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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
West Bengal
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject: **36th 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 :- **27 March 2024**
To :- **27 March 2024**

CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed development of a residential & resort complex project comprising of villas, guest rooms alongwith recreational and hospitality facilities at Dag No. - 155, 161 – 164, 210, 399 – 401, 403 - 414, 418 – 420, 422 – 442, 454, 455, 458 - 460, 462 – 505, 513, 578 – 580, 583 – 586, 588 – 597, 604, 605, Mouza - Somsara & Srirampur, P.S. - Dadpur, P.O. – Hanral, Dadpur Gram Panchayat, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN – 712149, West Bengal by **M/s. Purti Hotels and Resorts Private Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/INFRA2/446647/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/533/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/INFRA2/446647/2023** dated **05 October 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. 8(a) Building / Construction projects under Category "B2" of EIA Notification 2006.

SEAC, during its 30th meeting held on 28.02.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. Purti Hotels and Resorts Private Limited** located in as follows :

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

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/INFRA2/446647/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed the following :

- 1. The fresh water requirement 361 kLD, whereas the PP has obtained 3 (three) separate permissions from SWID totaling to 2160 kLD. PP may explain the purpose of these permissions which are almost six times higher than the actual requirement. SEIAA also decided to seek clarification from SWID as ground water abstraction is a serious environmental concern.**

2. The PP has submitted plantation plan approved by Forest Range Officer, Hooghly S.F. Range. SEIAA decided to seek clarification from PP including statutory provision, if any, as to why plantation plan approved by Range Officer has been submitted instead of DFO.
3. The CER proposed by the PP should be recasted with equal distribution of amount year wise. Consent from sufficient number of targeted beneficiaries should be submitted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

Therefore, the application for EC is deferred for additional information.

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

2) Proposed Rolling Mill Plant for MS Round / MS Flat production of capacity 12,000 MTPA at L.R Plot No. 2769, 2770, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2774, 2775, 2776, 2777, 2778, JL No.2, Village: Dakshin Bansai, P.O: Raghunathpur, P.S: Uttarpara, Dist.: Hooghly, PIN – 712245, West Bengal by **M/s. Bamlia Steel Udyog (P) Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/IND1/445085/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/014/2022, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND1/445085/2023** dated **07 October 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP 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. **3(a) Metallurgical Industries (ferrous and non ferrous)** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The project proponent (PP) obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide Memo no. 587/EN/T-II-1/014/2022 dated 06.04.2022 against proposal no. SIA/WB/IND/72437/2022.

SEAC, during its 31st meeting held on 06.03.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with the additional condition that a notice mentioning the compensatory plantation undertaken by the project proponent to be displayed in prominent places for information of the public. The photographs for the site where plantation has been done with appropriate guidelines should be submitted in the six monthly compliance report.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **M/s. Bamlia Steel Udyog (P) Limited** located in as follows :

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

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/IND1/445085/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

3) Proposed Mejia Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_7) over an area of 15.74 ha (38.89 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza: Banjora & Jalanpur; JL. No.: 73 & 74; Plot No.: 2870 & 2053; P.S. – Mejia; Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/455031/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/334/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/455031/2023** dated **11 December 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP 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** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The PP obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide Memo no. 824/EN/T-II-1/334/2023 dated 27.04.2023 against proposal no. SIA/WB/MIN/422907/2023.

SEAC, during its 31st meeting held on 06.03.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with additional conditions.

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	Bankura

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/455031/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for Mejia Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_7) over an area of 15.74 ha (38.89 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza: Banjora & Jalanpur; JL. No.: 73 & 74; Plot No.: 2870 & 2053; P.S. – Mejia; Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited falling within the DSR potential zone code BNK_DA_MJ_18 is accepted with the conditions recommended by SEAC. Also, additionally the PP shall submit geo-tagged photographs regarding the implementation of CER with actual expenses incurred. The CER and plantation will have to be implemented within first two years of starting of mining operation.

The validity of EC will be for 5 years. However, the PP may apply for extension of EC with revised mining plan before expiry of 5 years hence.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

4) Proposed Barjora Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_11) over an area of 16.82 ha (41.56 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Pakhanna Bhairabpur, Plot No. 01, JL No. 57, PS – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/455976/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/332/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/455976/2023** dated **19 December 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP 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** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The PP obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide Memo no. 787/EN/T-II-1/332/2023 dated 25.04.2023 against proposal no. SIA/WB/MIN/422966/2023.

