MINUTES OF THE 71ST MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019 AT PRANI SAMPAD BHAVAN

The seventy first meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held on 13th December, 2019 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

1. Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion of ‘Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Gitanjali Park’ by M/s Tata Consultancy Services Limited at Premises No. 02-0370, Plot No. IIF/3, Major Arterial Road, Action Area – II, New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata-700160, West Bengal. (SIA/WB/MIS/46437/2009)


SEIAA approved the proposal for Environmental Clearance.


The SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and KMC sanctioned plan vide Building Permit No. 2019130116 dated 21.09.2019 along with the submissions made by the project proponent regarding revised calculation of water requirement and related environmental parameters vide their letter no. NIL dated 13.12.2019.

SEIAA approved the proposal for Environmental Clearance.

II. Stipulated conditions


SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed the following :-
i. As per the memo no. CONV-268-269/CONV/BJ/17/2229/LR dated 01.08.2017 issued by DL&LRO, Howrah it is found that LR Plot no. 3042 which was classified as ‘Sali’ is allowed to be converted into ‘Pukur’ with an area of 71 Decimal. The compensatory water body was created vide Order no. 268-269/CONV/BJ/17/1372/1(2)/LR dated 20.04.2017 of DL&LRO, Howrah.

ii. As per the memo no. CONV-268-269/CONV/BJ/17/2544/LR dated 13.09.2017 issued by DL&LRO, Howrah it is found that the existing land classification of the said project area is mentioned as ‘Doba’ which is converted into ‘Danga’ with a total area of 71 Decimal.

iii. The project boundary as mentioned by the project proponent is also checked through Google Earth satellite imageries on a time line basis and it is observed that the project area contained a number of water bodies.

Considering the above mentioned facts the project proponent is required to submit the necessary documents including maps regarding the location of the compensatory water body with necessary land schedule and present status of the water bodies.


SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed the following :-

i. The project area includes water bodies over an area of 608.05 sqm (10.05% of land area) which are proposed to be relocated within the project area. However, the required permission from the competent authority has not been submitted. Permission from the competent authority regarding relocation of existing water bodies within the project boundary is to be submitted.

ii. It appears from the Concept Plan that the exclusive tree plantation area is inadequate as well as unfit for tree plantation. Therefore, the project proponent is asked to submit Plantation plan giving number of trees, species and spacing etc. duly approved by the competent authority/concerned DFO and also the Concept Plan showing Land use distribution with polyline and corresponding legend mentioning Area and Percentage of each use both in soft (Auto CAD 2010) & hard copy formats.

Therefore the project proponent is asked to submit the above documents.


SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed the following :-
i. Permission from the competent authority regarding relocation (if any) of existing water bodies within the project boundary is to be submitted. The necessary documents including maps regarding the location of the compensatory water body (if any) with necessary land schedule and present status of the water bodies.

ii. Plantation plan giving number of trees, species and spacing etc. duly approved by the competent authority/concerned DFO should be submitted.

iii. The Concept Plan as submitted is not reflecting the schematic arrangements of the proposed project. Further to mention the area statement mentioning the distribution of land use category appears to be erroneous. Casual and inadequate submissions to the authority has been viewed seriously. Such action causes delay in the EC process. Appropriate action will be taken against the project proponent and associated consultants for such actions, if repeated in future.

The project proponent is therefore asked to submit the above required documents.


SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed that the project had earlier received Environmental Clearance vide No.2463/EN/T-II-1/046/2009 dated 08.11.2016. The proposed project area includes a part of East Kolkata Wetlands Area. Therefore, the project proponent is asked to submit an NOC from East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority.

III. Miscellaneous

1. Processing of Environmental Clearance applications for projects falling under Item 8 of the Schedule of EIA notification, 2006.

In continuation of the decision taken by SEIAA during its 63rd meeting held on 19.09.2019 and 65th meeting held on 22.10.2019, it is decided that in case of project proposals falling under ‘B1’ category and requiring EIA, the project proponent would initially apply with Concept Plan only and would submit sanctioned building plan later along with prepared EIA report.

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