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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan
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Dated 4th July, 2011

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Consideration of proposals regarding Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, Maharashtra.

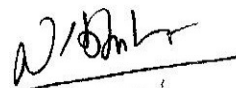
This has reference to the Ministry's Office Memorandum of even No. dated 16th August, 2010 and its subsequent amendments dated 26th August, 2010, 3rd January, 2011 and 25th April, 2011 regarding extension of moratorium upto 30th June, 2011 on consideration of projects from the districts of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg, Maharashtra under the EIA Notification, 2006 received by this Ministry or by the Maharashtra State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

The decision on lifting of moratorium is linked to the submission of the Report by the Western Ghat Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP). The WGEEP has requested for extension of time upto 31st July, 2011. It is also noted that important projects are proposed in these two districts and there are some projects proposed in the notified industrial estates.

Keeping in view the above and in continuation to the OM of 25th April, 2011 regarding lifting of moratorium for sand mining for two years in non-CRZ areas, the moratorium is extended for consideration of projects in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts, Maharashtra upto 30th August, 2011 except for:

- (i) The projects of National importance;
- (ii) The projects which are located in the notified industrial estates, preferably with zero discharge & improved technologies and which were received for TOR or EC before the moratorium was imposed in August, 2010.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Adviser
The Chairman,

To
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board/Maharashtra, SEIAA/SEAC

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