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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

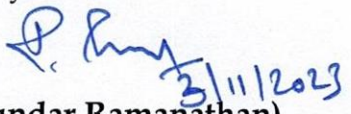
Subject: Clarification with reference to Ministry's OM dated 28.04.2023 in Compliance of order dated 07.12.2022 passed by Hon'ble NGT in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - reg.

This is with reference to the Ministry's OM dated 28.04.2023, wherein the Ministry has directed that, all valid Environmental Clearances (ECs) issued by DEIAA shall be reappraised through SEAC/SEIAA in compliance of the order of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A.142 of 2022. It was also directed that all concerned SEACs shall re-appraise the ECs issued by DEIAAs between 15.01.2016 and 13.09.2018 (including both dates) and all fresh ECs in this regard shall be issued by SEIAAs based only after such appraisal. The re-appraisal by SEIAA shall be completed within a time period of one year from the date of issue of OM dated 28.04.2023.

2. In this regard, the Ministry has filed an affidavit before the Hon'ble NGT on 25.05.2023 in OA No. 142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar Vs. MoEFCC & Ors., stating that all valid ECs granted by DEIAA from 15.01.2016 to 13.09.2018, will continue to be valid for one year from the date of issue of the Ministry's OM dated 28.04.2023 subject to the compliance of the conditions prescribed therein.

3. In view of the above, it is further clarified that the ECs granted by DEIAA which are valid as on date shall continue to be valid for one year from the date of issue of OM dated 28.4.2023 unless the validity of the EC granted by DEIAA has lapsed prior to 28.4.2024 or until SEIAA has invalidated the EC granted by DEIAA after carrying out re-appraisal as outlined above, whichever is earlier.

4. This is for necessary action and compliance please.
5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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To

1. Chairman/Member Secretary, CPCB.
2. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the State/UT, PCBs/PCCs
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the EACs.
4. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/ SEACs.
5. All Officers of IA Division

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