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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodi Road
New Delhi - 110 003

Dated 16th August, 2010

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub : Consideration of proposals regarding in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, Maharashtra.

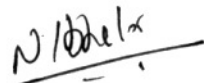
The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been receiving a large number of proposals in various sectors and in particular from the districts of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg for seeking the Terms of Reference and/or Environmental Clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006.

2. Further, Ministry has been receiving representations expressing concern relating to the environmental impacts and ecological degradation due to large number of projects being proposed in the region as well as the projects under implementation. It is, therefore, necessary to take regional approach during appraisal of projects.

3. The Ministry has constituted the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel for conservation, protection and rejuvenation of Western Ghat region and to suggest effective measures in this regard. The matter regarding developmental trends in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts was referred to the Western Ghat Panel.

4. Therefore, it has been decided to impose a moratorium on consideration of projects under the EIA Notification, 2006 received by this Ministry or by Maharashtra SEIAA, after 16th August, 2010 for TOR and/or EC from these two districts of Maharashtra till December, 2010. The moratorium will be applicable to both category 'A' and 'B' projects.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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To
The Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board/Maharashtra, SEIAA/SEAC

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