

Minutes

The Minutes of the 126th Meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee for Projects related to Infrastructure Development, Coastal Regulation Zone, Building/Construction and Miscellaneous projects held from 19th – 21st September, 2013 in the Conference Hall, IOC, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

1. Opening Remarks of the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 126th meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee and the first meeting of the reconstituted Committee. Chairman suggested that sufficient time should be provided to the members to go through the project documents and reports. He also pointed out that many clearances recommended by the Committee have been challenged in NGT and there are various observations/ orders of NGT. It would be appropriate that the agenda is not overloaded so that the Committee has sufficient time to appraise the projects in detail.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 125th Meeting of the EAC held on 10th – 12th June, 2013 at New Delhi.

Member Secretary informed that no comments have been received from the members of the earlier Committee after the posting of minutes on the website. The Committee noted the information provided by the Member Secretary and the minutes of the 125th Meeting were confirmed.

3. Consideration of old Proposals

3.1	<p>Extension of Environmental Clearance for Container Terminal Project at Ennore Port Limited. M/s Ennore Port Limited [F.No.10-28/2005-IA.III(P)]</p> <p>The project proponent informed that MoEF accorded environmental clearance vide Letter No. 10-28/2005-IA-III dated 10.9.2007 for the development of Container Terminal for a quay length of 1000 mtrs. along with associated Capital Dredging to provide an alongside depth of (-) 16 mtrs CD, with a capacity to handle 18 MTPA (1.5 million TEUs). As the five year period is over, the port has requested for renewal of the environmental clearance for a further period of three years in view of the fact that the earlier Concessionaire for development of Container Terminal failed to start the work and subsequently the concession agreement was cancelled. EPL has again taken up development of container Terminal in phases keeping in view the latest developments and market demand. At present 11 bids for qualification have been received for development of container terminal of 730 mtrs quay length with a capacity of 16.8 MTPA (1.4 million TUEs). This project is planned to be awarded by December 2013.</p> <p>PP further informed that there is no change in the project scope.</p> <p><i>Committee noted that in terms of para 9 of the EIA, Notification, 2006, the extension of EC can be considered provided the request / application is made within the validity period. As the Proponent made the request within the validity period, the Committee has therefore recommended to extend the validity of clearance by another three years.</i></p>
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	<p>i. Remote sensing imagery of the entire area should be procured for last 3 years and presented along with its classification in terms of landuse/landcover.</p> <p>ii. No industrial development should be allowed in the CRZ area. Separate CRZ clearance shall be obtained for any activity in the CRZ area.</p> <p>iii. CRZ map at the scale of 1:4000 for the entire CRZ area prepared by the authorized agencies should be submitted in the soft and hard format</p> <p>iv. Latest data shall be used for the preparation of EIA studies.</p> <p>v. What is the mechanism that the infrastructure land is available to the proponent.</p>
4.34	<p>Environmental Clearance for widening of existing 2-lane to 4/6-lane of Solapur to Bijapur section of NH-13 in the State of Maharashtra and Karnataka M/s NHAI. [F.No. 10-58/2012-IA.III]</p> <p><i>Committee noted that the length is 58 km less than 100 km hence the project does not require EC.</i></p>
4.35	<p>Environmental and CRZ Clearance for Vizhinjam International Container Transshipment Terminal at Vizhinjam by M/s Vizhinjam Port Ltd [F.No. 11-122/2011-IA-III]</p> <p>The Committee noted that the State Government has not responded and provided comments on the various representations received w.r.t. the proposed project. PP was also informed that some more representations have been handed over by some persons on the meeting day, a copy of which will also be provided to the State Government. Principal Secretary, State Government was, therefore, requested to respond to all these representations. Consideration of proposal was, therefore, deferred till the next meeting.</p>
4.36	<p>Finalization of ToR for Development of Bulk Liquid Berth for handling LNG at Karaikal Port-Environmental Clearance-reg. M/s Karaikal Port Private Ltd. [F.No. 11 -41/ 2013 - IA.III]</p> <p><i>The Committee decided to defer the project, since the project proponent did not circulate the documents in time.</i></p>
4.37	<p>Finalization of ToR for re-development of existing activities at Cochin Port Trust [F.No.11-45/2013-IA.III]</p> <p>As presented by the project proponent, the project involves redevelopment of existing activities of Cochin Port Trust, Kerala. Cochin Port is currently handling 20.09 MTPA of General Cargo, Liquid Cargo, Dry Bulk Cargo, Clean Cargo and 1,300 passenger capacity cruise vessels with existing 17 berths.</p> <p>With the proposed expansion/modernization activities at existing 17 berths, the capacity would be enhanced to handle 36.38 MTPA (General Cargo, Liquid Cargo, Dry</p>