

The Right to Information Act 2005

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)

1. The Organisation

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) is constituted by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India vide extra ordinary gazette notification issued on 8th January 2008. There are three members of the authority including a Chairman. The office of the authority is situated at Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation (EPCO), Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Sector, Arera Colony, Bhopal-462 016 (MP).

The SEIAA shall base its decision on the recommendations of a State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) constituted vide the extra ordinary gazette notification issued on 8th January 2008. SEAC shall screen, scope and appraise projects or activity and will give its recommendations to SEIAA. The SEAC consists of 12 members including a Chairman.

2. Powers Functions and Duties

The SEIAA has been constituted by the central Government under subsection (3) of section 3 of the Environment Protection Act 1986. All `Bq category project as mentioned in the notification no 1533 of 14th September, 2006 will require prior environment clearance from SEIAA.

The environmental clearance process for new projects will comprise of a maximum of four stages. These four stages in sequential order are:

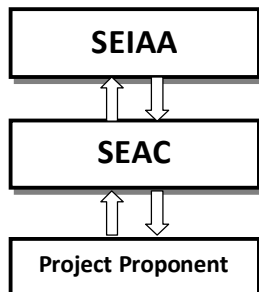
1. Screening
2. Scoping
3. Public consultation
4. Appraisal

SEIAA and SEAC are bound to discharge their duties mentioned in the notification no 1533 dt 14/09/06 within the specified time.

3. Procedure Followed in Decision Making

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Madhya Pradesh takes a final decision about granting environmental clearance on the recommendations of SEAC. SEAC appraises the proposal on the basis of the documents submitted by the project proponent such as the application form, presentation made before SEAC, final EIA and public hearing report as the case may be.

Channels of Supervisor-



4. Norms set for Discharge of Function

As mentioned in the EIA notification 2006 salient features are as follows:-

Issue of ToR or rejection of application	Within 60 days from the Date of receipt of application.
Appraisal of project on the basis of Final EIA & public hearing report by SEAC.	Within 60 days from the date of receipt of final EIA report from Project proponent.
Issue of prior environment clearance	Within 45 days from the date of SEAC's recommendations.

5. Category of Documents

SEIAA does not produce documents by itself except TORs and Environmental Clearance letters.

6. PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING

1.0 The Public Hearing shall be arranged in a systematic, time bound and transparent manner ensuring widest possible public participation at the project site(s) or in its close proximity District wise, by the concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) or the Union Territory Pollution Control Committee (UTPCC).

2.0 The Process:

2.1 The Applicant shall make a request through a simple letter to the Member Secretary of the SPCB or Union Territory Pollution Control Committee, in whose jurisdiction the project is located, to arrange the public hearing within the prescribed statutory period. In case the project site is extending beyond a State or Union Territory, the public hearing is mandated in each State or Union Territory in which the project is sited and the Applicant shall make separate requests to each concerned SPCB or UTPCC for holding the public hearing as per this procedure.

2.2 The Applicant shall enclose with the letter of request, at least 10 hard copies and an equivalent number of soft (electronic) copies of the draft EIA Report with the generic structure given in Appendix III including the Summary Environment Impact Assessment report in English and in the official language of the State/language, prepared strictly in accordance with the Terms of Reference communicated after Scoping (Stage2).

Simultaneously the applicant shall arrange to forward copies, one hard and one soft, of the above draft EIA Report along with the Summary EIA report to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and to the following authorities or offices, within whose jurisdiction the project will be located:

- (a) District Magistrate/District collector/Deputy commissioner/s
- (b) Zila Parishad or Municipal Corporation or Panchayats Union
- (c) District Industries Office
- (d) Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) / PRIs Concerned/Development Authorities
- (e) Concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

- 2.3 On receiving the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report, the above mentioned authorities except the MoEF, shall arrange to widely publicize it within their respective jurisdictions requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.
They shall also make available the draft EIA Report for inspection electronically or otherwise to the public during normal office hours till the Public Hearing is over.
- 2.4 The SPCB or UTPCC concerned shall also make similar arrangements for giving publicity about the project within the State/Union Territory and make available the Summary of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (Appendix III A) for inspection in select offices or public libraries or any other suitable location etc. They shall also additionally make available a copy of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report to the above five authorities/offices as given in para 2.2.

