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Office Memorandum

Subject: Clarification regarding considering of EC projects for mining of minor mineral-Amendments in the EIA Notification, 2006 dated 15.01.2016 and Constitution of DEIAA/DEAC-regarding

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified the amendments in the EIA Notification, 2006, vide SO No. 141 (E) on 15.01.2016, for minor minerals. The Ministry, for the first time, has delegated the Authority of Environmental Clearance up to 5 hectare of individual mining lease of minor minerals and 25 hectares in clusters to the District Environment Impact Assessment Authority (DEIAA) headed by the District Magistrate/District Collector. A District Expert Appraisal Committee (DEAC) has also been constituted under the chairmanship of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department to assist the DEIAA. Further, the Ministry, vide Gazette Notification dated 20.01.2016, has also constituted DEIAAs/DEACs.

2. The Ministry is receiving a number of communications requesting clarification regarding the processing of the EC proposals for mining of minor minerals which were received in the SEIAA/SEAC before the issue of the above said notifications.

3. The matter was examined in the Ministry and accordingly the undersigned is directed to clarify that the category B2 Projects, which now as per notification dated 15.01.2016 and 20.01.2016 has to be appraised at the level of DEAC and EC to be granted by DEIAA for mining of minor minerals; where SEAC has recommended the cases for Environmental Clearance are to be processed at the level of SEIAA for grant of Environmental Clearance.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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To,

1. The Chairman SEIAAs/SEACs
2. The Member Secretary SEIAAs/SEACs
3. The Chairman DEACs/DEIAAs
4. The Member Secretary DEACs/DEIAAs
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