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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
West Bengal
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject: **11th meeting of SEIAA (Reconstituted on 17.05.2023)**
Venue:- **Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106**
From :- **04 August 2023**
To :- **04 August 2023**

(1) Proposed expansion of Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital at Premises No. 8/5, Alipore Road, P.O. & P.S. – Alipore, under Ward No. – 74 & Borough - IX of Kolkata Municipal Corporation (K.M.C.), Kolkata – 700027, West Bengal by **M/s. Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/INFRA2/402657/2022, File No. : EN/T-II-1/054/2022, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/INFRA2/402657/2022** dated **10 October 2022** seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **8(a) Building / Construction** projects under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance during its 60th meeting held on 28.12.2022.

The PP appeared for a hearing before SEIAA on 08.06.2023 and gave a presentation to SEIAA. SEIAA decided to refer the matter to the Forest Department for clarification regarding the provision of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006 and the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007 pertaining to this particular case. SEIAA also requested the PP to seek and submit a legal opinion as per the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts and Rules.

The PP uploaded their reply on 08.07.2023. SEIAA considered the submission uploaded by the project proponent in its 9th meeting held on 20.07.2023 and the case was deferred for further consideration till receipt of valued opinion from Forest Dept.

Clarification from the Department of Forests vide letter No. 1275-For/FR/O/G/6C-24/2016 dated 03.08.2023 has been received on 03.08.2023. The copy of the letter is attached as annexure 1.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Kolkata

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the clarification received from the Department of Forests vide letter No. 1275-For/FR/O/G/6C-24/2016 dated 03.08.2023 wherein it is mentioned "Since the DFO, South 24 – Parganas has already approved the Plantation Plan of the Project Proponent, and considering that the Project relates to the social / health infrastructure sector, SEIAA may take a suitable decision in the matter." Now SEIAA is in consideration of the clarification received from the Forest Department endorsing the Plantation Plan approved by the DFO in the instant case and decided to accept this particular health project proposal. This should not be taken as precedence for any other project in future.

Considering the recommendation of SEAC, submissions from the project proponent and clarification received from the Forest Department, SEIAA recommended the project proposal for EC.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved based on the Building Permit No. 2022090043 dated 15.07.2022 issued by the KMC.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

(2) Proposed Gangarampur Sand Mine (MIN_DD_27) over an area of 2.94 ha (7.26 acres) on the Punarbhava River at J. L. No. – 28, Plot No. 3499, Mouza – Kathalhat Hossenpur, PS – Gangarampur, District – Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/431888/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/426/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/431888/2023** dated **01 June 2023** seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC, during its 6th meeting held on 05.07.2023, recommended that Environmental Clearance may be granted to the proposed project/ activity with the conditions mentioned below as the additional EC conditions to be complied with. Compliance of these conditions may be reported in the half-yearly EC compliance reports to be submitted:

- a) Status of the need-based activities to be reported during six monthly progress report.
- b) Basic amenities, safety and occupational health examinations for labourers to be provided.
- c) To enhance success/ survival rate the plantation shall be attempted during the first two years of the project life and the plantation so done shall be taken care of during the rest of the project life. Species of the plant selected should be self-sustaining in that particular region.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Dakshin Dinajpur

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for MIN_DD_27 falling within the DSR potential zone code DD_GR_PN_04 is accepted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

(3) Proposed MIN_CB_12 Sand Mine over an area of 4.03 ha on Jaldhaka River at J.L. No.: 21, Plot No.: 12, Mouza: Purba Giladanga, P.S.: Mathabhanga, BlockMathabhanga I, District: Coochbehar, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/422904/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/340/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/422904/2023** dated **23 March 2023** seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC recommended for rejection of the proposed project during its 3rd meeting held on 14.06.2023. Based on the submission made by the PP, the committee after careful consideration and detailed deliberation observed that the project proponent has obtained cluster certificate mentioning that the plot is in cluster with other adjacent plot. Therefore, the present application may be rejected and the PP may, if it so desires, apply afresh for issuance of ToR.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Coochbehar

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and rejected the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The EC application is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

(4) Proposed Bhulka Riverbed Sand & Stone Mining Project over an area of 3.80 ha (9.39 Acres) on the Mechi River at Plot No. – 1(P), 2(P), 3(P) & 4(P), JI No. - 6, Mouza – Bhulka, P.S. – Khoribari, Dist – Darjeeling, West Bengal by **Renu Yadav**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/432764/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/432/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/432764/2023** dated **12 June 2023** seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC recommended for rejection of the proposed project during its 5th meeting held on 28.06.2023. Based on the submission made by the PP, the committee after careful consideration and detailed deliberation observed that the project proponent has obtained non-cluster certificate mentioning that the sand block does not form a cluster with any adjacent sand block. But, the SEAC observed that the proposed project is in cluster with another sand block of M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited - Block ID - MIN_DJ_1 (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/422496/2023). All the documents are in the name of M/s. Excellent India Build Construction, whereas the applicant is Smt. Renu Yadav. Therefore, the SEAC recommended that the present EC application cannot be processed further and the PP should apply afresh for ToR.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Renu Yadav** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Darjeeling

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and rejected the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The EC application is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