3.0 Notice of Public Hearing:

- 3.1 The Member Secretary of the concerned SPCB or UTPCC shall finalize the date, time and exact venue for the conduct of public hearing within 7(seven) days of the date of receipt of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report from the project proponent, and advertise the same in one major National Daily and one Regional vernacular Daily. A minimum notice period of 30(thirty) days shall be provided to the public for furnishing their responsesL
- 3.2 The advertisement shall also inform the public about the places or offices where the public could access the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report and the Summary Environmental Impact Assessment report before the public hearing. In places where the newspapers do not reach, the Competent Authority should arrange to inform the local public about the public hearing by the means such as by way of beating of drums as well as advertisement/announcement on radio/television.
- 3.3 No postponement of the date, time, venue of the public hearing shall be undertaken, unless some untoward emergency situation occurs and then only on the recommendation of the concerned District Magistrate/District collector/Deputy commissioner, the postponement shall be notified to the public through the same National and Regional vernacular dailies and also prominently displayed at all the identified offices by the concerned SPCB or Union Territory Pollution Control Committeel
- 3.4 In the above exceptional circumstances, fresh date, time and venue for the public consultation shall be decided by the Member . Secretary of the concerned SPCB or UTPCC only in consultation with the District Magistrate/District Collector/Deputy Commissioner and notified afresh as per procedure under 3.1 above.

4.0 Supervision and Presiding over the Hearing:

- 4.1 The District Magistrate District Collector/Deputy Commissioner or his or her representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate assisted

by a representative of SPCB or UTPCC, shall supervise and preside over the entire public hearing process.

5.0 Videography

5.1 The SPCB or UTPCC shall arrange to video film the entire proceedings. A copy of the videotape or a CD shall be enclosed with the public hearing proceedings while forwarding it to the Regulatory Authority concerned.

6.0 Proceedings

6.1 The attendance of all those who are present at the venue shall be noted and annexed with the final proceedings.

6.2 There shall be no quorum required for attendance for starting the proceedings.

6.3 A representative of the applicant shall initiate the proceedings with a presentation on the project and the Summary EIA report.

6.4 Persons present at the venue shall be granted the opportunity to seek information or clarifications on the project from the applicant. The summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting all the views and concerns expressed shall be recorded by the representative of the SPCB or UTPCC and read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the local/ vernacular language and the agreed minutes shall be signed by the District Magistrate/District collector/Deputy Commissioner or his or her representative on the same day and forwarded to the SPCB/UTPCC concerned.

6.5 A Statement of the issues raised by the public and the comments of the Applicant shall also be prepared in the local language or the official State language, as the case may be, and in English and annexed to the proceedings:

6.6 The proceedings of the public hearing shall be conspicuously displayed at the office of the Panchyats within whose jurisdiction the project is located, office of the concerned Zila Parishad, District Magistrate District Collector/Deputy Commissioner and the SPCB or UTPCC. The SPCB or UTPCC shall also display the proceedings on its website for general information. Comments, if any, on the proceedings which may be sent directly to the concerned regulatory authorities and the Applicant concerned.

7.0 Time period for completion of public hearing

7.1 The public hearing shall be completed within a period of 45 (forty five) days from date of receipt of the request letter from the Applicant. Therefore the SPCB or UTPCC concerned shall sent the public hearing proceedings to the concerned regulatory authority within 8(eight) days of the completion of the public hearing. Simultaneously, a copy will also be provided to the project proponent. The applicant may also directly forward a copy of the approved

public hearing proceedings to the regulatory authority concerned along with the final Environmental Impact Assessment report or supplementary report to the draft EIA report prepared after the public hearing and public consultations incorporating the concerns expressed in the public hearing along with action plan and financial allocation, itemwise, to address those concerns.

