13 and subsequent guidelines issued vide office memorandum No. J-13012112/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before committee recommend the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 (only for the purpose of public hearing) with the specific conditions besides general Conditions.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and with terms and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.
4.6 Collection/extraction of Minor Minerals (Stone, sand & bajri) Prop. Sh. Pawan Kumar of M/s Bhandral Stone Crusher village Gagwal, P.O. Bhadroya, Tehsil, Nurpur at Mauza Lodhwan, Mohal Tipri, Tehsil Nurpur, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)

The proponent apprised the SEAC that there are mining leases within 500 mtrs. of the lease area and some of mining lease holders have already applied for grant of Environmental Clearance to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt of India.

The Committee is of the view that there is concentration of mining activity in the entire area including the area in Chakki River and its tributaries between Kandwal to Lodhwan and bridge on the Pathankot- Jallandar GT road. The committee further therefore observed that the integrated environment management plan for this entire area is essential. Committee also perused the amendment in EIA Notification No. 2731 (E) dated 09-09-2013 and subsequent OM No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(1) dated 24-12-13 issued by the Ministry of Env.& Forests. It observed that all the leases in the entire area cannot be within the competence of SEAC/SEIAA and an integrated environment management plan covering all impacted issues cannot be incorporated by the SEAC/SEIAA due to proximity of the interstate boundary and intensity of mining activities in the area.

After detailed deliberations, the committee unanimously decided to recommend for consideration and approval of SEIAA that the lease applications of environmental clearance in Chakki & its tributaries in the areas in Chakki khad and its tributaries 1km upstream of the bridge on Mandi-Pathankot National Highway and 3 kms downstream of railway bridge on Pathankot-Jallandar section should be dealt with at one level i.e. at the level of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India to take holistic view of the entire area and the environment, social, infrastructural and other issues.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved that the matter be referred to Govt. of India for further necessary action as per the recommendations of SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.


Proposal is for Mining of Minor Minerals (Stone, sand & bajri) over an area of 0.5829 Ha. i.e. 7-04-01 Bighas (private land, Hill slope) in Khasra 128 at Mauza Sari/334, in Tehsil Sadar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) as per details given in the mining permission by the Industries Department. Mining capacity is 1,71,00 Metric ton per annum as indicated in forms by the applicant. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved. Grant Order of mining has been sanctioned by the Industries Department.

It has been observed in EIA/ prefeasibility report that there are discrepancies in the data bases on flora and fauna etc. SEAC deliberated and discussed the issue.

In view of simplification done in the procedure of Environmental clearance by MoEF, Govt. of India vide notification dated 24-12-13 the proponent himself presented the project for appraisal and Committee appreciated. The unit has submitted Pre Feasibility report and gave a presentation on the project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on the Environmental Impact
Assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The committee has also deliberated and examined the notification dated 9-09-13 and subsequent guidelines issued vide office memorandum No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before committee recommend the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 with the specific conditions besides general Conditions.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and with terms and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.


Proposal is for Mining of Minor Minerals (Sand, Stone & Bajri) over an area of 24 Bighas i.e. 2 Ha (private land, River bed) in Khasra 53/2 at Mauza Ganguwal of Tehsil Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmaur H.P. Mining capacity is 13,800 TPA as indicated in forms. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved.

Unit has submitted a letter from Rural Revenue Officer dated 30-09-13 certifying that there is no other mining lease within the distance of 500 mtrs. It has been observed in EIA report that there are discrepancies in the data bases on flora and fauna etc. SEAC observed that Sal one prominent species is not mentioned in the list. As per the guidelines issued by MoEF, Govt. of India of date 24-12-13 approved mining plan was not submitted with EIA report, so project proponent submitted the same during deliberations which was taken on record by the committee.

The unit has submitted EIA/EMP report and gave a presentation on the project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The committee has also deliberated and examined the notification dated 9-09-13 and subsequent guidelines issued vide office memorandum No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(I) dated 24-12-13. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before committee recommend the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 (Only for the purpose of Public Hearing) with the specific conditions besides general conditions.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and with terms and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.


Proposal is for Mining of Minor Minerals (Stone & Sand) over an area of 12-10 Bighas (Govt. Diverted land, Hill Slope) in Tukkra No-1 at Mauza/Mohal

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Proposal is for Mining of Minor Minerals (Stone) over an area of 2-23-17 Ha. (Private land. Hill Slope) in Khasra No-77/l, 105,106.117 and 118 at Mauza Up Mohal Tipra (Gumma) Pargna Bhaget, in Tehsil Kasauli, distt. Solan H.P. as per details in mining permission given by State Government, Mining capacity is 11.700 TPA as indicated in forms by the applicant. Applicant has mentioned in the application that no forest land is involved.

