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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(IA Division)

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

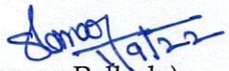
**Subject: Clarification on the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006, for Research and Development (R&D) Activities - reg.**

The Ministry has been receiving requests for clarifying the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006, for undertaking various Research and Development (R&D) activities. Some of these matters were referred on case to case basis to the Expert Committee constituted to address policy issues, for taking a considered view on the same.

2. In view of receipt of other such representations seeking clarification on applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for undertaking various R&D activities, matter has been examined afresh in light of the earlier recommendations of the Expert Committee as mentioned above. Accordingly, it is hereby clarified that R&D activities on laboratory scale/pilot scale carried out for the projects or activities which are listed in the schedule to the EIA Notification 2006, as amended and where no commercial production is involved, are exempted from the requirements of prior EC, provided such activities are clearly mentioned as R&D activities in the consents obtained from the respective State Pollution Control Boards.

3. In case an R&D facility is setup within the premises of an activity/ project that attracts the provisions of EIA Notification and has been granted EC, the R&D activity shall not cause any change in product mix or increase in the production capacity or the pollution load from that which is mentioned in the EC granted to the project. The consents obtained from the respective State Pollution Control Boards for the project/ activity requiring prior EC shall also clearly indicate or mention the details of R&D facility in the premises where the said R&D facility is being setup.

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

  
(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)  
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To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all EACs

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