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State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
West Bengal
Minutes of SEIAA Meeting
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Subject:- 42nd meeting of SEIAA
Venue:- Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106
From :- 28 December 2021
To :- 28 December 2021

I. CONSIDERATION/RECONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

(1) Proposed construction of Narayana Superspeciality Hospital by M/s. Narayana Superspeciality Hospital (Unit of Narayana Health) at 120/1 Andul Road, Ward No. 39, Borough – VI, J.L No. 1, Sheet No. 128, Mouza – Shibpur, Howrah – 711103, West Bengal.

Proposal No. :- SIA/WB/MIS/228608/2021, **File No. :** EN/T-II-1/140/2021 **Type-EC**

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/228608/2021 dated 13.09.2021 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 and Construction projects under Category "B2" of EIA Notification 2006. The project is an existing and operational hospital with a built up area of 15690.648 sqm. The project proponent intends to go for additional built up area of 11758.927 sqm. summing up to 27449.575 sqm., which falls under the purview of EC.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed the following:

- a) Form-II dealing with Hazardous Waste Authorisation issued vide No. 94/2S(HW)-3165/2016 dated 04.03.2016 by WBPCB was valid upto 28.02.2021. It requires to be revalidated.
- b) As per the building sanction plan issued by HMC, a total number of 363 car parking spaces are required. However, the hospital authorities are able to provide car parking space for 112 nos. within the project area. An affidavit has been submitted in this regard mentioning that the balance requirement of 251 car parking spaces would be provided within 500 meter from the hospital premises.

Since car parking provision is an integral activity for day to day operation of the hospital and the environment clearance is issued for the project area in designated premises, there is no provision to allow for car parking provision outside the project area. The project itself should be in a position in handling the environmental pollution load. Operational phase would involve emission from vehicular movement. Hence the project proponent is requested to either provide the complete car parking spaces using modern technology for parking within the project area or provide the same in an adjacent and contiguous land by either procuring the land or taking it on long-term lease.

- c) The project is an existing one which started its operation in the year 2010. It is assumed that they have obtained building permit from HMC prior to its operation which means corporation is aware of the

project activities. HMC has accorded sanction to this project based on extraction of ground water since there is no provision of piped water supply system. This permission for extraction of ground water should only be restricted for the construction phase of the project on a temporary basis. In this case it is being observed that the extraction of groundwater is continuing more than 10 years. Continuous extraction of ground water for a long period results in depletion of the ground aquifer. This is a serious environmental hazard inviting subsidence and contamination of arsenic etc.

HMC needs to ensure supply of piped water supply mentioning a feasible time frame. In case the piped water supply is not made available within that stipulated time frame, the EC would liable to be cancelled. The project proponent is requested to approach HMC for necessary action.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

SEIAA decided to review the matter with the available and additional documents in the next meeting.

CONCLUSION

Deferred for further consideration.

(2) Proposed construction of Fortis Hospital by **M/s. International Hospital Ltd.** at Premises No. – 730, Anandapur, Ward. No – 108 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Dist – 24 Parganas (South), Kolkata- 700 107, West Bengal.
Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/MIS/49651/2019, File No. :ENT-II-1/029/2019 Type-EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/49651/2019 dated 09.01.2020 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. 8(b) Townships and Area Development projects under Category "B2" of EIA Notification 2006.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed the following:

- I. It was observed that various essential documents have not been uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal. Therefore the project proponent is requested to upload the following in the portal:-
 - a) Break up of project cost including cost of the land.
 - b) CER plan
 - c) Building permit and approved sanction plan.
 - d) Completion certificate, if the project is completed.
 - e) Consent to Operate from WBPCB.
 - f) Hazardous Waste Authorisation (Form-II)
 - g) Bio-Medical Waste Authorisation (Form-III)
 - h) Clinical establishment certificate from Health Department.
 - i) Fire NOC
 - j) Permission regarding handling of radioactive equipments and wastes from the competent authority (if applicable).

- II. The project proponent has produced document showing tree plantation for an area of 8.3% of the total project area. Hence there is a shortfall of 11.7% of the area for undertaking exclusive tree plantation area.

The project proponent is, therefore, requested to identify suitable area with sole ownership or a long term lease agreement for exclusive tree plantation area. Since the PP is not able to undertake exclusive tree plantation within the project area, they are required to undertake plantation over an area of about 1500 sqm. of the total project area in the identified site after obtaining approval from the concerned authority.

Thus, the project proponent can opt for either of the following:-

- i. Seek lease hold rights over the identified plantation area for a minimum period of 30 years from KMC or
- ii. Undertake to explore possible location for exclusive tree plantation area in the East Kolkata Wetland area.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

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

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

(3) Proposed expansion of Shopping Mall by M/s. CESC Limited at 33, Syed Amir Ali Avenue, PS – Karaya, KMC Ward No. 64, Kolkata – 700017, West Bengal.

[Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/MIS/59721/2020, File No :- EN/T-II-1/007/2008] Type- EC

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/59721/2020 dated 07.01.2021 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. 8(b) Townships and Area Development projects under Category "B1" of EIA Notification 2006.