SEAC, during its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with additional conditions.

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	Bankura

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/455976/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for Barjora Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_11) over an area of 16.82 ha (41.56 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Pakhanna Bhairabpur, Plot No. 01, JL No. 57, PS – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited falling within the DSR potential zone code BNK_DA_MJ_20 is accepted with the conditions recommended by SEAC. Also, additionally the PP shall submit geo-tagged photographs regarding the implementation of CER with actual expenses incurred. The CER and plantation will have to be implemented within first two years of starting of mining operation.

The validity of EC will be for 5 years. However, the PP may apply for extension of EC with revised mining plan before expiry of 5 years hence.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

5) Proposed Barjora Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_10) over an area of 9.50 ha (23.47 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Tajpur, Plot No. 1582, JL No. 56, PS – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by **M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited.**

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/455472/2023, File No. : EN/T-II-1/336/2023, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/455472/2023** dated **14 December 2023** along with copies of EIA/EMP 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** projects under Category "**B1**" of EIA Notification 2006.

The PP obtained Terms of References (TORs) issued by SEIAA, West Bengal vide Memo no. 809/EN/T-II-1/336/2023 dated 26.04.2023 against proposal no. SIA/WB/MIN/422801/2023.

SEAC, during its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024, recommended the proposed project for Environmental Clearance with additional conditions.

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	Bankura

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/455472/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the application for Barjora Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_10) over an area of 9.50 ha (23.47 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Tajpur, Plot No. 1582, JL No. 56, PS – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited falling within the DSR potential zone code BNK_DA_BJ_20. is accepted with the conditions recommended by SEAC. Also, additionally the PP shall submit geo-tagged photographs regarding the implementation of CER with actual expenses incurred. The CER and plantation will have to be implemented within first two years of starting of mining operation.

The validity of EC will be for 5 years. However, the PP may apply for extension of EC with revised mining plan before expiry of 5 years hence.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved for EC.

6) Proposed Bherbheri Manabari Sand Mine over an area of 1.21 ha (3.00 Acre) on the Mansai River at J.L. No. 184, Plot No.- 2002(LR), Mouza- Bherbheri Manabari, Block & P.S. Mathabhanga, Dist- Coochbehar, West Bengal by **Ganesh Berman**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/265030/2022, File No. : EN/T-II-1/037/2024, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/265030/2022** dated **31 March 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. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

Thereafter, the proposal submitted without DSR and other mandatory documents was delisted by SEIAA in its 57th meeting held on 29.04.2022. The proposal was again relisted by the PP which was accepted by SEIAA on 28.02.2024 and forwarded to the SEAC for appraisal. SEAC accepted the proposal on 07.03.2024. The PP has submitted their request for withdrawal of the present EC application vide their letter dated 11.03.2024.

SEAC considered the request for withdrawal of the application by the PP in its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024 and decided to recommend the proposal to SEIAA for rejection.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Ganesh Berman** located in as follows :

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

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/265030/2022**.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC as well as withdrawal request letter of the PP hence decided to reject the EC proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

7) Proposed Mahishmuri Sand Mine over an area of 0.24 ha (0.61Acre) on the Dharalar River at J.L. No. 01, Plot No. 4488(LR), Mouza- Mahishmuri, Block & P.S. Sitalkuchi, Dist- Coochbehar, West Bengal by **Jahangir Alam**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/265000/2022, File No. : EN/T-II-1/039/2024, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/265000/2022** dated **31 March 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. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

Thereafter, the proposal submitted without DSR and other mandatory documents was delisted by SEIAA in its 57th meeting held on 29.04.2022. The proposal was again relisted by the PP which was accepted by SEIAA on 28.02.2024 and forwarded to the SEAC for appraisal. SEAC accepted the proposal on 07.03.2024. The PP has submitted their request for withdrawal of the present EC application vide their letter dated 11.03.2024.

SEAC considered the request for withdrawal of the application by the PP in its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024 and decided to recommend the proposal to SEIAA for rejection.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Jahangir Alam** located in as follows :

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

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/265000/2022**.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC as well as withdrawal request letter of the PP hence decided to reject the EC proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

8) Proposed Andaran Panishala Sand Mine over an area of 0.47 ha (1.16 Acre) on the Dharala River at J.L. No. 75, Plot No. 367(LR), Mouza – Andaran Panishala, Block &P.S. Mekhliganj, Dist- Coochbehar, West Bengal by **Afijul Mohammad**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/264956/2022, File No. : EN/T-II-1/036/2024, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/264956/2022** dated **30 March 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. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

Thereafter, the proposal submitted without DSR and other mandatory documents was delisted by SEIAA in its 57th meeting held on 29.04.2022. The proposal was again relisted by the PP which was accepted by SEIAA on 28.02.2024 and forwarded to the SEAC for appraisal. SEAC accepted the proposal on 07.03.2024. The PP has submitted their request for withdrawal of the present EC application vide their letter dated 11.03.2024.

