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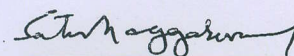
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Instructions for the Project Proponents – Regarding.

In the recent past, certain issues have emerged relating to the procedure for submission of documents by various project proponents and their participation in the meetings of the Expert Appraisal Committees. The quality of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports and Environment Management Plans (EMPs) prepared for seeking environmental clearance to developmental projects / activities in terms of the provisions of EIA Notification and the data contained therein has also been a matter of concern. It has, therefore, been decided that the following instructions shall be followed by all the project proponents for submission of applications for environmental clearance and subsequent correspondence with the Ministry with immediate effect:

1. The project proponents, during the submission of application or at the stage of TOR, should indicate the name of the consultants / consultancy firm, they propose to hire for preparing EIA/EMP reports along with their complete details including their accreditation, if any, by an organization such as Quality Council of India/National Accreditation Board for Education & Training (NABET).
2. During the presentation before the Sector specific Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), the project proponent should be accompanied by the consultant(s), if so required. The consultant(s) alone will not be permitted to make presentation in the EAC Meetings.
3. All correspondence with the Ministry of Environment & Forests including submission of application for TOR/Environmental Clearance, subsequent clarifications, as may be required from time to time, participation in the EAC Meeting on behalf of the project proponent shall be made by the authorized signatory only. The authorized signatory should also submit a document in support of his claim of being an authorized signatory for a particular project.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(S.K. Aggarwal)

Director

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