

**Minutes of the 10th Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority
(Goa-SEIAA) held on 23rd January 2014 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference room of
the EIA Secretariat, O/o Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), Patto.**

The tenth meeting of the Goa-SEIAA was held on 23rd January 2014 in the Conference room of the GSPCB under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pramod Pathak. The list of members is annexed (*refer Annexure – 1*).

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the Members and informed about the purpose of convening the meeting at the very short notice. Dr. Mohan R. Girap made a brief presentation on the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 as well as subsequent Amendments / Office Memorandum issued thereunder till date and highlighted the mandate vis-a-vis objective of the Goa-SEIAA, being an Authority towards issuance of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) for category 'B' projects as per the "Schedule" annexed to the said Notification. He also distributed the updated version of the Notification (updated till 23rd December 2013) to all the Members. Further, he appraised the Members about three pending cases before the Authority, based on the previous deliberations, for final decision in the matter. Subsequently, Agenda Items (*refer Annexure – 2*), in reverse order, were taken up for discussion, deliberation and suitable decision in the matters.

1. Strengthening of human resource component in the EIA- Goa State Authority –

As the matter pertaining to strengthening of the EIA- Goa State Secretariat either by contractual / temporary appointment or on-deputation / internal working arrangement-basis so as to carry out routine day-to-day work (*Inward-Outward / site-inspection-report / RTI / LAQ / File management system / office record maintenance & retrieval, etc.*). was approved during 8th Goa-SEIAA meeting held on 1st April 2013 and considering that such initiative / strengthening would also enable the EIA-Authority to consider pending proposals suitably in a time-bound manner and clear back-logs efficiently, the Authority approved –

- (a) Deputation of two scientific contractual staffs, on priority, - one Scientific Assistant (S.A.) and one Junior Scientific Assistant (J.S.A.) recently recruited in the O/o the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA). Further, Dr. Pathak, Chairman, Goa-SEIAA desired to recruit one Mechanical or Environmental Engineer having industrial experience in near future, at least on contractual mode.
- (b) Associating the services of Mrs. Suverna Kadri, as a Sweeper purely on daily-wage basis, who has been engaged in the O/o the GCZMA / EIA State Secretariat since October 2013 and accordingly the payment to be effected through grant-in-aid available with the EIA Authority / as provided by the

Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DST&E), Goa, from time to time.

- (c) Deputation of Mr. Bhiva Gadekar, who has been recruited as 'Driver' on contractual appointee in the O/o the GCZMA, in the EIA-State Secretariat to work as internal working arrangement as and when his services are requested for during outdoor office-related works. In response to this, purchase of one multi-utility vehicle for the EIA-Goa State Secretariat was approved to enable easy mobility and to conduct site-inspections as well as office-related outdoor assignments on day-to-day basis. Accordingly, it was decided to forward a suitable proposal to the State Government for obtaining approval. Till his deputation / appointment is formalized, a vehicle can be hired on need-based schedule.
2. As regards to pending RTI applications received by the EIA-Goa State Secretariat (05 in nos.), the Authority approved that suitable compliance, based on the available office records, may be forwarded to the applicants concerned without any further delay. Further, the matter pertaining to nomination of authorities concerned in compliance to section (5) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 was also approved as under –
- (i) Chairman, Goa-SEIAA to officiate as First Appellate Authority (FAA)
 - (ii) Member Secretary, Goa-SEIAA to officiate as Public Information Officer (PIO)
 - (iii) Secretary, Goa-SEAC to officiate as Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO)

Accordingly, it was decided to forward aforesaid proposal to the DST&E, Goa, being an Administrative Department, for issuance of relevant Notification in Government Official Gazette.

3. The Authority, in compliance to the (a) Directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 dated 13th November and (b) Office Memorandum dated 20th December issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), decided to respond to communications received from the O/o the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) w. r. t. decision on receipt of two minor mineral quarry proposals. Accordingly, the Authority was informed that –

- (a) New or expansion of existing activities related to mining / quarrying along with other infrastructure projects and red category industries have been prohibited in Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) identified in certain villages of Sanguem,

Canacona and Sattari talukas. However, existing activities under these categories may continue within the earmarked lease areas, according to the law, except for existing mines which should be phased out within the next five years or expiry of their mine lease, whichever is earlier. Accordingly, parties should file Affidavit / Undertaking to this effect.

4. Subsequently the following cases, pending for final decision before the Authority, was taken up for discussion / deliberations –
 - (a) As regard to submission of compliance by **M/s Model Real Estates Developers, Panaji** justifying the non-applicability of either EIA Notification, 1994 and EIA Notification, 2006, the Authority directed that the Project Proponent (PP) should submit relevant documents specifying / justifying the initiation of the actual construction activity on-site prior to September 2006 for arriving at a final decision in the matter.
 - (b) In response to compliance to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) final ‘Order’ dated 30th July 2013 in a matter related to **M/s Akar Creations Pvt. Ltd., Margao**, and as the Authority, during its 7th meeting held on 15th March 2013, has delisted the said project, decided that the Project Proponent (PP) should apply afresh to the Goa-SEIAA seeking EC incorporating the revised Environment Management Plan (EMP) towards addressing relevant facts vis-a-vis their respective remedial measures adopted / proposed to be adopted, which were earlier brought before this Authority as well as NGT.
 - (c) In response to submission of relevant documents, as sought by the Authority during the 6th SEIAA meeting held on 7th February 2013, by **M/s Ganesh Benzoplasts** pending its application seeking prior EC for expansion of the existing facility at Sada, Vasco-da-Gama, the Authority decided to conduct a fresh site-inspection on 29th January 2014 prior to take any further decision in the matter. As such, the proposal has been kept in reserve to be considered during forthcoming meeting(s).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd./-

Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar
Member, Goa-SEIAA

Sd./-
Mr. Levinson J. Martins
Member Secretary, Goa-SEIAA

Sd./-
Dr. Pramod V. Pathak
Chairman, Goa-SEIAA

Place: Patto, Panaji
Date: 24th January 2014.

ANNEXURE – 1

List of members who attended the tenth Goa-SEIAA meeting

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| 1. Dr. Poramod V. Pathak | – | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Vivekanand L. Sawkar | - | Member |
| 3. Mr. Levinson J. Martins | - | Member Secretary-SEIAA |
| 3. Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Panaji | - | <i>Secretary, SEAC</i> |
