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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Environmental safeguards to be followed while construction and operation of Aerial Ropeways-regarding.

It is to inform that, the Ministry vide Notification No. S.O. 1953 (E) dated 27th April 2022, has exempted Aerial Ropeways from the requirement of prior Environment Clearance (EC) under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, subject to certain environmental safeguards.

2. Further, the exemption of Aerial Ropeway from prior EC does not exempt it from approvals/consents/permissions etc., required to be obtained under any other Act/Rule/Regulation/Bye-laws/Notification etc.
3. The matter was referred to the Expert Appraisal Committee of Infrastructure sector in the Ministry for deliberation and based on the recommendation of the committee, the Ministry hereby directs that the following environmental safeguards shall be followed while construction and operation of Aerial Ropeways:
 - i. All statutory compliance/clearances should be obtained and all necessary acts/rules are to be obeyed.
 - ii. Disaster Management Plan as per the Disaster Management Act may be got approved from Competent Authority.
 - iii. Plantation shall be taken up in accordance to State laws, if required, preferably with heavy foliage, broad leaves and wide canopy.
 - iv. Appropriate Air Pollution Control (APC) system (both during the construction/operation) shall be provided for all the dust generating points inter-alia including loading, unloading, transfer points, fugitive dust from all vulnerable sources, so as to comply prescribed standards.
 - v. Diesel power generating sets, if any, as source of backup power should be of enclosed type and conform to rules made under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The height of stack of DG sets should be equal to the height needed for the combined capacity of all proposed DG sets. Low sulphur diesel may be used. The location of the DG sets may be decided in consultation with State Pollution Control Board.
 - vi. Base line Noise level survey shall be carried out prior to start of construction as per the prescribed guidelines. The ambient noise levels should conform to

- the standards prescribed under Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.
- vii. No wastewater shall be discharged in open. Appropriate Water Pollution Control system shall be provided for the treatment of waste water.
 - viii. Energy conservation measures should be integral part of the project design and should be in place before project commissioning.
 - ix. Solar energy to the extent possible may be used in the project i.e., at upper terminal and lower terminal to reduce the carbon footprint.
 - x. Adequate parking shall be constructed at upper terminal and lower terminal. Project Proponent shall ensure smooth traffic management and minimum waiting time. A detailed traffic management and a traffic decongestion plan should be drawn up around the project and implemented to the satisfaction of the State Urban Development / Transport Departments
 - xi. The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental / forest /wildlife norms/ conditions. The company shall have defined system of reporting infringements/ deviation / violation of the environmental/ forest/ wildlife norms/ conditions and/or shareholder's/stake holders.
 - xii. Self-environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Director

To

1. The Chairman, CPCB
2. The Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. The Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs.
4. The Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs IUTPCCs.
5. All the officers of IA Division

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2. PS to Ho'ble MoS(EF&CC)
3. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC).
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