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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Review of the functioning of SEIAAs by Additional Secretary, MoEFCC – reg.


During the review of the pending proposals for Environmental Clearances on PARIVESH portal, it was brought to notice that there are many proposals pending for EC at the level of SEIAAs.

2. The State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) have been constituted in exercise of the powers conferred in section 3(3) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, for granting Environmental Clearances to the projects falling under Category 'B' of the EIA Notification 2006, at the State level. The competent authority has desired that the functioning of the SEIAAs may be closely monitored in order to streamline the grant of ECs and to maintain uniformity in the appraisal process at the State level.

3. In this regard, it is proposed that the Additional Secretary, MoEFCC shall review the performance of SEIAAs every month. Every SEIAA shall be reviewed at least once in three months.

4. Necessary features shall be incorporated in PARIVESH to enable the Additional Secretary, MoEFCC to monitor the pendency of ECs at the level of SEIAA and the performance of SEIAA in clearing the same.

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


(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)
Director- IA (Policy)

To

1. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs

2. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the State and UT PCBs
3. All the Officers of IA Division

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