- 7.2 If the SPCB or UTPCC fails to hold the public hearing within the stipulated 45(forty five) days, the Central Government in Ministry of Environment and Forests for Category ~~A~~ project or activity and the State Government or Union Territory Administration for Category ~~B~~ project or activity at the request of the SEIAA, shall engage any other agency or authority to complete the process, as per procedure laid down in this Notification.

7. Structure of SEIAA & SEAC

There is a two tier arrangement i.e. (1) SEIAA, (2) SEAC

The SEIAA consists of the following members:

1. Shri Shri Waseem Akhtar, Chairman
2. Shri Hari Shankar Verma, Member
3. Shri Ajatshatru Shrivastava, Executive Director (EPCO)/Member Secretary

The SEAC consists of the following members:

1. Shri Ravindra Biharilal, Chairman
2. Dr. Srinivasan Krishnan Iyer, Member
3. Shri A.P. Shrivastava, Member
4. Shri Kalyan Prasad Nyati, Member
5. Dr. Mahesh Prasad Singh, Member
6. Dr. Mohini Saxena, Member
7. Dr. Manoj Pradhan, Member
8. Shri Manohar K. Joshi, Member
9. Shri Rameshwar Maheshwari, Member
10. Dr. Udaya Raj Singh, Member
11. Dr. Alok Mittal, Professor, Member
12. Shri A.A. Mishra, Member Secretary/Member Secretary, M.P. Pollution Control Board

Member of SEIAA and SEAC shall hold office for a period of 3 years and shall be eligible for re-nomination (two terms only). Maximum no. of members is three in SEIAA and fifteen in SEAC. The Chairman of SEAC can co-opt a member for a particular SEAC meeting

SEIAA & SEAC office team

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OFFICE of SEIAA:

The office of SEIAA is supported by the following officials

Name	Designation
Dr. Sanjeev Sachdev	Officer-in-Charge
Mr. Alok Nayak	Nodal Officer
Dr. R.K. Jain	Nodal Officer
Shri B.K. Sahu	Assistant
Shri Vitthal Pawar	Inventory Assistant
Shri Vijay Malviya	Dispatcher
Shri Rajendra Pawar	Peon
Shri Jagdish Pal	Peon

8. Monthly Remuneration of SEIAA members and associated officials

Name	Designation	Honorarium / Salary
Dr. Sanjeev Sachdev	Officer-in-Charge	Rs. 1,31,094/p.m.
Mr. Alok Nayak	Nodal Officer	Rs. 75,510/p.m.
Dr. R.K. Jain	Nodal Officer	Rs. 75,510/p.m.
Shri B.K. Sahu	Assistant	Rs. 35,088/p.m.
Shri Vitthal Pawar	Inventory Assistant	Rs. 28,844/p.m.
Shri Vijay Malviya	Dispatcher	Rs. 21,870/p.m.
Shri Rajendra Pawar	Peon	Rs. 21,870/p.m.
Shri Jagdish Pal	Peon	Rs. 13,858/p.m.

9. Budget

Details of SEIAA's budget sanctioned for the financial year 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14.

Budget . 2010-11	Rs. 42.95 lakhs
Budget . 2011-12	Rs. 49.39 lakhs
Budget . 2012-13	Rs. 60.00 lakhs
Budget . 2013-14	Rs. 80.00 lakhs

10. Manner for Execution of Subsidy Programme

There is no subsidy programme

11. Particular of Recipient of Concessions permits or Authorisation granted by it.

There are no concessions permits or authorization granted by SEIAA. It only grants environmental clearances.

12. Details in respect of Electronic Information

www.mpseiaa.nic.in is the official website of SEIAA, which provides information about

1. Notifications
2. Orders
3. Application status
4. ToR
5. EC letters

It is updated on regular basis for the benefit of the people.

13. Facilities of Library and Documentation Available to Public

Nil

14. Name Designation and details of Public Information Officers

Appellate Authority

Shri Ajatshatru Shrivastava, Executive Director, EPCO

Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal Ph. 0755 - 2466859, 2466970

Public Information Officer

Dr. Sanjeev Sachdev, Officer-in-Charge (SEIAA)

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15. Any Other Information

May please refer to SEIAA's web site www.mpseiaa.nic.in