Unit has submitted a letter from DFO, Solan dated 12-02-14 certifying that no sanctuary area falls within in radius of 10 km from the site of M/s Ganpati Stone Crusher. Unit has also submitted the certificate from Mining Officer, Solan dated 13-02-2014 certifying that there is no other mining lease granted by the department in and around 1 km from above granted area.

It has been observed in EIA report that there are discrepancies in the data bases on flora and fauna etc.

The unit has submitted Prefeasibility report and gave a presentation on the project before the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Management Plan. The committee has also deliberated and examined the notification dated 9-09-13 and subsequent guidelines issued vide office memorandum No. J-13012/12/2013-IA-II(1) dated 24-12-13. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before committee recommend the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 with the specific conditions besides general conditions.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and with terms and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.
and conditions as has been imposed by the SEAC in its 36th meeting held on 25th & 26th February, 2014.

Deliberations and Decisions of SEIAA as per Supplementary Agenda Items:

Item No. S-1: Consideration of the project for issuance of corrigendum w.r.t correction of project location which was inadvertently mentioned as “I&PH Division, Hamirpur, District. Hamirpur, H.P” instead of “C/o Medium Irrigation Project Nadaun Area” in Environment Clearance issued vide EC Letter No. HPSEIAA/2010/83-1605 dated 11/07/2011 as per recommendation accorded by SEIAA in its 9th Meeting held on 10th June, 2011 at Item No. 4.1

S-1.1 Medium Irrigation Project, Tehsil Nadaun, Distt. Hamirpur, H.P.

It is observed that the project name and location has been mentioned in the applicant forms was inadvertently written as “I&PH Division, Hamirpur, District. Hamirpur, H.P” in SEAC/SEIAA proceedings.

After due diligence the Authority rectified the address/ location and approved the issuance of the Corrigendum accordingly.

Item No. S-2: Consideration of the projects for grant of Environment Clearance as project proponents submitted the documents as per the decision of SEIAA in its 19th Meeting held on 15th February, 2014 (Minutes at Annexure-‘A’), 18th Meeting held on 9th December, 2013 (Minutes at Annexure-‘D’) & 17th Meeting held on 18th November, 2013 (Minutes at Annexure-‘C’)


Proposal is for mining of Sand, Stone and Bajri over an area of over an area of 28 Kanals (private land) in Khasra No.1739/870/1 (10-00 Kanal) & 183611615 (9-00 Kana l) & 183 7 /1615 (9-00 Kanai) at Mauza Mewa, Mohal Tikas Jahu Khurd of Tehsil Bhoranj, District Hamirpur (H.P) Mining capacity is 50750 MT as indicated by the proponent.

The SEIAA in its 19th Meeting observed that the documents submitted by the proponents are not in line with the earlier directions of the SEIAA and the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment dated 24th December 2013. It was decided that the Mining Department be asked to specify the total area of the current (including non-operational) leases in the area. The matter may be put up to the SEIAA in the next meeting.

In pursuance to the directions of SEIAA the Mining Department has submitted the desired document i.e. letter from Mining Officer, Hamirpur regarding mining leases sanctioned within 500 meters.

After perusal of the information given by Mining Officer, Hamirpur Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of project proponent.

Proposal is for mining of Minor Minerals from River over an area of over an area of 27-19 Kanals (private land) in Khasra No.2164/1862(05-02 Kanal), 2169/1863 (4-17 Kanal), 2165/1862 (08-00 Kanal), 2166/1862 (05-00 Kanal) & 2168/1863 (05-00 Kanal) at Mauza Mewa, Mohal Tika Badehr of Tehsil Bohoranj, District Hamirpur (H.P). Stone extraction capacity is 44650 MT for the leased period of five years as indicated in Project.

The SEIAA in its 19th Meeting observed that the documents submitted by the proponents are not in line with the earlier directions of the SEIAA and the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment dated 24th December 2013. It was decided that the Mining Department be asked to specify the total area of the current (including non-operational) leases in the area. The matter may be put up to the SEIAA in the next meeting.

In pursuance to the directions of SEIAA the Mining Department has submitted the desired document i.e. letter from Mining Officer, Hamirpur regarding mining leases sanctioned within 500 meters.

After perusal of the information given by Mining Officer, Hamirpur Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of project proponent.

