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

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Dated the 8th October, 2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Validity of Terms of Reference (TORs) prescribed under EIA Notification, 2006 for undertaking detailed EIA and EMP studies for developmental projects requiring environmental clearance and other related issues-clarification regarding.

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, vide O.M. of even No. dated 22.08.2014 on the subject cited above, has clarified various issues relating to validity of TORs for undertaking EIA and EMP studies for projects requiring prior environment clearance. This O.M. inter-alia clarifies that the validity period of TORs for River valley and HEP projects would be 3 years and the validity period for other category of projects will be 2 years. Further, the aforesaid validity period could be extended by the Regulatory Authority concerned by a maximum period of one year provided the application is made by the applicant to the Regulatory Authority, at least 3 months before the expiry of the validity period, together with an updated Form-1, based on proper justification and also recommendation of the EAC / SEAC.

2. This Ministry has received requests for increasing the validity period of TORs. The matter has been examined and it has been decided that the validity period for TORs for River valley and HEP projects will now be for 4 years and in respect of other projects, the validity period will be 3 years. Of course, this validity period could be further extended by a maximum period of one year by following the process as stated above. Thus, an outer limit of 5 years for the validity of TORs for River valley and HEP projects and 4 years for other category of projects is hereby prescribed. The earlier O.M. dated 22.08.2014 may be treated as amended to this an extent. The other stipulations stated in the O.M. dated 22.08.2014 will continue to apply.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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