

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SEPAHIJALA DISTRICT LEVEL EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (DEAC) HELD ON 11.03.2019 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE SEPAHIJALA DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, BISHRAMGANJ

On being convened by the DM & Collector, Sepahijala District, a special meeting of the District Level Expert Appraisal Committee (hereinafter referred to as DEAC) of Sepahijala District was held on 11.03.2019 from 1.30 p.m. onwards at the Conference Hall of the Sepahijala District Collectorate, Bishramganj. The meeting was chaired by the DM & Collector, Sepahijala District. A statement of attendance in the meeting is appended hereto vide Annexure-A.

At the outset of the meeting, the DM & Collector, Sepahijala District, explained and familiarized all the members of the DEAC with the duties to be performed by the DEAC in terms of the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, vide S.O. No. 141 (E), dated 15.01.2016. She also explained the process flow involved with different stages before approval is issued by the PCCF to a mining plan, and environment clearance (EC) is issued by the Sepahijala District Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA) to a Project Proponent (PP).

Decisions adopted :

- (1) In keeping with the letter issued by the Dy. Conservator of Forest (FP), O/o the PCCF, Tripura, vide no. F.7(284)/For/FP-16/13565-589, dated 19.07.2018 (copy appended vide Annexure-B), for securing approval to a mining plan for sand, a Project Proponent (PP) will apply to the DFO, Sepahijala, with an application and mining plan prepared by an RQP enlisted on the website of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. For uniformity and adequacy of information contained in such applications, it will be examined by the SDFO Bishalgarh and the SDFO Sonamura if any standardized application format was devised elsewhere in the state. On receipt of an application, the DFO Sepahijala will examine its appropriateness on obtaining necessary field verification reports, including verification of land involved in intended extraction of sand by the concerned SDM. On receipt of such land-verification requests from DFO/SDFO, concerned SDM shall send requisite verification report within 10 days to the concerned DFO/SDFO. If found appropriate, the verified application along with mining plan will then be forwarded by the DFO Sepahijala to the PCCF for approval. On return of approved mining plan by the PCCF, the DFO Sepahijala will make it available to the concerned PP. The PP will then apply afresh for EC to the DEIAA, Sepahijala, enclosing Form 1M (Appendix VIII to the aforesaid Notification of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change), approved mining plan and prefeasibility report. On receipt of such an application for EC, it will be referred by the DEIAA to the DEAC for examination. The DEAC, after having appraised the appropriateness of the application, will either recommend or reject it based on the District Survey Report. Based on the recommendation of the DEAC, the

DEIAA will then issue EC to the PP (Action : DFO Sepahijala/SDFO Bishalgarh & Sonamura/SDM Bishalgarh/Sonamura/Jampuijala/EE PWD (WR) Battala/The Geologist, O/o the Director of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Tripura).

- (2) Environment Clearance shall be issued having regard to the Appendix-IX (copy annexed vide Annexure-C) to the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, vide S.O. No. 141 (E), dated 15.01.2016, exempting certain cases from the requirement of obtaining Environment Clearance (EC), which include different community work and other government sponsored schemes. However, a certification from the concerned departmental authority will be required about the project being government sponsored, and about the quantum of sand required (Action : DFO Sepahijala/All concerned EE PWD (WR/R&B/DWS/IE/EE RD Bishramganj/All SDMs/BDOs/District Heads of other Line Departments).
- (3) It shall be the responsibility of the concerned Executive Engineers/BDOs and other Implementing Agencies to familiarize the contractors working under them with the procedures relating to obtaining approval for mining plans and environment clearance, including the exemption provisions contained in Appendix-IX. Copies of the letter issued by the Dy. Conservator of Forest (FP), O/o the PCCF, Tripura, vide no. F.7(284)/For/FP-16/13565-589, dated 19.07.2018 and Appendix-IX (both appended hereto), should in turn be made available to the contractors by the concerned departmental authorities (Action : DFO Sepahijala/All concerned EE PWD (WR/R&B/DWS/IE/EE RD Bishramganj/All SDMs/BDOs/District Heads of other Line Departments).

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DM & Collector,
Sepahijala District, Bishramganj