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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110 003
Dated: 13th July, 2020

ORDER

Sub: Reconstitution of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Infra-1 & CRZ) for Environmental Impact Assessment of Infrastructure Development projects requiring Environmental and/or CRZ Clearance under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and CRZ/IPZ Notification, 2011, as amended from time to time - reg.

In pursuance of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification S.O. 1533(E) dated 14th September, 2006, Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) / Island Protection Zone Notification, 2011 and subsequent amendments therein, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby reconstitutes the Expert Appraisal Committee (hereinafter referred as the Committee) for environmental appraisal of infrastructure development projects related to: (i) All ship breaking yards including ship breaking units under schedule **7(b)** of EIA Notification; (ii) Industrial Estate/ Parks/ Complexes/ Areas, Export Processing Zones, Special Economic Zones, Biotech Parks, Leather Complexes under schedule **7(c)** of EIA Notification; (iii) Ports, harbors, break waters, dredging under schedule **7(e)** (iv) Highways under schedule **7(f)** of EIA Notification and (v) Permissible developmental activities in CRZ areas, received in the Ministry for seeking Environmental and/or CRZ/IPZ Clearances.

2. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Position
1.	Dr. Deepak Arun Apte B-11, Poorva Society, Near Saraswati English Medium High School, Panchpakhadi, Thane - 400 602 E-mail: spiderconch@gmail.com	Chairman
2.	Shri S Jeyakrishnan 1 C/D, Silver Oaks Estate Compound Bhulabhai Desai Road, Mumbai - 400 026 E-mail: sukumaranjeyakrishnan@gmail.com	Member
3.	Shri Manmohan Singh Negi (Former IFS) D-1, Tower-8, New Moti Bagh, New Delhi - 110 023 E-mail: negims84@hotmail.com	Member
4.	Shri Sham Wagh 8, Laxmi Apartments, Lane No 6 Prabhat Road, Pune - 411 004 E-mail: sham.wagh@gmail.com	Member

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Position
5.	Prof. Mukesh Khare Professor in Environmental Engineering Civil Engineering Department, Block IV, IIT Delhi Hauz Khas, New Delhi – 110 016 E-mail: kharemukesh@yahoo.co.in	Member
6.	Prof. Ashok Kumar Pachauri C/o Rajesh Chandra, 31, Civil Lines, Boat Club Road, Roorkee, Haridwar, Uttarakhand - 247 667 Email: pachauri1945@yahoo.com	Member
7.	Dr. V.K. Jain Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, School of Sciences, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 380 009 E-mail: drvkjain@hotmail.com	Member
8.	Dr. Manoranjan Hota, (Former Adviser, MoEF&CC) K-184, Gulshan Ikebana, Sector-143, NOIDA, Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 201 301 E-mail: hota.manoranjan@gmail.com	Member
9.	Representative of Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi	Member
10.	Representative of Central Ground Water Authority, New Delhi	Member
11.	Representative of Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi	Member
12.	Representative of National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai	Member
13.	Representative of Survey of India, Govt. of India	Member
14.	Shri Raghu Kumar Kodali Scientist 'F' in-charge of Infra-1 Sector, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Parayvaran Bhawan, New Delhi - 3	Member Secretary (Infra-1)
	Shri W Bharat Singh Scientist 'F' in-charge of CRZ Sector, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Parayvaran Bhawan, New Delhi - 3	Member Secretary (CRZ)

3. The terms of reference (ToRs) of the above Committee shall be as follows:
- i. To scrutinize the proposals relating to developmental activities / Infrastructure projects as given in para 1 above, for prescribing Terms of Reference (ToRs) for undertaking detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies and permissible developmental projects in CRZ areas.
 - ii. To scrutinize the EIA reports and Environmental Management Plans for Infrastructure and/or CRZ projects submitted by the project proponents.

- iii. To recommend clearance/rejection for Infrastructure and/or CRZ projects from Environmental and/or CRZ angle. In case of rejection of proposals, reasons for the same shall be stated.
 - iv. To suggest adequate environmental safeguards and specific conditions to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts in respect of projects recommended for approval.
4. The committee shall adopt the following procedure for appraisal:
- i. The Committee shall meet at least once a month on per-scheduled dates.
 - ii. The agenda for the meeting shall be circulated to all the members at least 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting by the Member Secretary.
 - iii. The proposal will undergo a preliminary scrutiny (screening) by the concerned Impact Assessment Division and if found conforming to the statutory requirement will be placed before the Committee for appraisal on the first scheduled date of its meeting.
 - iv. The appraisal of the proposal shall be carried out subject to availability of material relevant for appraisal and firm recommendations made. In case, the Committee finds that additional information is required for considering the proposal, the consideration of the proposal may be deferred to the subsequent meetings and the proposal shall be re-considered only after formal receipt of additional information sought. The Committee shall provide recommendations in respect of any projects under the following three mutually exclusive categories:
 - a. Recommended;
 - b. Deferred [for consideration in the next or future meeting as may be specified in the Committee's deliberations, after submission of required additional information to be further reviewed/examined by the Committee].
 - c. Rejected [along with reasons for rejection].
 - d. Returned to Project proponent in the present form.
 - vi. A site visit as part of the appraisal process may be undertaken where it is considered as necessary for reasons to be recorded by the Committee, by a sub-group of the Committee consisting not more than three members including one representative from MoEF&CC, with the prior approval of the Ministry.
 - vii. Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared and the recommendation finalised and approved by the Chairman before taking further necessary action.
 - viii. The Chairperson may co-opt an expert as a member in a relevant field for a particular meeting of the Committee.
5. Meetings of the Committee normally shall be organized in Delhi. However, in special cases, with the prior concurrence of the Ministry, a meeting may be held elsewhere in the country. In special circumstances, the meeting may be conducted through video conferencing with the support of NIC.
6. Payment of TA/DA to the Chairman/members of the Committee / co-opted member for attending its meetings and site visits shall be governed as under:
- i. Chairman is entitled for the reimbursement of the cost of Air travel by Executive Class by shortest route. All other members are entitled to travel by Air in the Economy class by the shortest route.
 - ii. Payment of sitting fee/honorarium @ Rs. 6000/- per day with a ceiling of 10 days in a month **for attending the aforesaid meeting by non official members.** Payment of

sitting fee to salaried persons employed in Central Universities/UGC/Central Institutions and autonomous bodies wholly or substantially funded by the Central Government shall not be paid sitting fee.

- iii. TA/DA to non-official members will be regulated as per SR 190.
 - iv. TA/DA entitlement for non-official members of the Committee will be in accordance with O.M. issued by DoE vide O.M. No. 19047/1/2016-E.IV dated 14th September, 2017 as amended time to time.
 - v. Entitlement shall be restricted to actuals.
 - vi. Relaxation for air journey, if any, will be as per instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry.
 - vii. Air tickets shall be purchased directly from Airlines (at booking counters/office/website of Airlines) and if needed, by utilizing the services of three Authorized Travel Agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and M/s IRCTC.
 - viii. There shall be no duplication in payment.
 - ix. Payment shall be made through e-transfer only.
7. The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of this Order.
8. This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide diary/computer no. E-134993 dated 10th July, 2020 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Arvind Kumar Nautiyal)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. The Chairman and Members of the Committee
2. All officers of IA Division

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