SEAC considered the request for withdrawal of the application by the PP in its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024 and decided to recommend the proposal to SEIAA for rejection.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Afijul Mohammad** located in as follows :

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

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/264956/2022**.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC as well as withdrawal request letter of the PP hence decided to reject the EC proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

9) Proposed Fulbari Sand Mine over an area of 3.17 ha (7.83 Acre) on Jaldhaka River at J.L. No. 15, Plot No. 13631(P), Mouza-Fulbari, P.S. Ghoksadanga, Dist. - Coochbehar, West Bengal by **Mukunda Berman**.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIN/264046/2022, File No. : EN/T-II-1/038/2024, Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/264046/2022** dated **30 March 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. **1(a) Mining of minerals** projects under Category "**B2**" of EIA Notification 2006.

Thereafter, the proposal submitted without DSR and other mandatory documents was delisted by SEIAA in its 57th meeting held on 29.04.2022. The proposal was again relisted by the PP which was accepted by SEIAA on 28.02.2024 and forwarded to the SEAC for appraisal. SEAC accepted the proposal on 07.03.2024. The PP has submitted their request for withdrawal of the present EC application vide their letter dated 11.03.2024.

SEAC considered the request for withdrawal of the application by the PP in its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024 and decided to recommend the proposal to SEIAA for rejection.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Mukunda Berman** located in as follows :

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

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/264046/2022.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC as well as withdrawal request letter of the PP hence decided to reject the EC proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for EC is rejected.

CONCLUSION

Rejected.

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(1) Proposed Srirampur Sand Mine over an area of 2.74 ha (6.77 Acres) on the Damodar River at Plot No: - 1185(P) & ORS., J.L. No. - 80, Mouza: - Srirampur, P.S. - Burdwan, District: - Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal by **Shyamal Singha Roy.**

Proposal no.- SIA/WB/MIN/438985/2023, File no.- EN/T-II-1/029/2024, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/438985/2023** dated **01 November 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 31st meeting held on 06.03.2024, recommended issuance of Standard Terms of Reference for EIA preparation for the project with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Shyamal Singha Roy** 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/438985/2023.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR with the additional condition that the need based activity should be completed within a period of first two years of the project life. The need based activities plan containing year-wise allocation of funds for each of the activities proposed, specific information related to each activity like name of school/institution, location etc and name of Govt. bodies/agencies in collaboration with whom each activity would be executed should be submitted with the EIA Report.

CONCLUSION

Approved for ToR.

(2) Proposed Katna Sand Mine over an area of 2.04 ha. (5.03 acres) on the Dwarakeshwar River at Mouza- Katna, J.L. No.- 79, Plot No.-1047, P.S. - Bishnupur, District – Bankura, West Bengal by **Chanchal Basu.**

Proposal no.- SIA/WB/MIN/74460/2022, File no.- EN/T-II-1/035/2024, Type-ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. **SIA/WB/MIN/74460/2022** dated **05 February 2024** 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 **B** of EIA Notification, 2006.

SEAC, during its 32nd meeting held on 13.03.2024, recommended issuance of Standard Terms of Reference for EIA preparation for the project with additional conditions.

PROJECT DETAILS

The project of **Chanchal Basu** 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/74460/2022.**

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and accepted the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA approved the proposal for ToR with the additional condition that the need based activity should be completed within a period of first two years of the project life. The need based activities plan containing year-wise allocation of funds for each of the activities proposed, specific information related to each activity like name of school/institution, location etc and name of Govt. bodies/agencies in collaboration with whom each activity would be executed should be submitted with the EIA Report.

CONCLUSION

Approved for ToR.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Hearing of petitioner and respondent (12th) with respect to the order of Hon'ble High Court dated 22.02.2024 in WPA (P) 63 of 2024 (Dr. Sankar Ghosh Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.).

A hearing was conducted. Petitioner and the respondent both were present.

