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**Sub: Scrutiny by SPCBs of Draft EIA/EMP Reports submitted by the project proponents for conducting of public hearing in terms of the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 – Regarding.**

It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Environment & Forests that some of the State Pollution Control Boards are refusing to give receipt of Draft EIA/EMP reports submitted to them by the project proponents for conduct of public hearing in terms of the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 on the plea that these reports are required to be checked for their completeness in terms of the prescribed TORs. This action leads to avoidable delay in conduct of public hearing. The matter has been considered in the Ministry.

All the State/ UT Pollution Control Boards / Committees are hereby directed that as soon as the request for conduct of public hearing along with requisite number of hard and soft copies of the Draft EIA/EMP Report and other documents as prescribed in the EIA Notification, 2006 is submitted by the project proponent, an acknowledgment for the same should be issued immediately and further necessary action for conduct of public hearing should be initiated as per the procedure laid down.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Dr. S.K. Aggarwal)  
Director

**To**

Member Secretaries of all the State / UT SPCBs/ Committees