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**Sub.: Streamlining the process of grant of environmental clearances - Rationalization of Essential Details Sought or Additional Details Sought – reg.**

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During the review of various sectors of Impact Assessment, it has been observed by the Secretary, EF&CC that Essential Details Sought (EDS) or Additional Details Sought (ADS) by the Member Secretaries or Expert Appraisal Committees (EAC) respectively are often not directly relevant for the purposes of considering the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance and lead to delay in grant of environmental clearances

2. In this regard the competent authority has directed that the Member Secretaries and EACs of various sectors shall ensure that the EDS/ADS are relevant to the proposal under appraisal for the grant of Environmental Clearance.
3. Further, the concerned Joint Secretaries should review the EDS/ADS periodically to ensure timely resolution.
4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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To  
All Chairman and Member Secretaries of EACs

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