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**CIRCULAR**

**Sub: Proposals for environment clearance for the projects located in the Critically Polluted Areas (Ankleshwar, Panoli and Vapi) in Gujarat - consideration of proposals for environmental clearance reg**

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been receiving a number of proposals for environmental clearance as per the procedure laid in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 regarding the new units/modernization/expansion located in the critically polluted areas at Ankleshwar, Panoli and Vapi in Gujarat.

2. The Ministry based on recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) is according environmental clearance subject to the condition that GPCB shall not grant NOC to the new units or Consent for expansion of existing units till the CETP at Ankleshwar and Vapi comply with prescribed standards and FETP is able to take the pollution as well as hydraulic load. In such cases, monitoring is becoming difficult and even public is not involved as the Ankleshwar, Vapi and Panoli are notified industrial estates where public hearing is not required for the projects located in the notified industrial estates as per the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

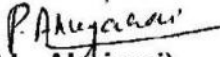
3. To assess the status of ambient air and water quality for appraisal of impact in these critically areas in Gujarat, a meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 with the officers of Central Pollution Control Board, Gujarat State Pollution Control Board, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation, Gujarat State Expert Appraisal Committee and representatives of CETPs/BEAIL.

4. Based on the discussions held during the meeting, the Ministry has decided on the following:

- (i) Till the GPCB assesses and indicates the available capacity of CETP in terms of cumulative pollution load and hydraulic load of FETP, all pending proposals whether for grant of TORs or according environmental clearance from Ankleshwar, Panoli and Vapi, will be kept in abeyance. These proposals would also be de-listed from the pending list.

- (ii) No new proposal for grant of TORs or according EC, shall be accepted till such time that availability of sufficient capacity of CETP/DETP is established by GPCB.
5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

**Yours faithfully**

  
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**Director**

**To**

- (i) The Chairman, Gujarat State Pollution Control Board  
(ii) All the concerned project proponents

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