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**Office Memorandum**

**Sub: Committee constituted for development of criteria and formulation of guidelines for categorization of non compliance into the category of 'serious' and 'not so serious' – inviting comments on the Report of the Committee – Regarding.**

Ministry of Environment & Forests had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J.M. Mauskar the then Additional Secretary in MoEF to examine the issues relating to monitoring of projects. The Committee had submitted its report in January, 2011, which was put on the website of MoEF on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 and may be seen at [www.envfor.nic.in](http://www.envfor.nic.in).

In pursuance of the recommendations made in the Mauskar Committee Report, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. Sengupta, former Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board to develop criteria and formulate guidelines for categorization of non compliances into categories of 'serious' and 'not so serious'. The Committee has submitted its report on October 3, 2011. The report is annexed herewith.

It may be mentioned that the terminology 'serious' and 'not so serious' has been used only to indicate the relative importance of various conditions stipulated in the environment clearance; however, all the conditions contained in the EC letter are required to be effectively complied with by all the project proponents during the project cycle. Non compliance of any of the stipulated conditions amounts to violation of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which could attract penal action under the provisions thereof.

**In the light of the foregoing background, the report submitted by Dr. Sengupta Committee is hereby placed in public domain for inviting comments / suggestions from all the stakeholders within 45 days from today.** The comments may be sent to the undersigned by post or by email at [skag@nic.in](mailto:skag@nic.in).

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Dr. S.K. Aggarwal)  
Director

**Encl.: Report of Dr. Sengupta Committee.**

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