MINUTES OF THE 65TH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER, 2019 AT PRANI SAMPAD BHAVAN

The sixty fifth meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was held on 22nd October, 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. Violation


   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.

II. Environmental Clearance


   The Authority considered the recommendation of SEAC and approved the proposal for Environmental Clearance with reference to the sanctioned plan of NKDA vide Building PIN No. 002003320190607 dated 07.06.2019.

2. Application for Environmental Clearance for the proposed expansion of existing Steel Plant by M/s. Calstar Sponge Limited installation of Induction Furnaces (4x15T) and with 1,00,000 TPA capacity Rolling Mill at Vill & Mouza – Bamunara, PS – Kanksa, Dist – Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. (SIA/WB/IND/34029/2016)

   The project proponent was asked to furnish three documents vide letter no. 1568/EN/T-II-1/069/2018 dated 07.08.2019. Out of three items project proponent is yet to submit the Land ownership document along with the site plan. The document – Porcha furnished by project proponent does not qualify as Land ownership document. It is observed that the site plan given in the ToR presentation is not tallying with the submitted layout plan in hard copy.

The project proponent was asked to submit the declaration regarding i) Existing built up area and ii) Structural stability of the existing structure vide letter no. 1167/EN/T-II-1/015/2013 dated 17.06.2019 and 1390/EN/T-II-1/015/2013 dated 15.07.2019. The project proponent submitted the reply vide their letter no. Nil dated 27.06.2019 duly authenticated by architect and structural engineer.

During field inspection organised by the SEIAA it is found the existing structure is having one basement floor, two level ground floors, 1st floor and 2nd floor with a total built up area of 25,888 sq.m. which is more than 19,991.15 sq.m. as declared by all concerned as mentioned in para above. The comparative statement is shown below:

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<th>Details</th>
<th>Area declared by project proponent &amp; architect (sq.m.)</th>
<th>Area found during inspection (sq.m.)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Basement</td>
<td>7019.58</td>
<td>7495.1</td>
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<td>Lower gr. floor</td>
<td>4965.04</td>
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<td>Upper gr. Floor</td>
<td>4050.96</td>
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<td>1st floor</td>
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<td>Sub total</td>
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It is a case of violation as the project proponent has constructed an area of more than 20,000 sq.m. without taking EC. However, in view of MoEF & CC O.M. No. 22-10/2019-IA.III dated 09.09.2019 the SEIAA decided to refer back the case to SEAC for appraisal under violation category as per MoEF & CC Notification No. S.O.804(E) dated 14.03.2017.

It is also a case of wrong declaration provided by the architect. Therefore Member Secretary, SEIAA is requested to inform Council of Architecture for taking appropriate action.


The Authority considered the recommendation of SEAC and approved the proposal for Environmental Clearance.
5. Application for Environmental clearance by M/s ITC Ltd. for the proposed ‘Tribeni Mill Expansion Plan (TMEP)’ of Décor & Speciality Products from 60,000 TPA to 102000 TPA by setting up of a new Paper Machine (PM#5) in the existing works of Tribeni Unit of ITC Limited, Paperboards & speciality Papers Division at Tribeni, Hooghly, West Bengal. (SIA/WB/IND/38050/2019)

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SEIAA considered the application of the project proponent vide letter no. BNRI/ENGG/GD/PCB4759A/2019-20 dated 20.09.2019 and decided that the EC application can only be considered after receiving the field inspection report from EKWMA.


SEIAA considered the submission of the project proponent vide their letter dated 23.09.2019 and decided that the project proponents should apply afresh for their respective projects.

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, it is decided that the earlier system of issuing stipulated conditions would continue in respect of proposals already submitted and in process till 31.12.2019. New applications should be submitted along with Building Permit and sanctioned plan through PARIVESH portal with effect from 01.01.2020. The new system as per PARIVESH portal shall be implemented with effect from 01.03.2020. The intimation regarding this change in the system of filing and processing of EC applications should be given to all concerned by the Member Secretary, SEIAA well in advance.
IV. Stipulated Conditions.

1. 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 approved the stipulated conditions for Environmental Clearance.

(Ujjwal Kumar Bhattacharyya)
Chairman

(Prof. Madhumita Roy)
Member

(Niraj Singhal)
Member Secretary