List of the projects which were placed before the SEIAA, WB in the thirty sixth meeting held on 27.03.2024 and the Summary Decisions thereof:

Sl. No.	Proposal	Summary Decision
CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE		
1.	Proposed development of a residential & resort complex project comprising of villas, guest rooms alongwith recreational and hospitality facilities at Dag No. - 155, 161 – 164, 210, 399 – 401, 403 - 414, 418 – 420, 422 – 442, 454, 455, 458 - 460, 462 – 505, 513, 578 – 580, 583 – 586, 588 – 597, 604, 605, Mouza - Somsara & Srirampur, P.S. - Dadpur, P.O. – Hanral, Dadpur Gram Panchayat, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN – 712149, West Bengal by M/s. Purti Hotels and Resorts Private Limited. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/INFRA2/446647/2023)	Deferred for additional submission.
2.	Proposed Rolling Mill Plant for MS Round / MS Flat production of capacity 12,000 MTPA at L.R Plot No. 2769, 2770, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2774, 2775, 2776, 2777, 2778, JL No.2, Village: Dakshin Bansai, P.O: Raghunathpur, P.S: Uttarpara, Dist.: Hooghly, PIN – 712245, West Bengal by M/s. Bamlia Steel Udyog (P) Limited. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/IND1/445085/2023)	Approved for Environmental Clearance
3.	Proposed Mejia Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_7) over an area of 15.74 ha (38.89 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza: Banjora & Jalanpur; JL. No.: 73 & 74; Plot No.: 2870 & 2053; P.S. – Mejia; Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/455031/2023)	Approved for Environmental Clearance
4.	Proposed Barjora Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_11) over an area of 16.82 ha (41.56 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Pakhanna Bhairabpur, Plot No. 01, JL No. 57, PS – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/455976/2023)	Approved for Environmental Clearance
5.	Proposed Barjora Riverbed Sand Mine (MIN_BNK_10) over an area of 9.50 ha (23.47 Acres) on the Damodar River at Mouza – Tajpur, Plot No. 1582, JL No. 56, PS – Barjora, Dist. – Bankura, West Bengal by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/455472/2023)	Approved for Environmental Clearance

Sl. No.	Proposal	Summary Decision
6.	Proposed Bherbheri Manabari Sand Mine over an area of 1.21 ha (3.00 Acre) on the Mansai River at J.L. No. 184, Plot No.- 2002(LR), Mouza- Bherbheri Manabari, Block & P.S. Mathabhanga, Dist- Coochbehar, West Bengal by Ganesh Berman (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/265030/2022)	Rejected
7.	Proposed Mahishmuri Sand Mine over an area of 0.24 ha (0.61Acre) on the Dharalar River at J.L. No. 01, Plot No. 4488(LR), Mouza- Mahishmuri, Block & P.S. Sitalkuchi, Dist- Coochbehar, West Bengal by Jahangir Alam (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/265000/2022)	Rejected
8.	Proposed Andaran Panishala Sand Mine over an area of 0.47 ha (1.16 Acre) on the Dharala River at J.L. No. 75, Plot No. 367(LR), Mouza – Andaran Panishala, Block &P.S. Mekhliganj, Dist- Coochbehar, West Bengal by Afijul Mohammad (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/264956/2022)	Rejected
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CONSIDERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS		
1.	Proposed Srirampur Sand Mine over an area of 2.74 ha (6.77 Acres) on the Damodar River at Plot No: - 1185(P) & ORS., J.L. No. - 80, Mouza: - Srirampur, P.S. - Burdwan, District: - Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal by Shyamal Singha Roy. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/438985/2023)	Approved for Terms of Reference
2.	Proposed Katna Sand Mine over an area of 2.04 ha. (5.03 acres) on the Dwarakeshwar River at Mouza-Katna, J.L. No.- 79, Plot No.-1047, P.S. - Bishnupur, District – Bankura, West Bengal by Chanchal Basu. (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/74460/2022)	Approved for Terms of Reference
MISCELLANEOUS		
1.	Hearing of petitioner and respondent (12 th) with respect to the order of Hon'ble High Court dated 22.02.2024 in WPA (P) 63 of 2024 (Dr. Sankar Ghosh Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.).	Hearing conducted



Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment
Authority (SEIAA),
WEST BENGAL)



Minutes of 36th meeting of SEIAA (Reconstituted on 17.05.2023) State Environment Impact Assessment Authority meeting held from 27/03/2024 to 27/03/2024 **Date:** 03/04/2024

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Meeting Venue: Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB Block, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700106.

