

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 3rd INTERACTIVE MEETING OF SEIAA, ORISSA & SEAC, ORISSA HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER, 2010

The 3rd interactive meeting of SEIAA and SEAC was held on 26.11.10 at 11.30 AM in the office chamber of Chairman, SEIAA, at Qr. No. 5RF, 2/1, Unit- 9, Bhubaneswar. Dr. C.R. Das, Chairman, SEIAA chaired the meeting. The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. C.R Das, Chairman, SEIAA
2. Dr GBN Chainy, Chairman, SEAC
3. Er. P.C Rath, Member, SEIAA
4. Sri Bhagirathi Behera, Member Secretary, SEIAA
5. Dr. Harekrishna Nayak, Member, SEAC
6. Dr. S.N Das, Member, SEAC
7. Dr. R.C Mohanty, Member, SEAC
8. Dr. Maheswar Patra, Member, SEAC
9. Dr. Swoyam Prakash Raut, Member, SEAC
10. Sri S.S Patnaik, Member, SEAC

The meeting started with the introduction by the Chairman, Dr. C. R Das who welcomed the members. He stressed the need for such interactive meetings at regular intervals to discuss about the different matters relating to issuing ToRs to project proponents, appraisal of projects and recommendations for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to projects etc.

Then the Member-Secretary, SEIAA presented a status report of project proposals received and disposed for EC till then. Thereafter the Chairman, SEAC initiated the discussions regarding various matters relating to functioning of SEAC.

Dr. H.K Nayak, Member, SEAC emphasized the need for urgent appointment of one Environmental Engineer and one Environmental Scientist to assist the SEAC as well as the SEIAA for prompt and effective disposal of technical work at various stages, such as screening, scoping, appraisal and final issue of EC of project proposals. Dr. Nayak also told that two Environmental Engineers along with some staff of SPCB are presently assisting in the work of SEAC on part time basis. But they are not able to devote more time required for SEAC work as they are hard pressed with their own work load of SPCB.

Dr. Maheswar Patra, Dr. RC Mohanty, DR. S.N Das, Sri S.S Patnaik and Dr. S.P Raut, Members of SEAC corroborated with this view and stressed the requirement of above technical staff for SEAC on full time basis.

During the discussions, Er. P.C Rath, Member, SEIAA also insisted to appoint one Environmental Engineer and one Environmental Scientist as soon as possible to assist the SEIAA for technical verifications of project proposals and EIA reports. However, all the Members of SEIAA & SEAC unanimously agreed to request the State Govt. again for appointment of the above technical staff at an early date.

Further, all the members of SEIAA & SEAC were of the opinion that SEIAA & SEAC should function in the same building / premises, so that there would be better coordination and official transactions between the two functionaries for quick and effective disposal of project proposals. Moreover, there could be common official staff for both SEIAA & SEAC

if they would function in the same premises. So the members suggested to move to the State Govt. to provide official accommodation to SEAC in the same buildings where the SEIAA is presently functioning.

Dr. H.K Nayak told that there should be a library in the office of SEIAA where books on various environment related references environmental laws, MOEF, Notifications & orders etc. would be available for reference of SEIAA & SEAC. Further Dr. Nayak pointed out to complete the process of installation of website of SEIAA and make it operative with all relevant data and informations. Dr. Swoyam Prakash Rout, Member, SEAC also stressed the need for library and to establish the same at an early date. The Chairman, SEIAA agreed to start a library as soon as the funds would be available for the purpose.

Responding to the discussions made in the meeting as mentioned above, the Member-Secretary of SEIAA, Sri Bhagirathi Behera, informed that action had already been initiated at State Govt. level to recruit technical staff at an early date and the matter would be again pursued with the Government. The Chairman, SEIAA told that there was budgetary provision for appointment of technical staff in the present financial year and the matter would be soon pursued with the Government.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. C.R. Das
Chairman, SEIAA

Dr. G.B.N Chainy
Chairman, SEAC

Dr. R.C Mohanty
Member, SEAC

Er. P.C. Rath
Member, SEIAA

Dr. S.P Rout
Member , SEAC

Dr. Maheswar Patra
Member, SEAC

Shri Bhagirathi Behera,
Member Secretary, SEIAA
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Dr. Harekrishna Nayak
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Shri Sasanka Sekhar Patnaik
Member, SEAC

Dr. Surendra Nath Das
Member, SEAC

