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Impact Assessment Division

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification on the applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for Educational Institutions - regarding.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 3252 (E) dated 22.12.2014, amended the schedule 8 of EIA Notification 2006 to state that Industrial shed, school, college, hostel for educational institution shall be exempted from requirement of Environmental Clearance (EC) but shall ensure sustainable environmental management etc.

2. Further, Ministry has issued an OM dated 9th June 2015 clarifying that Notification dated 22.12.2014 provides exemption to buildings of educational institutions including universities from obtaining prior EC under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 subject to sustainable environmental management and provided a set of guidelines to be followed for building projects to ensure sustainable environment management.


3. In this regard, the Ministry is in receipt of request for clarification on the definition of 'educational institution' for which the above mentioned exemption is applicable. The matter was referred to the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry and based on their recommendation the matter was further referred to the Ministry of Education for seeking clarification regarding the definition of Educational Institution.

4. In this regard, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education has informed that different types of education institutions in terms of school, college, university, technical institutions, etc., have been defined in various statutes for the purpose of recognition, affiliation, accreditation etc. However, there is no specific definition of the term 'educational institutions'. Further, Department of Higher Education informed that as per Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, the term 'educational institutions' has been defined, as:

“educational institution” means a school, seminary, college, university, professional academies, training institutes or other educational establishment, not necessarily a chartered institution and includes not only buildings, but also all grounds necessary for the accomplishment of the full scope of educational instruction, including those things essential to mental, moral and physical development.”

5. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that the exemption provided for educational institutions vide Ministry's Notification No. S.O. 3252 (E) dated 22.12.2014 shall be applicable to all educational institutions covered under the definition of educational institution as mentioned in Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. However, these educational institutions shall strictly implement the guidelines issued vide OM dated 9th June 2015 to ensure sustainable environment management.

6. This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.


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1. The Chairman, CPCB, New Delhi.
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3. The Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
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