MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) HELD ON 14TH AUGUST, 2019 AT PRANI SAMPAD BHAVAN

The sixtieth meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held on 14th August, 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 project from 90,000 TPA billet (2 X 12T Induction Furnace) and 1,62,000 TPA wire rods to 1,92,000 TPA wire rods and 60,000 TPA HB wires by adding 1 X 1ST induction furnace by M/s Supershakti Metaliks Ltd. at Kanjilal Avenue, Tehsil-Durgapur, Dist.-Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (SIA/WB/IND/35205/2018)

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC made on 27.05.2019. Thereafter it was taken up by SEIAA on 12.06.2019 wherein the project proponent was asked to submit the plantation plan for green area. The project proponent submitted their reply to SEIAA on 31.07.2019. However, in view of the order issued by Hon’ble NGT, Principal Bench on 10.07.2019 in OA No. 1038/2018, “No further industrial activities or expansion be allowed with regard to RED and ORANGE category units till the said areas (Durgapur, Bandel and Howrah SPAs) are brought within the prescribed parameters......mentioned in para 22 above.”, the said project can not be considered for Environmental Clearance at present.


SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed that the project proponent has to submit:-

1. Final site plan (in conformity with the final approved 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.

2. A detailed landscape/plantation plan showing all the species with spacing.


The Authority considered the recommendation of SEAC and approved the proposal for Environmental Clearance with reference to the sanctioned plan of KMC vide Building Permit No. 2018160316 dated 15.12.2018.

SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and observed that in the said project the number of flat has increased from 266 to 312 but the mentioned data regarding fresh water requirement and other environmental parameters is not reflecting the said increase. However, the project proponent should submit the back up calculation for the change in environmental parameters including tenement-wise population calculation.

Since the project is an expansion case a field inspection should be done and the report is to be appraised by the SEAC.

II. Violation

1. Environmental Clearance for the proposed residential complex “Meridian Splendora” by M/s. Srinivas Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. at 9A/1, Uma Kanta Sen Lane under KMC Ward No. 4, P.S. Chitpur, Kolkata – 700 032.

SEAC in its 177th meeting held on 20.07.2019 has considered the inspection report dated 05.07.2019 and noted that the project proponent has already started construction activity without obtaining Environmental Clearance.

Therefore, it is a clear case of violation of the provisions made under EIA notification, 2006 and its amendments. Hence, the application for Environmental Clearance is hereby rejected.

WBPCB is also requested to:
1. Initiate suitable legal action against the project proponent
2. Impose suitable environmental compensation

III. Stipulated conditions.


The SEIAA considered the recommendation of SEAC and approved the stipulated conditions for Environmental Clearance proposed by the SEAC with the following additional condition:

A detailed landscape/plantation plan showing all the species with spacing is to be submitted.

A fresh inspection is to be conducted to ascertain the present status of the project and compliance of the environmental conditions mentioned in the existing EC.
2. Proposed expansion of “Calcutta Riverside Township” project by M/s. Riverbank Developers Pvt. Ltd. at 1, New Bata Road, Batanagar, P.S. Maheshtala, Maheshtala Municipality, Dist. – 24 Parganas (South), Kolkata, PIN-700140. (SIA/WB/MIS/25680/2018).

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

1. The EC for the said project was issued on 19.06.2008 which was further extended on 13.05.2013 for a further period of five years which has expired on 18.06.2018. The inspection report submitted mentions that there is ongoing building construction activity in the project.

Therefore, the project proponent is directed to stop any ongoing building construction activity in the said project immediately.

2. A fresh inspection should be held to report the present status of the project in compliance with the Building Sanctioned Plan based on which the EC was issued.

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