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Sub: Consideration of expansion projects for environmental clearance in thermal power sector.

It has been noticed that a number of expansion projects in thermal power sector are being received in the Ministry seeking terms of reference for undertaking further expansion when either the environmental clearance for earlier proposal is yet to be granted or has recently been granted.

In view of the above, it is decided that the proposals for expansion of projects to which EC has been granted can be considered only once the implementation for the earlier phase has commenced. In case environmental clearance for the earlier proposal is yet to be accorded, the project proponent shall apply afresh and submit a comprehensive proposal for the entire project by clubbing all the phases so that the environmental issues could be addressed holistically.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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