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Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub.: EC application form for B2 category projects – reg.**

The Ministry *vide* Notification dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 amended the EIA Notification 2006 stating that projects regarding mining of minor minerals which fall under category B2 of the Notification shall apply through Form 1M provided in the appendix VIII of the Notification.

2. Further, the Ministry *vide* Office Memorandum dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 directed that all project, other than projects covered under schedule 8 of the EIA Notification and mining of minor minerals upto five hectares, which are categorized as B2 shall apply for Environmental Clearance as per the provision of Form-2.

3. Subsequently, based on the direction of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) *vide* order dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in O.A. No. 186 of 2016 (Satendra Pandey Vs Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change & Anr), use of Form-1M for accepting EC applications for minor minerals upto five hectares has been examined in the Ministry. The matter has also been discussed with various SEIAAs/SEACs.

4. Based on above, the Ministry hereby directs that, henceforth, for all Category "B2" projects [other than those covered in schedule 8 of the EIA Notification 2006], the project proponents shall apply in Form-2 on PARIVESH portal along with requisite documents. On selection of category as "B2", the fields in Form-2 which may not be relevant for such projects, [i.e., EIA Report etc.] shall automatically get disabled.

5. The Office Memorandum dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 shall get modified to that extent.

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



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Director

To

1. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all Expert Appraisal Committees
2. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all SEIAAs/SEACs
3. All Officers of IA Division

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