Meeting Mode: Physical

Date & Time:

27/03/2024	02:00 PM	05:30 PM
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1. Opening remarks

SEIAA members greeted each other and started discussion point wise as per the agenda.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 35th Meeting of SEIAA, WB is uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal.

3. Details of proposals considered by the committee

Day 1 -27/03/2024

3.1. Agenda Item No 1:

3.1.1. Details of the proposal

Kota Riverbed sand mine by NAROTTAM DAS located at BIRBHUM, WEST BENGAL			
Proposal For		Fresh EC	
Proposal No	File No	Submission Date	Activity (Schedule Item)
SIA/WB/MIN/464111/2024	2N-56/2024(E)	26/02/2024	Mining of minerals (1(a))

3.1.2. Deliberations by the committee in previous meetings

Date of SEAC 1 :06/03/2024

Deliberations of SEAC 1 :

- Based on the submission and presentation made by the PP, the committee observed that this application for EC was noted to be a duplicate one. An earlier application (Proposal No. SIA/WB/MIN/460898/2024) for the same project was considered in the 28th meeting of SEAC (2023-2026) held on 07.02.2024. SEAC had recommended EC for the project to SEIAA.

Considering the above, **the SEAC decided that the present proposal for EC may be rejected.**

3.1.3. Deliberations by the SEIAA in current meetings

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided to reject the EC proposal.

3.1.4. Recommendation of SEIAA

Reject

3.2. Agenda Item No 2:

3.2.1. Details of the proposal

M/s. TECHNOCULTURE BUILDING CENTRE (P) Ltd. by ASISH DUBEY located at DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL			
Proposal For		Fresh ToR	
Proposal No	File No	Submission Date	Activity (Schedule Item)
SIA/WB/INFRA2/46422 4/2024	2N-53/202 4(E)	27/02/2024	Townships/ Area Development Projects / Rehabilitation Centres (8(b))

3.2.2. Deliberations by the committee in previous meetings

Date of SEAC 1 :06/03/2024

Deliberations of SEAC 1 :

- The PP did not appear before the SEAC for ToR presentation. Based on the application made, documents uploaded / submitted by the PP/Consultant, the SEAC made the following observations:

- a) The PP had already initiated construction activity without obtaining Environmental Clearance.
 - b) According to the DSS available in the portal, the project falls within the ESZ of Mahananda WLS.
 - c) The PP has not uploaded the required mandatory documents in the PARIVESH portal.
 - d) The site was inspected by the officials of the WBPCB on 22.06.2023. It was observed that the project has already been constructed without obtaining EC.
 - e) Complaint dated 11.03.2024 regarding devastation of environment of developers of 'Vastu Vihar', PO & PS – Matigara, Siliguri, PIN – 734010 has been received by the WBPCB for the project.
- The PP remained absent for the presentation. Considering the above mentioned observation, since the project has already been constructed without obtaining EC and the site location falls within the ESZ of Mahananda WLS, the SEAC recommended that the **proposal for ToR may be rejected.**

3.2.3. Deliberations by the SEIAA in current meetings

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the project proponent is required to appear for a hearing before the SEIAA, WB before a final decision on ToR application is taken.

3.2.4. Recommendation of SEIAA

Discussed

3.3. Agenda Item No 3:

3.3.1. Details of the proposal

Dredging/ De-silting/ removal of river bed materials from Subarnarekha River at Mouza - Simulia, Gabrasol & Baishbatia, P.S. - Sankrail & Nayagram, Dist. - Jhargram, State - West Bengal by M/s Reach Dredging Ltd by R EACH DREDGING LIMITED located at Jhargram, WEST BENGAL			
Proposal For		Fresh ToR	
Proposal No	File No	Submission Date	Activity (Schedule Item)
SIA/WB/MIN/463953/2024	2N-54/2024(E)	28/02/2024	Mining of minerals (1(a))

3.3.2. Deliberations by the committee in previous meetings

Date of SEAC 1 :06/03/2024



Deliberations of SEAC 1 :

- Based on the application made, documents uploaded / submitted, and the presentation made by the PP/Consultant, the SEAC made the following observations:-

