

A meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee, Union Territory, Chandigarh was held on 28.05.2012 at 3:00 P.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.

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. Rainish Watta 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

1. The drawing No.3 submitted as Annexure-II is still incomplete. Forest area on eastern side of the institute has been shown whereas forest area on western side, falling between Punjab University boundary and Patiala Choe, which is in the proximity of just 25/30 meters of the project boundary, has not been shown though agreed and consented during the meeting on 21.04.2012. The drawing thus needs amendment. These forest areas consequently need to be mentioned at S.N.2 of the document under head Environmental Sensitivity page 61.
2. The reply is not proper at S.N.3. The proponent is still evasive to indicate total number of trees standing at project site. The perusal of references as mentioned from page 17 to 27 of the document submitted vide No.434 dated 09.04.2012 just mentions the memos from Assistant Engineer to Executive Engineer to seek permission to fell 113 trees. There is no memo for 48 trees which forms part of 161 trees, the proponent intends to fell. The proponent has attached a list of 12125 trees as part of Annexure-II indicating existing trees with their species in

PGI which again is contradictory to the figure of 21625 trees as mentioned in the document presented on 21.04.2012. Reluctance by proponent to give figures of standing trees on project site is not understood.


3. Compensatory plantation does not form part of project plantation. The proponent needs to earmark other area where losses of trees so caused have to be compensated with.
4. The reply of S. No. 6 is not proper. During discussions with the proponent on 21.04.2012 it was agreed that sites like Boundary wall, STP area and D.G. set area need thick belt of ever green trees with at least three rows of trees forming three tier canopies to mitigate environmental hazards. The other areas like parks, vehicle parking, road sides etc. may be planted with evergreen, deciduous, or fruit trees as per requirements of the site.
5. It was agreed that rows of trees and the species of trees so chosen for plantation purposes will be shown on drawing with distinct colours for each species of trees. Drawing enclosed as Annexure V lacks all that and therefore needs amendment.
6. It was also agreed that module of plantation so drawn will be explained in writing which involves many factors such as raising/purchasing of plantation stock, height of planting stock, digging of earth and the size of pits, plant and row spacing, plantation time, application of fertilizer/ insecticide, replacement of failures with matching height of existing and to be planted stock, watering facilities, subsequent maintenance period and allocation of funds etc.. All these need to be explained in detail and writing.
7. If Rain water harvesting system for recharging is not possible, the possibilities of re-using of rain water may be done.
8. The committee is not satisfied with the reply to S.No.11. The same may be clarified at the time of site visit. The information may be made available at the site visit
9. The 'No objection certificate' from Chief Fire Officer for existing buildings may be supplied.
10. The copy of the agreement made with NIMBIA Greenfield (Punjab) Ltd may be supplied.


The committee has further decided to have a site visit of the proponent on 09.06.2012 at 8:00 A.M. The proponent may be asked to furnish the reply to the above discrepancies and date of visit of site visit may also be conveyed to the proponent.

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


Sh. Vivek Pandey,
Member

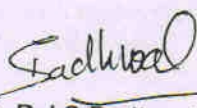

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