

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT (DSTE), GOP  
STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY (SEIAA)**

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**MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SEIAA HELD ON 25.05.2015 AT 3.00 P.M.  
IN THE CHAMBER OF THE DIRECTOR / MS (SEIAA)**


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**Members Present:**

1. Prof. M.A. Sivasankaran, - Chairman  
Department of Civil Engineering  
Pondicherry Engineering College  
Puducherry – 14.
2. Prof. Anisa Basheer Khan - Member  
Dept. of Environment and Ecology  
Pondicherry University  
Puducherry – 14.
3. M. Dwarakanath - Member Secretary  
Director  
Department of Science, Technology & Environment  
Puducherry – 5.

**Agenda Item No. 1: Proposals for issue of prior Environmental Clearance for  
excavation of ordinary earth in Karaikal District.**

1. Setting up of a fish farm pond of extent 00H-57A-50CA at R.S.No.84/3, Thiruvettakudy Revenue village, Kottuchery Commune, Karaikal by Thiru R. Navajeevan.
2. Setting up of a fish farm pond of extent 00H-52A-00CA at R.S.No.278, Kottucherry Revenue village, Kottuchery Commune, Karaikal by Thiru. Nandhagopalakrishnan.
3. Setting up of a fish farm pond of extent 00H-80A-00CA at R.S.No.191/3, Sukaan Katalai, Kanniakoil street, Kurumbagaram, Karaikal by Tmt. P. Selvakumari.
4. Excavation of an existing farm pond of extent 00H-53A-50CA at R.S.No.35/1, Nallezhedur Revenue Village, Thirunallar Commune by A. R. Majigar Nisha W/o (Late) Thiru A. Abdul Rahman.
5. Setting up of a farm pond of extent 00H-72A-00CA at R.S.No.194/2, Vizhidiyur Revenue Viullage, Karaikal by Tmt. N. Vijayalakshmi.
6. Excavation of existing fish farm ponds of extent 01H-70A-00CA at R.S.No.75/3B, Keezhaiyur (North) Revenue Village, T.R.Pattinam Commune, Karaikal by Thiru. U. Venkatesan. (The communication to the proponent will be sent only on receipt of Revenue Map).





The SEAC has appraised the above proposals in its various meetings convened. The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEAC held on 25.05.2015 resolved to recommend the proposals to SEIAA for issue of Environmental Clearance by prescribing conditions stipulated by the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum dated 24.06.2013.

The SEIAA heard the applicants and noted that all the individual projects are agriculture and fisheries related and the magnitude of excavation is very small. The SEIAA also heard the oral request of the applicants to allow them use JCB's for excavation work instead of manual as prescribed by the SEAC due to paucity of labour. The SEIAA considered their request since the condition for manual excavation is for river sand mining projects only.

After detailed examination and deliberations the authority decided to issue prior Environmental Clearance to the proposals with the terms and conditions as per Annexure – I.

The Authority authorized the Member Secretary, SEIAA to issue the Environmental Clearance for the above proposals.

**Agenda Item No. 2: M/s. M.R.F. Ltd., for the proposed 11.45 MW standby power generation.**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 25.05.2015 decided to apply the provisions of the Circular of MoEF&CC dated 17.03.2015 to this proposal with the approval of the SEIAA. The SEIAA examined the said Circular and decided that this proposal does not come under the purview of EIA Notification, 2006.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Any other item with the permission of the Chairman.**

**1. Proposed Sulphonation Plant at PIPDIC Industrial Estate, Sederapet, Puducherry by M/s. Power Soaps Ltd., Puducherry.**


The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 25.05.2015 after due deliberation decided to continue the process of technical appraisal of the proposal. The SEIAA noted the decision of the SEAC. The SEIAA also noted that the Category of the project is to be treated as Category 'A' instead of Category 'B', because the project site falls within 5 Kms. from the Oussudu Sanctuary, a protected area under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

After due deliberation, the SEIAA decided to advise the SEAC not to continue the appraisal further. Due to change of project category, the SEIAA further decided to advise the applicant to apply to the Central Environment Impact Assessment Authority (CEIAA) / MOEF&CC, New Delhi for obtaining prior Environmental Clearance under intimation to SEIAA.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

**2. M/s. Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Pillaiyarkuppam.**

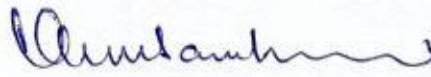
The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAC held on 25.05.2015 decided that prima facie based on notification S.O.3252 (E) dated 22.12.2014 of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi the proposal does not fall / comes under the provisions of EIA Notification and hence, Environmental

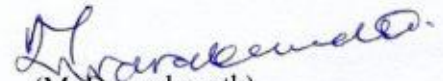


Clearance is not required for the project. However, MoEF&CC may be requested to clarify whether Medical College attached with hospitals dealing with toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes should be treated purely as an Educational Institution.

The SEIAA noted that PPCC is the Bio Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 enforcing authority in the U.T of Puducherry. Hence, separate clarification from MoEF&CC in this regard may not be required.

  
(Prof. Anisa Basheer Khan)  
Member

  
(Prof. M.A. Sivasankaran)  
Chairman

  
(M. Dwarakanath)  
Member Secretary



## ANNEXURE - I

### Proposal for issue of EC for excavation of ordinary earth in Karaikal District:

1. The activity associated with borrowing / excavation of 'brick earth' and 'ordinary earth' for purpose of brick manufacturing, construction of roads, embankments etc., shall not involve drilling and blasting.
2. The borrowing / excavation activity shall be restricted to a maximum depth of 2m below general ground level at the site.
3. The borrowing / excavation activity shall be restricted to 2m above the ground water table at the site.
4. The borrowing / excavation activity shall not alter the natural drainage pattern of the area.
5. The borrowed / excavated pit shall be restored by the project proponent for useful purpose(s).
6. Appropriate fencing all around the burrowed / excavated pit shall be made to prevent any mishap.
7. Measures shall be taken to prevent dust emission by covering of burrowed / excavated earth during transportation.
8. Safeguards shall be adopted against health risks on account of breeding of vectors in the water bodies created due to burrowing / excavation of earth. The Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Karaikal shall monitor the compliance.
9. Workers / labourers shall be provided with facilities for drinking water and sanitation.
10. A berm shall be left from the boundary of adjoining field having a width equal to at least half the depth of proposed excavation.
11. A minimum distance of 15m from any civil structure shall be kept from the periphery of any excavation area.
12. The applicant shall clearly demarcate the excavation site.
13. Excavation shall be carried out between 7.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M.
14. Pre and Post measurement of site to be done by officials from Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Karaikal.
15. Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Karaikal shall ensure effective execution of the excavation plan by the applicant as per the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance.
16. Environmental clearance will be valid for a period of three years only.



17. In the case of any change(s) in the scope of the project, a fresh approval from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority shall be obtained.
18. The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority reserves the right to add additional safeguard measures subsequently, if found necessary and to take action including revoking of the Environmental Clearance under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to ensure effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures in a time bound and satisfactory manner.
19. The applicant shall obtain necessary other statutory / administrative clearances from the concerned authorities.
20. The SEIAA, U.T. of Puducherry may alter / modify the above conditions or stipulate any further conditions in the interest of environment protection.
21. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
22. The clearance so granted shall be liable to be cancelled in case of any violation of the above conditions.
23. Any appeal against this Environmental Clearance shall lie with the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

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