1. A memorandum vide Memo No. 135-1/IW-14015(99)/3/2021-Section(IW)-Deptt. of IW dated 30.07.2021 was issued by the Principal Secretary, I&WD for de-siltation of riverbed which otherwise may lead to decrease in carrying capacity of the rivers. It was mentioned that the offices of the I&WD Directorate will primarily identify the prospective river stretches for the above.
2. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued by M/s. West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited (WBMDTCL) for selection of contractor for Desilting/Dredging/Removal of River Bed materials from Subarnarekha River at Sankrail, Jhargram vide RFP No. MDTC/Sand/002/501 dated 11.03.2022. In the RFP it is mentioned - The period of contract is for 1 (one) year (including Rainy Seasons) from the date of execution of the Desilting/Dredging/removal of river bed materials Agreement or till the Desilting/Dredging/removal of river bed materials of entire contracted quantity, whichever is earlier.
3. Subsequently, WBMDTCL issued an LoI vide Memo No. MDTC/Sand/002(1)/7/958 dated 22.04.2022 to M/s. Reach Dredging Ltd. selecting them as contractor, being the highest bidder for Desilting/Dredging/Removal of River Bed materials from Subarnarekha River at Sankrail, Jhargram. It is mentioned in the LoI, that the H1 bidder shall share the quantity of sand (30400000 Cft.) with WBMDTCL from Subarnarekha River at Sankrail, Jhargram generated through Desilting/Dredging/Removal of River Bed material activity.
4. In O.A. No. 99/2022/EZ dated 04.09.2023, the Eastern Zonal Bench, Kolkata, of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal disposed the O.A. with a direction to the state respondents that neither WBMDTCL nor M/s. Reach Dredging Ltd. shall be permitted to carry out further Dredging / Desilting operation which permits commercial utilization of the dredged / desilted materials by the successful bidder till a District Survey Report (DSR), Replenishment study of the sand source in question is carried out and strict compliance of the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and the Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 are observed and the successful bidder possesses Environmental Clearance and all other statutory clearances for mining operations for commercial purposes. It is also mentioned by the Hon'ble NGT that 'in view of the particular facts of the present case, we further restrain the Respondent No.10 (M/s. Reach Dredging Ltd.) from carrying out any further mining operations till all statutory clearances are not obtained by it'.
5. The Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 clearly mentions that the activity of Dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs weirs, barrages, rivers and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management shall not require prior Environmental Clearance.
6. The Notification S.O. 1224(E) dated 28.03.2020 issued by MoEF&CC also states that the activity Dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, river and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management shall not require prior Environmental Clearance.
7. Point 35 of the judgement of NGT observed that sharing the volume of sand with WBMDC indicates that the dredging work is not only for maintenance, but also for the purpose of earning profit. Hence there may be a need for EC.
8. However, EC can be issued for sand mining from sand blocks and not for dredging sands from water. For obtaining EC, the sand block must be within the potential zone indicated in the respective DSR, which is not applicable for a dredging site.
9. The Office Memorandum of MoEF&CC vide F No. 3-70/2020-IA.III[141127] dated 12.07.2023 mentions that 'Based on the recommendations of the EAC and keeping in view the direction of Hon'ble NGT, the matter has been examined by the Ministry in detail and it is hereby directed that the exemption from EC provided vide S.O. 1224 (E) dated 28.03.2020 for dredging and desilting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, river and canals shall be subject to Environmental Safeguards as proposed in the National Framework for Sediment Management (copy enclosed) issued by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation as enclosed to this Office Memorandum'.
10. The PP applied in prescribed format for Terms of Reference in the Parivesh portal under the category 1(a) - Mining of minerals, of EIA Notification.

After detailed deliberation and careful consideration of the above facts, the SEAC is of the opinion that the above project can not be considered as a proposal for mining of minerals for which the PP has applied for ToR under category 1(a) of the EIA Notification. The LoI has been granted to the PP by WBMDTCL for Desilting/Dredging/Removal of River Bed materials from Subarnarekha River at Sankrail, Jhargram. The river stretch for which dredging has been proposed, does not fall in the potential zone of the District Survey Report of Jhargram District.

The present ToR application for Dredging of Subarnarekha river cannot be considered under Mining of Minor Mineral. **Therefore, the proposal is recommended for rejection.**

However, the PP must follow the general guidelines of the National Framework for Sedimentation Management,

issued by Ministry of Jal Shakti as mentioned above. The relevant Office Memorandum of MoEF&CC vide F No. 3-70/2020-IA.III[141127] dated 12.07.2023 is enclosed as Annexure – 1.

3.3.3. Deliberations by the SEIAA in current meetings

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and decided that the project proponent is required to appear for a hearing before the SEIAA, WB before a final decision on ToR application is taken.

3.3.4. Recommendation of SEIAA

Discussed

4. Any Other Item(s)

N/A

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Date: 03/04/2024