

## **The Right to Information Act, 2005 - Information under 4(1)(b)**

### **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 Forests, Govt. of India vide extra ordinary gazette notification issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014. There are three members of the Authority including the chairman. The office of the Authority is situated at Room No.706, Department of Ecology & Environment, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, IV-Gate, M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001. The SEIAA and State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) has been constituted vide the above mentioned gazette notification, to appraise the proposals. Screening, scoping and appraisal of projects or activity is undertaken by the SEAC and send their recommendations to SEIAA. The SEAC consists of 14 members including the chairman.

#### **2. Powers Functions and Duties**

The SEIAA has been constituted by the central Government under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986. All 'B' category project listed in the schedule of the notification No S.O.1533 (E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 requiring prior environment clearance are considered by the Authority in accordance with the law and decisions made on merit.

#### **3. Procedure Followed in Decision Making**

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Karnataka takes decision about granting Environmental Clearance or otherwise, pursuant to the recommendations of SEAC. SEAC appraises the proposal on the basis of the documents submitted by project proponent such as the application form, conceptual plan, pre-feasibility report, presentation made before SEAC, final EIA and public hearing report as the case may be.

#### **4. Norms set for Discharge of Function**

As mentioned in the EIA notification 2006, the 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. - With 60 days from the date of receipt of final EIA report from Project proponent.
- Final decision of SEIAA by issue of prior environment clearance or otherwise. - 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. Structure of SEIAA & SEAC

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

The SEIAA consists of the following members:

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| 1. | Dr. H.S. Ramesh   | Chairman         |
| 2. | Dr. H. R. Rajmohan  | Member           |
| 3. | Sri Ramachandra, IFS,<br>Secretary to Government,<br>(Ecology & Environment), Dept. of<br>Forest, Ecology & Environment | Member Secretary |

The SEAC consists of the following members:

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| 1.  | Sri. N. Naganna   | Chairman  |
| 2.  | Prof. D. L. Manjunath   | Member    |
| 3.  | Dr. S. Manjappa   | Member    |
| 4.  | Dr.B. Manoj Kumar   | Member    |
| 5.  | Dr. B. S. Jai Prakash   | Member    |
| 6.  | Dr.M.I.Hussain  | Member    |
| 7.  | Dr.H.B.Aravinda   | Member    |
| 8.  | Sri B. Chikkappaiah   | Member    |
| 9.  | Dr. N. Krishnamurthy  | Member    |
| 10. | Dr.S.Prashanth  | Member    |
| 11. | Dr.K.C.Jayaramu   | Member    |
| 12. | Sri H Srinivasaiah  | Member    |
| 13. | Dr. K. B. Umesh   | Member    |
| 14. | Sri Subramany. M  | Member    |
| 15. | Sri. O. Palaiah,<br>Special Director, Ecology & Environment<br>Department | Secretary |

Members of SEIAA and SEAC hold office for a period of 3 years and eligible for re-nomination (two terms only).

Maximum no.of members permissible is three in SEIAA and fifteen in SEAC.

The chairman of SEAC can co-opt an expert as member in a relevant field for a particular SEAC meeting.

**Officials:**

The Department of Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka provides secretarial assistance to the Authority and the SEAC.

The office of SEIAA is supported by the following officials:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Sri H.K.Ananda	Scientific Officer
Smt U. Shanthalaxmi	Stenographer
Sri Manjunath Karanth K.P	Scientific Assistant (On contract from Manpower Agency)
Sri Kiran K.P.	Scientific Assistant (On contract from Manpower Agency)
Sri Ranganath	Data Entry Operator (On contract from Manpower Agency)

SEAC is associated by the following officials:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Sri Chandrashekar B.S	Scientific Officer
Sri M.Deviprasad	Scientific Officer
Smt. M.N. Padmini	Senior Data Entry Operator (On contract from Manpower Agency)

**7. Sitting Fee and Travelling Allowances for the Chairman and Members of SEIAA/SEAC:**

As per the order of Government of Karnataka No. FEE 1 EPC 2011 dated 19.02.2013, the Chairman and members of SEIAA/SEAC (other than Member Secretary, SEIAA) are entitled for a sitting fee of Rs.1,500 and TA/DA admissible to that of Group A officers of the Government.

**8. Monthly Remuneration of officials associated with SEIAA:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Monthly Salary/Wages</b>
Sri H.K.Ananda	Scientific Officer	Rs. 69, 130
Smt U. Shanthalaxmi	Stenographer	Rs.28,000
Sri Manjunath Karanth K.P	Scientific Assistant (On contract from Manpower Agency)	Rs.22,000
Sri Kiran K.P.	Scientific Assistant (On contract from Manpower Agency)	Rs.22,000
Sri Ranganath	Data Entry Operator (On contract from Manpower Agency)	Rs.14,000

**Monthly Remuneration of officials associated with SEAC:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Monthly Salary/Wages</b>
Sri Chandrashekar B.S	Scientific Officer	Rs. 70,690
Sri M.Deviprasad	Scientific Officer	Rs. 97,500
Smt. M.N. Padmini	Senior Data Entry Operator (On contract from Manpower Agency)	Rs.15,000

## 9. Budget and Expenditure:

Details of year-wise budget earmarked by the Government of Karnataka through the Department of Ecology and Environment

Budget – 2010- 11	Rs.25 lakhs
Budget – 2011-12	Rs.25 lakhs
Budget – 2012-13	Rs.25 lakhs
Budget – 2013-14	Rs.40 lakhs
Budget – 2014-15	Rs.75 lakhs

The expenditure for the functions of the Authority/Committee for the budget year 2010-2014 was met by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board from out of the budget provided by the Department of Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka and records maintained. From the year 2014-15 the accounts of the Authority and Committee is maintained by the Authority itself.

## 10. Details in respect of Electronic Information:

<http://seiaa.kar.nic.in> and [seiaa.karnataka.gov.in](http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in) are the official website of SEIAA, which provides information about:

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

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

## 11. Name Designation and details of public information Officers

### Appellate Authority

Sri Ramachandra,  
Secretary to Government,  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Environment)  
and the Member Secretary, SEIAA, Karnataka,  
Department of Ecology & Environment, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, IV-Gate,  
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001.

### Public Information Officer

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## 12. Any Other Information

May please refer to SEIAA's web site <http://seiaa.kar.nic.in> and [seiaa.karnataka.gov.in](http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in).