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Sub: Time bound issue of Environmental Clearances – Guidelines regarding.

The Impact Assessment Division is responsible for appraisal of developmental projects in a time bound manner. There is a general perception that there are delays in processing of the proposals after their recommendations by the respective sector specific Expert Appraisal Committees (EACs). This perception needs to be removed and our aim has to be to avoid delays in processing of proposals after recommendation by the respective EACs have been received. Hence, the process has to be further streamlined.

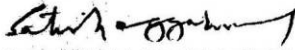
2. In view of the above, the Member Secretaries of EAC(s) should adhere to the following while processing environmental clearance cases:

- The Member Secretaries should facilitate in reaching at decisions in EAC with clarity by making recommendations in the following categories:
 - Recommended for approval;
 - Rejection on specific environmental grounds; and
 - Reconsideration with additional details;
- The Minutes of the meeting be got approved within five days of the EAC meeting(s);
- The projects would then be processed for environmental clearance for getting the approval of the Competent Authority within next 10 days so that a final view is taken within 15 days of the EAC recommendations and the environmental clearance thereafter would be displayed on the Ministry's website immediately;

3. Necessary instructions would be issued by the Member Secretaries to the concerned Additional/Joint Directors and Section Officers for timely submission of proposals for approval by Competent Authorities.

4. Although, a time schedule of 45 days is provided in the EIA Notification, 2006, but all the Member Secretaries and IA Division's officers should work towards achieving the goal of clearance of projects within 15 days.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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