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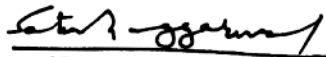
Office Memorandum

Sub: Consideration of projects for environmental clearance based on Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) - Extension of Moratorium up to 31.03.2011 - Regarding.

Ministry of Environment & Forests vide Office Memorandum of even no. dated 13.1.2010 had imposed a moratorium up to 31.8.2010 on consideration of projects for environmental clearance to be located in critically polluted areas / industrial clusters identified by Central Pollution Control Board. The details of the industrial clusters / areas were further specified in the Office Memorandum dated 15.3.2010. It was envisaged that during the period of moratorium, time bound action plans will be prepared by the respective SPCBs / PCCs for improving the environmental quality in these industrial clusters / areas. The action plans so prepared would be finalized by CPCB. Since, the action plans were not finalized within the prescribed time limit, the moratorium was extended up to 31st October, 2010.

2. The status of preparation of action plans was reviewed in the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The Central Pollution Control Board informed that the respective SPCBs and the local stakeholders have initiated some work on implementation of the submitted action plans in respect of the industrial areas / clusters of (i) Tarapur (Maharashtra), (ii) Pattencherru-Bollaram (Andhra Pradesh), (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Vapi (Gujarat) and (v) Mandi-Govindgarh (Punjab). Accordingly, based on the inputs received from CPCB, Ministry of Environment & Forests have lifted the moratorium on consideration of projects for environmental clearance in the above mentioned five industrial clusters / areas vide this Ministry's O.M. of even no. dated 26th October, 2010. In the remaining 38 identified critically polluted industrial clusters / areas, it has been decided to **extend the moratorium further up to 31st March, 2011.**

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(S.K. Aggarwal)
Director

To

1. All the Officers of IA Division
2. Chairpersons / Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs

3. Chairman, CPCB **with a request to take up the matter with the respective SPCBs / UTPCCs for expediting finalization of the action plans and initiation of their implementation in the field in respect of all the remaining industrial areas / clusters.**
4. Member Secretaries of all SPCBs / UTPCCs

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