

Interactive Meeting between SEIAA and SEAC and LIFE

A consultative discussion was held in the Conference Hall of SEIAA, Bihar Office, Beltron Bhawan, Patna on 31st August 2018. Following members were present in the discussion:

1. Shri B.N. Jha, Chairman, SEIAA, Bihar
2. Shri MurariJeeMishra, Chairman, SEAC, Bihar
3. Shri Surendra Singh, Member Secretary, SEIAA
4. Shri NNS Mourya, Member, SEIAA
5. Dr. Vijay Kumar Sinha, Member, SEAC
6. Dr. Amar Nath Verma, Member, SEAC
7. Dr. Birendra Prasad, Member, SEAC
8. Dr.Shardendu, Member, SEAC
9. Dr.Sudhansu Kumar, Member, SEAC
10. Dr. Samir Kumar Sinha, Member, SEAC
11. Shri Chandan Kumar, Technical Officer, SEIAA
12. Dr. Rakesh Kr. Singh, Member, SEAC and Trustee, LIFE, New Delhi
13. Shri Ritwick Dutta, Advocate and Managing Trustee, LIFE as Special Invitee

Shri B.N. Jha welcomed Mr. Ritwick Dutta and members of SEIAA and SEAC in the focused discussion on the topic “SEIAA-SEAC: Key Institution for Improving Environmental Quality”.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh presented an analysis of minutes of meetings of the SEIAA of 15 Indian States for appraisal of project for granting environment clearance (EC) in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006. He also presented the status of the ambient air quality in four major cities of Bihar on the basis of year 2016 data available in the public domain and explained its relation with projects that need Environment Clearance.

Mr. Ritiwck Dutta made a presentation on various orders and judgments of National Green Tribunal, Hon’ble High Courts and the Supreme Court of India on various processes followed to grant EC as per the EIA Notification, 2006. Mr. Dutta elaborated the importance of information furnished by Project Proponents in Form-1 and its prime significance in determining the TOR for a project that form the basis of final appraisal by SEIAA/SEAC to grant/reject EC.

Chairman of SEIAA and SEAC opined that the discussions were very useful for both the bodies and assured for holding elaborated discussion on the processes outlined in the EIA Notification, 2006 and the Office Memorandum and guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC from time to time in the near future.

Member Secretary, SEIAA opined that such discussion is also needed for the forest officials of the state.

Vote of thank was given by Mr. Chandan Kumar, Technical Officer.



Figure 1 SEIAA, BIHAR



Figure 2 Ritwick Dutta(LIFE) discussing various judgements on EIA process