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

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Dated: 18th June, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Streamlining the Essential Details Sought (EDS) by Member Secretaries - reg.

The Ministry has issued OMs of even numbers dated 15th March 2021 and 28th May 2021 for streamlining the Essential Details Sought (EDS), Additional details sought (ADS) and prescription of specific Environmental Clearances conditions by Expert Appraisal Committees (EACs).

2. However, during the review of the pendency at division level it has come to notice that some sectors are seeking un-necessary and unreasonable details in form of EDS during ToR/EC which are neither required or mandated as per existing rule position/ guidelines/ OMs, resulting into undue delay in the ToR/EC process.

3. This has been viewed very seriously and accordingly, all Member Secretaries are hereby directed to maintain consistency in examination of the proposal and raising EDS. No such EDS shall be raised which is neither relevant for the purpose of appraisal of the project nor required as per ToR/ OMs/existing rule position/ court order.

4. Further, the exercise for revising/ amending Standard ToR and Standard EC conditions be also completed on priority.

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



(A K Agrawal)
Director

To

1. Chairman/ Member Secretaries of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
2. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
3. All the Officers of IA Division

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