(5) Proposed Chabukya River Bed Sand Mine over an area of 3.72 ha (9.19 Acres) on the Subranarekha River at Mouza - Chabukya, J.L. No. - 67, Plot No. - 425(P), P.S. - Sankrail, Dist. - Jhargram, West Bengal by **Sushanta Mondal**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/433208/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/440/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/433208/2023** dated **22 June 2023** seeking environment clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above-mentioned project. The proposed project activity is listed at SL. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC recommended for rejection of the proposed project during its 7th meeting held on 12.07.2023. Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the committee observed that the entire plot area for the proposed project as per the geo-coordinates mentioned in the approved Mining cum Progressive Mine Closure Plan falls within the potential mining zone recorded in the approved District Survey Report (DSR) of Jhargram district. The sand block does not fall within any cluster. However, the SEAC observed that :

- a) The approved Mining Plan with Progressive Mine Closure Plan has been manually erased and corrected without authentication.
- b) The plot area also observed to be in cluster with an adjacent project of M/s. Chakraborty Enterprise - SIA/WB/MIN/426857/2023, which was considered in the 2nd SEAC meeting held on 07.06.2023.
- c) The PP has however, submitted a cluster certificate mentioning that the proposed project is not clustering with any other sand block.
- d) Valid LoI has not been submitted.

Therefore, the SEAC recommended that the present proposal may be rejected. The PP is requested to apply afresh under Terms of Reference.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Sushanta Mondal** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Jhargram

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and rejected the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The EC application is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

II.	CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS
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(1) Proposed Binpur - 1 Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_JH_01_I) over an area of 6.01 ha (14.85 Acres) on the Kangshabati River at Mouza:- Sijua and Asanboni, Plot No. - 1262 & 2, J.L. No. - 572 & 573, P.S. - Lalgah, District: - Jhargram, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/432512/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/430/2023, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/432512/2023** dated **13 June 2023** seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above mentioned proposed project. The proposed project activity is listed at S. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category **B1** of EIA Notification, 2006.

SEAC, during its 5th meeting held on 28.06.2023, recommended issuance of Standard Terms of Reference for EIA preparation for the project with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Jhargram

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/432512/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR.

CONCLUSION

Approved ToR.

(2) Proposed MIN_BNK_57 Sand Mine over an area of 9.21 ha (22.74 Acres) on the Dwarakeswar River at Mouza: Sonatapol, J.L. No.: 75, Plot No.: 1, P.S. & Block - Onda, District: Bankura, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/426845/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/391/2023, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/426845/2023** dated **21 April 2023** seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for

the above mentioned proposed project. The proposed project activity is listed at S. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category **B1** of EIA Notification, 2006.

SEAC, during its 6th meeting held on 05.07.2023, recommended issuance of Standard Terms of Reference for EIA preparation for the project with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Bankura

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/426845/2023**.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR.

CONCLUSION

Approved ToR.

(3) Proposed Bidyapur Sand Mine (Sand Block ID: MIN_BIR_16) over an area of 12.21 ha (30.17 Acres) on the Mayurakshi River at Mouza - Baidyapur, JL. No. - 23, Plot No. - 74(P) & 75(P), P.S - Sainthia, District - Birbhum, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/428128/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/442/2023, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/428128/2023** dated **25 May 2023** seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above mentioned proposed project. The proposed project activity is listed at S. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category **B1** of EIA Notification, 2006.

SEAC, during its 7th meeting held on 12.07.2023, recommended issuance of Standard Terms of Reference for EIA preparation for the project with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Birbhum

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/428128/2023**.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR.

CONCLUSION

Approved ToR.

(4) Proposed Shikarpur Sand Mine (MIN_EBUR_28) over an area of 7.70 ha (19.03 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Shikarpur, Plot No. - 1535(P),1536 (P),1537(P) and ORS, J.L No. – 117, Block – Galsi-II, Dist. – Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/433577/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/443/2023, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/433577/2023** dated **26 June 2023** seeking Terms of reference (TOR) under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 for the above mentioned proposed project. The proposed project activity is listed at S. No. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category **B1** of EIA Notification, 2006.

SEAC, during its 7th meeting held on 12.07.2023, recommended issuance of Standard Terms of Reference for EIA preparation for the project with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited** located in as follows :

S. No.	State	District
(1.)	West Bengal	Purba Bardhaman

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/433577/2023**.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR.

CONCLUSION

Approved ToR.

Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests

No. 1275-For/FR/O/G/6C-24/2016

Date: 03/08/2023

From : Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.

To : The Member Secretary
State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority,
Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal
Pranisampad Bhawan, 5th Floor, LB-2
Sector-III, Salt Lake Kolkata -700 106

Subject : Clarification regarding DFO, South 24-Parganas approved tree plantation plan as per the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007

Reference: Your letter No. 1106/EN/T-II-I/077/2012 (Part-II) dated 12/06/2023

Sir,

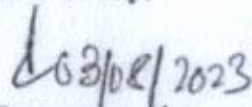
In inviting a reference to the subject mentioned above, I am directed to convey the comments of the Department of Forests as follows:

To harmonise the developmental aspirations of society with the need to protect and conserve trees in non-forest areas, the Department of Forests has taken a decision to review in entirety the existing West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006 and West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007.

Based on the experience of the implementation of the above-mentioned Acts and Rules, one issue is Compensatory Afforestation by a Project Proponent on a land different/separate from the land from which the Project Proponent proposes to undertake the development project. This concept is in vogue across the country in terms of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (where forest land is utilized for non-forest purposes).

Since the DFO, South 24-Parganas has already approved the Plantation Plan of the Project Proponent, and considering that the Project relates to the social / health infrastructure sector, SEIAA may take a suitable decision in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

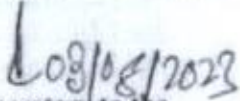
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Date: 03/08/2023

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal
- 2) The Pr. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Department, Govt. of W.B.
- 3) The Sr. P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of W.B


Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal