

**MINUTES (Approved) OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE
STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA) KERALA
HELD ON 01.12.2012 AT THE
DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

The following persons were present:

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| 1. | Dr. A.E. Muthunayagam
Former Secretary to Government of India | - | Chairman, SEIAA |
| 2. | Dr. K.P. Joy
Former Director, School of Environmental Studies of
M.G. University and Kannur University | - | Member, SEIAA |
| 3. | Shri. James Varghese IAS
Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Ports & Fisheries Department
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/12.01 Introductory remarks by Chairman & Members

In his opening remarks, the Chairman put forth certain points which SEIAA has to take care of in future while appraising project proposals seeking Environmental Clearance. He further stated that the present policy of maintaining transparency regarding the operational procedures in processing the applications for EC is commendable and shall be continued. SEIAA observed that certain information is made available to public and project proponents while the subject is under process and decisions are yet to be made by SEIAA. This must be discussed in detail in the next SEIAA and the operational procedures modified, if necessary. SEIAA noted that the feedback on the compliance of stipulations of conditions while granting EC needs to be improved and random visits to the sites may be made, if possible.

The Authority raised concern on the illegal constructions and the violations that were going on far and wide. Since penal proceedings against such violations can be initiated only by the State Government authorities, SEIAA felt it necessary to evolve necessary rules and procedures and submit a proposal to the State government for necessary action against violations. OIC SEIAA secretariat shall put up the proposal for the consideration of SEIAA in January 2013 meeting. The Authority was of the opinion that such cases of violations arise either due to negligence from the part

of the proponent to evade the appraisal process or in some cases out of ignorance. Hence the Authority urged to conduct the already authorized awareness programmes for the Secretaries of LSGIs in various parts of the state so that the entire strata of society is made aware of necessity of getting statutory approvals before initiating any construction activities.

SEIAA observed that no processing fee is collected from project proponents though a proposal was submitted to State government. SEIAA secretariat was directed to follow it up. The Authority also discussed some operational procedures to be followed in the working system of SEAC and SEIAA. It is pointed out that all proposals for EC are addressed to SEIAA and referred to SEAC for appraisal. All recommendations on these proposals must be referred back to SEIAA for decision. SEAC is a recommendatory body. SEIAA Secretariat shall act/proceed only based on the approvals /directives of SEIAA.

To promote better understanding on the process in SEIAA, it was decided to circulate the copy of all confirmed minutes of SEAC meetings among SEIAA members and vice versa.

Item No. KLA/12.02 Confirmation of the minutes of the **11th meeting of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) Kerala, held on 16th November 2012 at Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Thiruvananthapuram**

Confirmed the approved minutes.

Item No. KLA/12.03 Action taken report on the 10th SEIAA meeting

Shall be reported in the next meeting.

Item No. KLA/12.04 Approval of draft Environmental Clearances vide 11th SEIAA decisions

The draft ECs for the following project proposals are approve and proceedings signed by SEIAA.:

1. **Item No. KLA/11.05** - **M/s Waterline Hotels Pvt. Ltd.** for the proposed construction of a Resort cum Villa Project at Paruthippara of Ramanattukara Village, Kozhikode District
2. **Item No. KLA/11.07** - Construction of **Fishery Harbour at Thanur**, Malappuram, Kerala
3. **Item No. KLA/11.08** - **M/s Joyalukkas India Pvt. Ltd.** for the construction of a Residential cum Commercial Project at Vazhakkala Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District
4. **Item No. KLA/11.09** - **M/s Panachayil Industries** for the proposed quarry project at Thottapuzhassery Panchayath, Thiruvalla Taluk, Pathanamthitta District
5. **Item No. KLA/11.10** - **M/s Poabs Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.** for the proposed quarry project at Chithara Village & Panchayat, Kottarakkara Taluk, Kollam
6. **Item No. KLA/11.11** - **M/s United Granites and Metals** for the proposed quarry project at Manakkad Village, Thodupuzha Taluk, Idukki District
7. **Item No. KLA/11.12** - **M/s Poabs Granites Pvt. Ltd.** for the proposed quarry project at Peroorkada Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District

Item No. KLA/12.05 **Report on the status of applications for EC by SEIAA secretariat and SEAC secretariat**

The Authority noted the status report. It was agreed that the milestone dates shall be included in future reports.

Item No. KLA/12.06 **Any other item with the approval of Chairman**

The Authority held detailed discussions on the WGEEP report and the communication received to SEIAA Kerala from the National Green Tribunal, New Delhi, directing to adhere to WGEEP report if it has not been varied till date, while taking decisions on considering the proposals for environmental clearance coming for consideration before them. Hence under the light of the direction from the Tribunal, SEAC took a view that the proposals of those areas demarcated ESZ-1 shall not be recommended for Environmental Clearance for the time being. However SEAC shall have detailed presentations followed by discussions with the project proponent. The Authority approved the decisions taken by SEAC and decided that all those proposals linked with WGEEP report shall be retained in the SEIAA Secretariat and referred back to SEAC when the pending issue is sorted out. This information may be provided to SEIAA along with the status report.

Item No. KLA/12.07 **Concluding remarks by Member Secretary**

None