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Government of India

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

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Dated: 12th October 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification regarding applicability of Environment Clearance for maintenance of Airports under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 - regarding.

The project or activities related to "Airports" are covered in the Schedule-I to EIA Notification, 1994 and also in the item 7(a) of the Schedule to EIA Notification, 2006 and hence, the development of new airport and expansion or modernization of existing airports require prior environmental clearance under both the notifications.

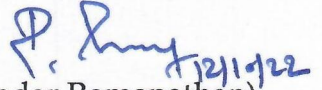
2. As part of ongoing systemic reforms in the Environment Clearance (EC) process, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide Notification S.O. 1886(E) dated 20/04/2022 has delegated the powers to State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) to appraise projects related to expansion of Airports, including airstrips for commercial use.

3. Subsequently, vide Notification S.O. 3194(E) dated 14/07/2022, it was notified that in case there is expansion of only terminal buildings and allied buildings within the existing Airport premises, it will require Environmental Clearance only if expansion is >20,000 sq.mtrs of built-up area, and such expansion up to 1,50,000 sq.mtrs of built-up area shall be appraised as per provisions of item 8(a) of Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 provided there is no increase in the existing area of the Airport.

4. The Ministry is in receipt of requests for further clarification on the issues related to applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for maintenance of Airports. In this context, it is clarified that re-carpeting/maintenance of runway and apron, maintenance works of terminal buildings and allied building such as Air Traffic Control (ATC) etc. do not require Environmental Clearance (EC) as per the provision of EIA Notification 1994 and EIA Notification, 2006, unless it involves expansion/modernization. However, the

project proponent shall ensure compliance to the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016, while undertaking the aforementioned repair and maintenance work.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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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
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