

**MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA HELD ON 08.05.2012 AT
THE DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

The meeting started at 9.15 am. The following persons were present.

1. Dr. A.E. Muthunayagam - Chairman, SEIAA
Former Secretary to Government of India
2. Dr. K.P. Joy - Member, SEIAA
Former Director, School of
Environmental Studies of M.G.
University and Kannur University
3. Shri. James Varghese IAS
Principal Secretary to Government
Environment Dept.
Govt. of Kerala - Member Secretary, SEIAA
4. Sri. P. Sreekantan Nair
Director, Department of Environment
& Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala - Secretary, SEAC (special invitee)

The meeting was chaired by Dr. A.E. Muthunayagam. He welcomed all the members. The Authority discussed the agenda items one by one and took the following decisions:

Item No. KLA/03.01 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd meeting of State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Kerala, held on 23rd April, 2012 at Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Thiruvananthapuram

Approved with modifications.

Item No. KLA/03.02 File No. 13/SEIAA/KL/491/2012 - Application for obtaining environmental clearance for the proposed construction of PRESTIGE FORUM MALL at Maradu Municipality, Maradu Village, Kanayanoor Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala State, by M/s Thomsun Realtors(P) Ltd.

Deferred and decided to reconsider in the next meeting along with a comprehensive detailed proposal from SEAC.

Item No. KLA/03.03 File No. 14/SEIAA/KL/580/2012 - Application for environmental clearance for the proposed construction of Hospital Complex cum Hotel & Convention Centre at Village Cheranelloor, Taluk Kanayannur, District Ernakulam, Kerala by M/s DM Medcity Hospitals India Pvt. Ltd, M/s DM Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. & M/s Ambady Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

Deferred and decided to reconsider it in the next meeting along with a comprehensive detailed proposal from SEAC.

Additional Item No. KLA/03.04 Complaint forwarded by CPCB

The complaint forwarded by CPCB regarding the chances of pollution of Karapuzha River at the instance of coming up of a proposed Medical College at a distance of 1.5 km from the catchment area of Karapuzha dam was examined and observed that SEIAA can take cognizance of complaints and initiate actions only on the receipt of application for Environmental Clearance. It is decided to inform CPCB accordingly.

Additional Item No. KLA/03.05 Remarks called for from Ministry of Environment & Forests

The Authority had discussed this subject on MoEF Guidelines for High Rise Buildings in detail as item no. KLA/02.09 in its second meeting held on 23rd April 2012. Member Secretary SEIAA is requested to prepare the response of SEIAA-Kerala to MoEF, incorporating the decisions in the earlier SEIAA meeting and additional justifications for the proposal which seeks for exemptions from the MoEF guidelines. This may be sent to MoEF with the approval of Chairman of SEIAA.

Additional Item No. KLA/03.06 Violation proceedings

The Authority observed with concern that some of the proponents applying for environmental clearance have already initiated construction activities in the site without obtaining prior environmental clearance. SEAC has also reported certain cases of such violations. It is observed that penal proceedings against such violations can be initiated only by the state Government authorities.

It is decided to recommend to the state Government that the Government should initiate immediate proceedings against these violations within one week after such violations

are brought to the Government attention. The violators may be asked to give a written explanation for such violations within a week. The response received from violators may be reviewed by Government and depending upon the nature and extent of violation Government may take appropriate action as per E (P) Act, 1986. In addition the project proponent may be asked to give an undertaking not to violate the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 in future. In case a project repeats the violation, the Government may impose higher penalties.

Further, it was decided to conduct awareness programmes for the Secretaries of LSGIs at different places.

The meeting came to a close at 11 am. Next meeting of the SEIAA is scheduled for 23rd May 2012 at 9 am. Secretary SEAC was requested to put up comprehensive proposals as already indicated on all cases cleared by SEAC as on 20th May 2012.