

**MINUTES (approved) OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE
STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA)
KERALA HELD ON 25.08.2012 AT THE
DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

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 - Member Secretary, SEIAA
Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Ports & Fisheries Department
Govt. of Kerala
4. Sri. P. Sreekantan Nair - Secretary, SEAC (special invitee)
Director, Department of Environment
& Climate Change, Govt. of Kerala

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/07.01 Remarks by Chairman and Members of SEIAA

SEIAA reviewed its operations since its inception. After detailed discussions it is decided to adopt the following operational procedure.

SEIAA shall meet on last Saturday of every month at Directorate of Environment and Climate Change. The Secretariat of SEIAA shall make all arrangements.

The agenda and notes for the SEIAA meeting shall be prepared by the Secretariat with inputs from SEAC, members of SEIAA and other agencies on matters relevant to the functions of SEIAA. It shall be forwarded to Chairman SEIAA and on his approval it shall be finalized

The draft minutes of SEIAA meeting shall be prepared by the Secretariat and forwarded to Chairman SEIAA for approval. On his approval, shall be communicated to all members by the SEIAA Secretariat, which would have been completed preferably by seven working days after SEIAA meeting. It shall be discussed and confirmed in the subsequent SEIAA meeting. Issuance of EC can be made with the approved minutes, and action on all other items can be taken after confirmation of the minutes. With the approved SEIAA minutes, the Secretariat shall prepare draft EC and mail it to all in SEIAA for their comments. If no comments are received within five days, it shall be finalized for issuance. If comments are received, EC shall be issued by incorporating the suggestions.

**Item No. KLA/07.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th meeting of State
Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority
(SEIAA) Kerala, held on 23rd July, 2012 at Directorate
of Environment and Climate Change,
Thiruvananthapuram**

SEIAA noted the events and circumstances regarding the approval of the 6th meeting of SEIAA. Since some members had certain comments which SEIAA agreed to incorporate, the

minutes were confirmed with modifications. SEIAA also decided that the actions taken by the Secretariat on the basis of the circulated approved minutes shall remain unaltered.

Item No. KLA/07.03 Action taken report on the decisions of the 6th SEIAA meeting

The item was noted. It was decided to take up the awareness programmes at 5 regional levels. Regarding the Sl No 7 on WP© 10656/2012 of Honorable High Court of Kerala reference, SEIAA was informed that the report was submitted to the court in view of the time constraint, on receipt of the response from Law ministry. Copies of the same shall be given to all SEIAA members and Chairman SEAC. As suggested, a reference No shall be given to the report and maintained in the files of SEIAA Secretariat along with the comments from SEIAA and SEAC. The report on high rise building shall be referred to SEAC with a request to reconsider the report and propose one or two rules relating to pollution and control of high rise buildings which can be forwarded to the Environment ministry.

Item No. KLA/07.04 Application for obtaining environmental clearance for the construction of a Residential Project 'CHOICE PARADISE' at Village Nadama, Taluk Kanayannur, Thripunithura Municipality, District Ernakulam, Kerala in Sy. Nos. 1307/2, 1309/2, 3, 1302/5, 1304/2 and 1303/2 by M/s Choice Constructions (File No: 18/SEIAA/KL/671/2012)

The proposal was discussed in detail and the Authority was fully satisfied with the site inspection report submitted by the expert subcommittee of SEAC wherein the fire fighting facilities adopted for the residential project was assessed along with environmental safe guards. Accordingly, the proposal was approved for issuance of environmental clearance stipulating the following specific conditions:

1. Fire drills and mock evacuation drills shall be conducted at least once in three months. Participation of maximum number of inhabitants shall be ensured in the mock evacuation drills. The students of the nearby school may also be made aware of the fire fighting mechanisms provided in the building.
2. The builder/authorized signatory should take the responsibility for ensuring proper functioning of fire fighting facilities as well as waste management for a minimum period of 10 years by levying maintenance charges from the flat owners.

Item No. KLA/07.05 Request for granting environmental clearance for the proposed upgradation of existing 100 TPD De-inking Plant to 150 TPD at Hindustan Newsprint Limited (File No. 26/SEIAA/KL/2435/2012)

SEIAA observed that MoEF has given EC for a new 200 TPD De-inking plant. The proposal is to enhance the existing capacity of 100 TPD De-inking plant to 150 TPD and technology up-gradation. Addition of equipment and process modification are anticipated. Further SEIAA noted that a project where paper is manufactured with pulp manufacture comes under category A. It was decided to refer it to SEAC for their expert opinion.

Item No. KLA/07.06 Application for environmental clearance for the proposed Mobility Hub Project at Poonithura Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala in Sy. Nos. 678 to 694 (except 680), 721 to 727 & 731 to 735 by Vyttila Mobility Hub Society (File No.28/SEIAA/KL/2793/2012)

The Authority discussed in detail various aspects related to the mobility hub. It has been observed that detailed soil investigation work has been conducted by M/s Geo Foundations and Structures Private Limited, an ISO 9001-2000 certified company. It was found that proper study has been conducted in this regard and the structural stability has been ascertained. Accordingly, the proposal was approved for issuance of environmental clearance stipulating the following specific conditions:

1. Assurance should be submitted in the form of affidavit that used oil, diesel and grease will not be disposed into the nearby Kaniyampuzha River.
2. Fresh embankment of suitable material along the riverside should be provided to prevent bank erosion and other hazards like men and material falling into water and disposal of solid wastes into the river.
3. Appropriate modern technologies shall be adopted for diesel storage and disposal of oil, grease and diesel washings.
4. A full fledged functional STP with provision for complete recycling of wastes shall be provided avoiding the use of septic tanks and soak pits.
5. The sand removed up to 4 m should be utilized in situ.
6. Use of reflective tiles and reflective glass may be reduced and replaced with non-reflective ones.
7. The possibility of linking the project with commissioning of a flyover and roundabout beneath it at Vyttila Junction may preferably be explored.
8. Assurance should be given to ensure that proper mechanisms shall be installed to avoid pollution of Kaniyampuzha river through storm water especially containing oil, grease, etc.
9. Solar panels should be extensively made use of to reduce external power consumption as far as possible and to tap the renewable energy resources to the maximum.

Item No. KLA/07.07 **Request from M/s MIR Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd.**
(File No: 10/ SEIAA/KL/395/2012)

It was decided to inform the project proponent that the earlier decision of SEIAA stands and new application shall be considered afresh.

Item No. KLA/07.08 **Clearance of KSUDP STP and WTP subprojects**
(File No. DoECC/E4/2927/2012)

This agenda relates to a request received by the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment. Though no formal reference is made to SEIAA and the Principal Secretary is the Member Secretary of SEIAA, this item was discussed and SEIAA observed that the subject is outside the purview of SEIAA and decided that the Department may inform the concerned accordingly.

Item No. KLA/07.09 **Any other item approved by the Chairman and additional items**

No matter was taken up under this item.