No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II)(I) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Government of India

(Impact Assessment Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan Jorbagh Road New Delhi-110003

Dated: 7th July, 2017.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The Ministry is in receipt of references seeking clarification on the applicability of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 on Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Power Projects; Solar Thermal Power Plants; and Development of Solar Parks.

- 2. The status on non-applicability of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 on Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Power Projects has been clarified by O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 13th May 2011. Similarly, the status on non-applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 has been clarified vide Ministry's O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 30th June 2011. This notification also stipulates the general environmental norms to be followed by such projects.
- The matter of applicability of item 8(a), 8(b) and 7(c) of the Schedule of EIA notification, 2006 on the projects of Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Power Projects, Solar Thermal Power Plants and Development of Solar Parks has been further examined in the Ministry. It is clarified that the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 is not applicable to the above projects subject to such projects following the environmental and statutory stipulations made in the above O.M. dated 30th June 2011.
- It is also clarified that the disposal of Photo Voltaic Cells attracts the provisions of the Hazardous and Other Waste (Management and Trans-Boundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
- 5. The development of Solar Parks shall attract the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority

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