MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT PRANI SAMPAD BHAVAN

The ninth meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held on 10thNovember, 2020 in the Conference Room of Environment Department, Prani Sampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB – Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106. Following cases were discussed:

I. Environmental Clearance.

Application for Environmental clearance for the proposed residential project by M/s Merlin Project Limited under Mouza - Mahisbathan, JL No. 18, L.R. Dag No. 462, 504, 505, P.S. (New) - Electronic Complex, P.S. (Old) - Rajarhat, Dist - 24 Parganas (North), Kolkata - 700102, West Bengal (SIA/WB/NCP/94691/2019).

SEIAA considered the recommendation made by SEAC and it is observed that:

- i. The location as well as total area of the water bodies within the project area has changed considerably in the sanctioned plan as compared to the initial concept plan submitted by the project proponent at the time of getting stipulated conditions. Documents for change of land use from competent authority and revised list of Dag Nos. with classification need to be submitted by the project proponent.
- ii. Total water requirement of the project has changed to 144 KLD as compared to 174 KLD as mentioned in the stipulated condition issued earlier which shows a difference of about 20% in water requirement.
- iii. Exclusive tree plantation area has reduced in the sanctioned plan while the ground coverage area including road and paved area and the water body area have increased.

Therefore, it was decided to refer it back to SEAC for reappraisal.

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 Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion project of existing Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility by M/s. Medicare Environmental Management Pvt. Ltd. at K-26, Phase – III, Kalyani Industrial Growth Centre, PS & PO – Kalyani, Dist – Nadia, West Bengal (SIA/WB/MIS/47850/2019). SEIAA considered the recommendations of SEAC for issuance of ToR for the entire project including the existing facility and agreed with the recommendations including the additional conditions.

The project proponent while applying for EC needs to apply under new category as a fresh proposal (not under expansion category) as the project has not been issued any EC so far.

SEIAA approved the ToR as recommended by SEAC.

 Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion project of existing Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility by M/s. Medicare Environmental Management Pvt. Ltd. at 41, F-Road, Belgachia, PS - Liluah, PO & Dist - Howrah, West Bengal (SIA/WB/MIS/47616/2019).

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SEIAA approved the ToR as recommended by SEAC.

Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion project of existing Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility by M/s. Medicare Environmental Management Pvt. Ltd. at Mouza – Mangalpur, Touzi No. 19, Manbhum, Dag No. 457(P), 458(P), JL No. 22, PO & PS – Raniganj, Dist – Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal (SIA/WB/MIS/48035/2019).

SEIAA considered the recommendations of SEAC for issuance of ToR for the entire project including the existing facility and agreed with the recommendations including the additional conditions.

The project proponent while applying for EC needs to apply under new category as a fresh proposal (not under expansion category) as the project has not been issued any EC so far.

SEIAA approved the ToR as recommended by SEAC.

III. Miscellaneous

1. NABET Accreditation of the Environmental Consultants.

It is observed that some Environmental Consultants do not have NABET Accreditation. However they have been allowed to act as consultants in view of stay orders given by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court in the past. Recently the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has ruled that a stay granted by any court in the country automatically expires in six months unless extended.

Therefore, it is decided that the matter may be referred to the Law Officer of Environment Department to give his considered opinion in this regard.

(Ujjwal Kumar

Bhattacharya)

Chairman

(Prof. Madhumita Roy)

Member

(Niraj Singhal) Member Secretary