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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi-3

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ORDER

Sub: Re-Constitution of Expert Appraisal Committee (Infra1 & CRZ) for Environmental Impact Assessment of projects requiring Environmental Clearance under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 - reg.

In pursuance of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification S.O. No. 1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby constitutes the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (hereinafter referred as the Committee) for evaluation of projects relating to Infra1 & CRZ projects sector received in the Ministry for grant of environmental clearances.

2. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

S. No.	Name & Organisation	Position
1.	Shri Manmohan Singh Negi, IFS (Retd.) House No. 'Digvijay Doon Officer's Enclave, Wildlife Institute Road, Chandrabani Dehradun, Uttrakhand-248002 negims84@hotmail.com	Chairman
2.	Shri. S. Jeyakrishnan Flat No. C-201, Oak Canopy, 8 Raja Street, Kallimadal Road, Singanallur, Coimbatore- 641005, Tamil Nadu sukumaranjeyakrishnan@gmail.com	Member
3.	Prof. V.K Jain (Retd.) C-101, Pruthvi Towers, Jodhpur Gam Road, Satellite, Ahmedabad-380015, Gujarat drvkjain@hotmail.com	Member
4.	Dr. Jaya Kumar Seelam, Chief Scientist, Ocean Engineering Division CSIR - National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa - 403 004 jay@nio.org; seelam.jk@gmail.com	Member

5.	Dr. P.K. Dinesh Kumar Former Chief Scientist, CSIR-NIO Revathy, 3/704 A, Unity Nagar Temple Road Chembumukku Thrikkakara P.O Kochi – 682 021, Kerala, India. pkdineshkumarnio@gmail.com	Member
6.	Shri Prakash Tiwari L 2071, Devinder Vihar, Sector 56, AWHO Apartments, Gurgaon, Haryana prakashtewari6@gmail.com	Member
7.	Representative of Ministry of Earth Sciences	Member
8.	Representative of Central Pollution Control Board	Member
9.	Representative of Central Ground Water Authority	Member
10.	Representative of Survey of India	Member
11.	Representative of Central Road Research Institute	Member
12.	Director/ Additional Director/ Scientist E/F of Infra-1 sector of MoEFCC	Member Secretary
	Director/ Additional Director/Scientist E/F of CRZ sector of MoEFCC	Member Secretary

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, 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 twice a month on fixed 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 proponent 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 should be completed ordinarily in single meeting and a specific recommendation to be made. In case the committee finds that additional information required for considering the proposal cannot be furnished by the project proponent in the meeting, then the proposal may be differed for the next meeting and shall be reconsidered based on submission of information on merits. Expert Appraisal Committee may recommend the project under the following four 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 Expert Appraisal Committee).
 - c. Rejected (along with reasons for rejection).
 - d. Returned to Project proponent in the present form.
- v. Site visit as part of the appraisal 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 of not more than 3 members including one representative from MoEF&CC with the prior approval of the Ministry.
- vi. Minutes of the meeting recorded shall be prepared and the recommendations finalized and approved by the Chairman before taking further necessary action.
- vii. The chairperson may co-opt an expert as a Member for a particular meeting of the Committee.
- viii. If in the preceding five years, the Chairman or any Member of the Committee has provided consultancy services or conducted Environment Impact Assessment studies for any project proponent, in that situation they shall recuse themselves from the meetings of the Committee from the process of appraisal of any project proposed by such proponents.
5. Meeting of the Committee shall be held normally at Delhi but in exceptional cases, with the prior concurrence of the Ministry, these may be held elsewhere in the country.
6. Payment of TA/DA to the Chairman/members of the Committee for attending its meetings or 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 subject to production of boarding passes for actual use of the facility.
 - ii. Payment of sitting fee of Rs. 6000/- per day with a ceiling of 10 days in a month for attending the aforesaid meeting by non-official members will be as per instructions issued by DoE on the subject. It is further clarified that sitting fee to salaried persons employed in Central University /UGC/Central Institutes/Institutions and autonomous bodies wholly or substantially funded by the Central Government shall not be paid.

- iii. TA/DA to non-official members will be regulated as per SR 190 and shall be paid as per rules.
- iv. Entitlement shall be restricted to actuals.
- v. Relaxation for air journey, if any, will be as per instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry.
- vi. Air tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines (website/booking counters/office or authorized travel agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and M/s IRCTC.
- vii. No duplication in payment, and
- viii. Payment shall be made through e-transfer only.

7. The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of three years.

8. This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide dy. no. E134993 dated. 23.10.2023 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Nameeta Prasad)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. The Chairman and Members of the Committee (Infra1 & CRZ)
2. All the officers of IA Division

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