

F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III [E 177258]

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

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Dated: 29th March, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Procedure to be followed by the project proponent while surrendering the prior Environment Clearances accorded by MoEF&CC/SEIAA for developmental projects - reg.

As per the provisions contained in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities(SEIAAs) accord prior Environmental Clearances (EC) to the various developmental projects (or) activities [New/Expansion/Modernization/change of product-mix (or) raw material mix) listed in the schedule to the said notification.

2. Instances have been brought to the notice of this Ministry that several Project Proponents, after obtaining EC from the concerned Competent Authority, abandon the project or surrender the EC after part implementation of the project or without implementing of the project due to various reasons such as land acquisition & R&R issues, court matters, and financial constraints etc. After abandoning the project for one or the other reason, the Project Proponents many a times do not inform the concerned Authorities and surrender the EC and leave the project. Such practices, adopted by the Project Proponents, not only defeat the purpose of the EIA Notification, 2006 but it may also pose an acute threat to the local people living in the vicinity of the project site depending upon the hazards/risks associated with the respective developmental project or activity since the EC conditions remain non-complied.

3. The matter has been considered in the Ministry and it has been decided that whenever any Project Proponent relating to schedule 3, 4, 5, 6, 7(d), 7(da), 7(h), 7(i) and 8(a) abandons the Project or Activity for which prior EC was granted, the project proponent has to submit an application in the prescribed form along with requisite documents through PARIVESH to the concerned Competent Authority for surrendering the respective EC. The application shall be considered as per the flowchart enclosed herewith depending upon the implementation status of the project or activity.

4. The project proponent shall be accountable for adherence/compliance of the EC conditions till such time as the project is finally closed by the Ministry/SEIAA, as the case may be, based on certified closure report of IROs.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(A.K. Agrawal)
Director

To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
4. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs
5. All the Officers of I.A. Division

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5. PPS to AS(TK) / AS (NPG)/ AS(RS)
6. PPS to JS (SKB)
7. Website, MoEF&CC/Guard file.

WORK FLOW FOR THE PROPOSALS INVOLVING SURRENDER OF EC UNDER EIA, 2006
(Annexure to the OM No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III [E 177258] dated 29.03.2022)