S-2.3 M/s Bhagwati Enterprises, VPO Jhamber, Tehsil & Distt. Una, HP

Proposal is for clay mining for the Brick Kiln over an area of 0.2634 hectare in Khewat No. 61 Khataun No. 102, Khasra No. 1309/10 and 1313/11 at VPO Jhamber, Tehsil & Distt. Una, HP. Clay extraction capacity will be approx 3000 m³ to produce 5 lakhs bricks per annum as proposed.

SEAC in its 32nd Meeting examined the proposal in view of MoEF, GoI, Office Memo. No. L-11011/47/2011 IA.II (M) dated 24/6/2013 that the unit does not require preparation of EIA/EMP. The clay mining area is less than 5 hectares, the SEAC categorized the project as B-2. The committee after considering the deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before the committee recommended the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-2 with terms conditions.

Authority (SEIAA) in its 17th Meeting held on 18th November, 2013 advised the proponent to submit the letter of intent issued by the Industries Department for approval of mining operation before consideration by the SEIAA.

The Authority (SEIAA) deferred the matter, as the proponent was absent in 18th Meeting of SEIAA held on 9th December, 2013.

In pursuance to the advice of SEIAA the Industry Department has submitted the desired document i.e. letter of intent.

After perusal of the information given by State Geologist, Department of Industries the Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of project proponent.
S-2.4 Mining/collection of Sand, Stone & Bajri for the stone crushing Unit
M/s Mahavir Stone Crusher, VPO-Takarla, Tehsil- Amb, Distt- Una (H.P) at Mohal- Shiv Nagar, Mauja- Takrala, Tehsil- Amb, Distt- DNA (H.P)

The proposal is for mining/collection of Sand, Stone and Bajri for the Stone Crushing Unit over an area of 09-48-73 Hectares (private land) in Khasra No. 1166, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1216 Mohal- Shiv Nagar, Mauza-Takrala, Tehsil-Amb, Distt-Urna H.P with stone extraction capacity 40500 MT/Annum (maximum) were fixed by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India.

The proposal was placed before the SEAC in its 30th Meeting. The proponent gave an undertaking that plantation shall be done on both sides of bank in the length of 2 km including vegetative measures. The proponent also submitted a revised EMP with capital cost of 23.5 lakhs and recurring expenditure of Rs. 5.4 lakhs/Annum. The proponent also agreed to take up CSR measures with capital cost Rs.2.00 lakhs and recurring expenditure of Rs. 95000/annum. The committee after considering and deliberating on the information submitted and facts placed before the committee recommended the matter to SEIAA for environmental clearance as category B-1 with terms and conditions. As per the observations made by the SEIAA in its 17th meeting the proponent has furnished their revised EMP enhancing the Plantation cost component to Rs 6.00 lakhs with recurring expenditure of 1.00 lakhs per annum raising the total EMP cost to Rs 26.05 lakhs as capital & Rs 5.04 lakhs as recurring cost per annum. The Authority recommended EC to the proponent with a condition that the EC letter shall be issued after the project proponent submits letter of intent from Industries Department for revision of lease deed.

The Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of the project proponents on the recommendation and terms and conditions imposed by the SEAC in its 30th meeting with a stipulation that EC letter shall be issued after the project proponent submits letter of intent from Industries Department for revision of lease deed.

In pursuance to the decision of SEIAA the Industry Department has submitted the desired document i.e. letter of intent.

After perusal of the information given by State Geologist, Department of Industries the Authority (SEIAA) approved the grant of Environment Clearance in favour of project proponent.

General Observations:

a) Authority felt that the sitting fee of to Non-official Chairman/ Members of the Authority/ Committee for attending the meeting of SEIAA & SEAC which was fixed Rupees 3,000/- per day as per norms fixed by Govt. of India in the year 2007 is not adequate since the geographical conditions of the state of Himachal Pradesh is very tough, and, it was decided to recommend increase in sitting fee up to Rs. 10,000/- may be submitted to the Government for consideration, as in other government undertaking like SJVN sitting fee of Rs. 18,000/- is given to the Directors (Non-official).
b) The Environment Clearances to the projects are being deliberated and approved on the basis of recommendations of SEAC and information submitted by the project proponent. The pending proposals could not be processed in time because of non-existence of SEIAA/SEAC. However in future, the proposals recommended by SEAC for EC to the Authority shall be considered after taking a presentation from project proponents especially EMP.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.

Approved and Signed by:-

(A.K. Lal)   (Prof. Rajnish Shrivastava)   (Sh. Prem Kumar)
Member Secretary   Member   Chairperson
HPSEIAA   HPSEIAA   HPSEIAA