## GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

## STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEIAA held at 3.30 P.M on 23.02.2011 in the Chamber of Director, DSTE/ M.S (SEIAA) Puducherry.

## Members present:

- Prof. M.A. Sivasankaran, Department of Civil Engineering, Pondicherry Engineering College, Puducherry - 14.
- Prof. Anisa Basheer Khan, Dept. of Environment and Ecology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry – 14.
- 3. Dr. K. Sundaravadivelu
  Representing the Director
  Department of Science, Technology &
  Environment, Puducherry 5.

- Member

- Chairman

Member Secretary

## AGENDA:

Request of the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu seeking interstate agreement for issue of EC to the proposal of the Reconstruction and Modernisation of Nagapattinam fishing Harbour proposed by Fisheries Department, Tamil Nadu - Reg.

The Member Secretary, SEIAA explained to the Authority about the background of the proposal and decision taken by the SEAC on 26.11.2010. The representative of the Project Agency Mrs. V.Malika, DRO/Administrative Manager, TPIU, Dept. of Fisheries, Chennai appraised the Authority about the administrative details of the project. The consultant of the proposal Dr. A. Nirmal Rajkumar, SMEC India (P) Ltd., Chennai clarified the points raised by the Authority.

The representative of the Project Agency submitted to the Authority that World Bank fund of Rs. 35.64 Crores is allocated for this project and the same will be released after issue of EC by SEIAA, Tamil Nadu for which a meeting of the Authority is scheduled to be held on 24.02.2011. She further submitted to the Authority that the time limit to obtain EC so as to avail funding from World Bank is before 25.2.2011. On this ground she requested this authority for timely consideration of the proposal.

The Authority examined the relevant documents /reports / plans related to the proposal including the recommendations of the SEAC. The Authority noted that the proposal may be considered for entering an agreement between the Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Govt. of Puducherry so as to completely done away with the provision related to the interstate boundaries of the EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

After detailed deliberations, and taking into account the recommendations of the SEAC and the nature of the proposal i.e. Tsunami Rehabilitation Project to be implemented under the World Bank funding, the Authority decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of Puducherry for grant of permission to the Chief Secretariat (Environment), Puducherry to enter into an agreement with the Environment Secretariat, Govt. of Tamil Nadu for this project in order to dispense the interstate boundary provision of the EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments subject to the condition that the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu through the project agency shall take all possible measures to safeguard the interests of the human and natural resources of the U.T of Puducherry against the any possible adverse environmental impacts of the project during execution and operational phases.

The Authority authorized the Member Secretary, SEIAA, Puducherry to submit a proposal to the Government of Puducherry based on the above decision. Considering the time constraint the authority further authorised the M.S., SEIAA, Puducherry to communicate the above decision to the M.S, SEIAA, Tamil Nadu on or before 24.02.2011.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

(Dr. K. Sundaravadivelu)

for Member Secretary

Anisa Basheer Khan) Member

(Prof. M.A. Sivasankaran) 23/02/11