Earlier the project proponent obtained Environmental Clearance vide No. EN/1737/T-II-1/007/2008 dated 12.08.2008 (for Shopping mall – 3B+G+5 storied and MLCP – 4B+G+6 storied having built up area of 66142.64 sq.m.) and amendment in Environmental Clearance vide No. 719/EN/T-II-1/007/2008 dated 20.03.2015 (for Shopping mall – 2B+G+5 storied and MLCP – 3B+G+10 storied having built up area of 66817.04 sq.m.).

On 27.01.2016, the project proponent applied to SEIAA for amended Environmental Clearance with the proposal to make the building 2B+G+6(Part) storied main building and 3B+G+10 storied MLCP. They informed that there is only a marginal increase in total built up area by 635.25 sq.m. which is less than 1% of the previous built up area of 66157.04 sq.m. After construction of 6th floor (Part) in the main building, the total built up area would be 67452.29 sq.m. The application was forwarded to SEAC. SEAC after appraisal sent its recommendation for amended Environmental Clearance through letter dated 20.05.2016. SEIAA in its meeting dated 15.06.2016 noted NGT Order in O.A. No. 37 of 2015 and O.A. No. 213 of 2014 dated 07.07.2015 and decided to seek advice from MoEF&CC regarding action to be taken for violation cases. The project proponent through letter dated 16.10.2019 requested SEIAA to consider the case under the window referred to in Clauses 8 & 9 of O.M. F.No. 22-10/2019-IA.III dated 09.09.2019. The letter was forwarded to SEAC for consideration.

SEAC issued ToR to the project proponent vide No. 54-2N-112/2007(E) dated 28.01.2020. The project proponent applied for EC after completing EIA in the PARIVESH portal vide proposal no. SIA/WB/MIS/59721/2020 dated 07.01.2021.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

- I. It was observed that various essential documents have not been uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal. Therefore the project proponent is requested to upload the following in the portal:-
 - a) Break up of project cost including cost of the land.
 - b) CER plan
 - c) Building permit and approved sanction plan.
 - d) Completion Certificate along with approved drawings, if the project is completed.
 - e) Fire NOC.
 - f) Remediation Plan.

- II. The project proponent has submitted a compensatory plantation plan at 35/2, Cossipore Road, Kolkata – 700002. Since this is an existing residential complex where already existing matured trees are present, the proposed compensatory plantation area needs to be clearly designated on a map bounded by geo-coordinates. The 90 no. of trees (as recommended by SEAC) is to be shown in that designated land with proper naming and position of plant species.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

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

CONCLUSION

Deferred (Additional Information).

II CONSIDERATION OF TOR PROPOSALS

(1) Proposed Synthetic Resin manufacturing Unit of 18000 TPA by M/s. Pacific Plywoods Pvt. Ltd. (Sister Concern of Century Plyboards (I) Ltd.) at Dag no. 322, 323, 324, 325, 339, 340; Vill- Kanchowki, Bishnupur, Dist- 24 Parganas (South), PIN : 743503, West Bengal.

[Proposal No. :-SIA/WB/IND2/54818/2020, File No :- EN/T-II-1/016/2020] Type- ToR

INTRODUCTION

The proponent made online application vide proposal no. SIA/WB/IND2/54818/2020 dated 17.07.2020 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. 5(f) Synthetic organic chemicals industry (dyes & dye intermediates; bulk drugs and intermediates excluding drug formulations; synthetic rubbers; basic organic chemicals, other synthetic organic chemicals and chemical intermediates) under Category B of EIA Notification, 2006 and the proposal is appraised at state level.

The salient features of the project submitted by the project proponent is available at Report under online proposal no. SIA/WB/IND2/54818/2020.

The project was placed in the 29th meeting of SEIAA held on 03.08.2021 and it was decided to request the project proponent to submit certain documents.

The project proponent uploaded reply in PARIVESH portal on 17.12.2021.

DELIBERATION IN SEIAA

SEIAA considered the submission made by the project proponent vide their letter Ref. No. RP004/Pacific/Kol dated 08.12.2021 uploaded in PARIVESH portal on 17.12.2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEIAA

The application for ToR is approved.

CONCLUSION

Approved ToR

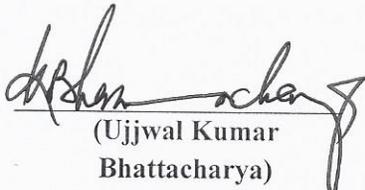
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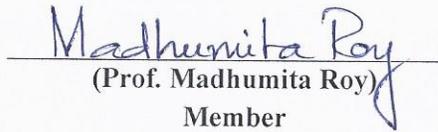
Deciding exclusive tree plantation area in violation cases.

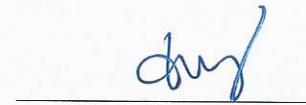
It is observed that in some of EC applications under violation category the projects do not have the requisite minimum area (20%) for exclusive tree plantation within the project area. These project are either completed or in the various stages of completion. In these cases SEIAA is recommending for taking up compensatory tree plantation. Since each project is unique in nature, it is difficult to make any uniform recommendation for these projects. SEIAA has decided to categorise the projects in order to make such recommendation :-

Exclusive tree plantation area provided (%) within the project area	Proposed compensatory plantation area (%) within / outside the project area, within the same district	
	Within 500 meter of the project area	Beyond 500 meter of the project area
< 10%	40% of the project area	80% of the project area
10% - <15%	30% of the project area	60% of the project area
15% - < 20%	20% of the project area	40% of the project area

This should not be considered as precedence for plantation standards for future projects.


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