MINUTES OF 10TH MEETING OF EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, UNION TERRITORY, CHANDIGARH HELD ON 21.04.2012 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. R.K. KOHLI, CHAIRMAN, EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE , UT, CHANDIGARH

A meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee, Union Territory, Chandigarh has been held on 21.04.2012 at 11:00 A.M. in the Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Dr. R.K. Kohli, to discuss the issue for the grant of environmental clearance to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh by addition of hospital, hostels and houses.

Following members were present in the meeting:-

1.	Prof. M.S.Johal, Department Zoology, Panjab University, Chandigarh.	Member
2.	Sh. Vivek Pandey, Scientist 'B'. Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee, Chandigarh.	Member
3.	Prof. Shakti Arora, Department of Environmental Engineering, Punjab Engineering College, Sector – 12, Chandigarh.	Member
4.	Sh. Surinder Singh, Divisional Forest Officer (Retd.) H.No. 995, Sector 41-A, Chandigarh.	Member
5.	Sh. Rajnish Wattas Principal, Retd. Chandigarh College of Architecture, Chandigarh.	Member
6.	Sh. Surindra Kumar, Director (S) Ministry of Environment & Forests Northern Regional office, Sector 31, Chandigarh.	Special Invitee
7..	Sh.P.J.S.Dadhwal, Additional Director, Environment Department U.T., Chandigarh.	Secretary

The Chairman apprised the members as well as the Special Invitee Sh. Surindra Kumar, Director, MoEF, in regard to the reply submitted by the Proponent in the revised Form I / IA. The committee thoroughly went through the reply submitted by the Proponent.

The team of PGIMER headed by the Superintending Engineer Sh. Garg and comprising officers from the Planning, Electrical, Architecture, Bio Medical Waste Departments etc along with Dr. R.S. Saini, Consultant, Eco-Laboratories and Consultants Private Ltd. had come on S-EAC's invitation to make presentation and for getting quick clarifications, if any. On behalf of the team Sh. Kishori Lal, Hospital Engineer (Planning), PGIMER, Chandigarh made the power point presentation of their project.

While making presentation, the committee members raised queries on the different aspect of the Project. Based on the presentation and responses on the queries of the S-EAC, following preliminary observations (which were made known during the presentation also) have been made by the committee. The Proponent consented to

30/4/12

submit the reply regarding following deficiencies / observations, at their earliest possible to enable the committee to proceed further in the matter.

1. Copy of approved building plan / conceptual plan has not been provided. The same may be provided along with affidavit that no deviation shall be made.
2. Revised drawing No. 3 showing site and all features including forest area within 500 meters of the project area be submitted.
3. Submit the details of existing number of trees standing on the site and number of trees to be felled in the proposed building area. Approval of the competent authority to fell such trees be submitted.
4. Distinct plan in the form of drawing showing the location of the all the existing buildings and structures along with existing trees and another plan indicating location of proposed buildings along with the trees that would be felled within the proposed building may be submitted.
5. A plan indicating the area where compensatory new plantation is proposed to be done be submitted.
6. Plantation module showing plantation of trees with species of trees to be planted at sites of boundary wall, STP area, DG Set area, Vehicle parking and parks etc. be explained in writing and shown on drawing with distinct colours for each species as discussed and consented during the meeting. Preference should be given to indigenous variety of trees propagating local fauna.
7. So far as the fauna is concerned, an undertaking be submitted to the effect that no animals especially snakes if found at site will be killed during construction.
8. Clearance certificate for each proposed building from the Chief Fire Officer, Chandigarh Administration be submitted.
9. Submit an undertaking in the form of affidavit for STP mentioning the time frame for installing STP.
10. The copy of consent to establish and operate as given by the CPCC for operating DG Sets in time bound manner.
11. Quantification of existing and incremental radio-active waste, incinerator ash/waste and its proposed disposal.
12. Layout Plan showing the rain water harvesting system proposed for the buildings.
13. Specifications of the number and type of toilets are proposed to be constructed for the labour at the time of construction.
14. Quantify the capacity of proposed source of water at Sr. No. 2.2 of Page No. 68
15. Quantify the capacity of STP
16. Quantify the capacity especially the dependable flow and yield of water supply
17. Answer to Point No. 2.14 has not been furnished. The same may be furnished now.
18. The energy requirement to be met from the non conventional energy sources may be quantified.
19. Submit the evidence as regards MoU with NIMBUA Greenfield Ltd for transport and disposal of hazardous waste.

The committee learnt that PGIMER in addition to its existing constructed area of 3,01,127. 01 sq.mt prior of 7-7.2004 and further constructed many buildings after

7-7-2004 (constructed area of 83,316.54 Sq.mts) without any environmental clearance. As per the Government of India notification it is mandatory for the proponent to have prior EIA clearance for any building activity (including township and cluster of buildings) covering area more than 20,000 sq.mts. This violation of law was taken seriously by the committee. After great deal of discussions and realizing that the PGIMER, a premier central government national institution is doing a good social selfless service for humanity has missed to seek the mandatory environmental clearance as per law of the land. At the same time the Committee cannot use different yardstick of measuring such blatant violations on the issues of clean environment which is also for a bigger cause of all life forms of the present and posterity.

Instead of straightway rejecting the proposal of expansion/addition of new buildings in the institution because of violation of law, the committee resolved to seek clarification from the institute's Board of Directors/Executive Committee for not adhering to the provisions of applicable law and commitment of not repeating such contempt in future before proceeding with the process of EIA clearance. It was readily agreed to by the team from PGIMER.

The committee further resolved to make a site visit after satisfactory the reply from the proponent on the above observations/deficiencies. The proponent consented for the same and proposed to fix with the Secretary S-EAC a suitable date and time for the purpose. The project proponent consented to respond to the above issues at the earliest enabling the committee to proceed further in the matter.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Sh. Vivek Pandey, Member

Sh. Rajnish Wattas, Member

Sh. Surinder Singh, Member

Prof. M.S.Johal, Member

30.5.12

Prof. Shakti Arora, Member

Sh. Surindra Kumar, Special Invitee

Sh. P.J.S.Dadhwal, Secretary

3/5/12

Dr. R.K.Kohli, Chairman