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**Circular**

**Subject: Reforms undertaken in PARIVESH 2.0 for dealing with Category 'B' proposals in SEIAA/SEAC-regarding.**

The Ministry had launched PARIVESH, a Single-Window portal for dealing with applications for Environment Clearance (EC), Forest Clearance (FC), Wildlife Clearance (WL) and Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ). To further facilitate the stakeholders and technical appraisals in a scientific data driven manner, the Ministry has expanded the scope of existing PARIVESH, leveraging on emerging technologies such as GIS, Advance Data Analytics, etc.

2. Development of new version of PARIVESH with all envisaged functionalities is under final stage of development. However, key functionalities, *inter-alia*, including Registration, update e-KYC, KYA, submission of new application forms by the Project Proponents, end to end online processing of Category A proposals at Central level, etc., have been developed and integrated in the new version of PARIVESH.

3. Now, going forward, the Ministry has also completed the development of the module for handling Category B proposals by SEIAA/SEAC. In the newly developed module, to facilitate authorities in making expeditious decisions without compromising environmental rigour, several reforms have been undertaken in agenda/MoM preparation, processing of file, business continuity between SEAC& SEIAA etc. for which UAT has also been completed with States/ UTs.

4. Furthermore, the Ministry has also streamlined the process of handling Category B proposals at SEIAA/SEAC by removing back and forth movement of project proposals between SEIAA and SEAC. Therefore, henceforth, all fresh proposals irrespective of its type will be submitted to Member Secretary(MS), SEAC for initial

scrutiny and further consideration by the Expert committee (SEAC) to make categorical recommendations to SEIAA concerned on the PARIVESH Portal itself. Further, in pursuance to the Ministry's OM dated 06.05.2022, the new version of PARIVESH (PARIVESH 2.0) has now enabled the MS, SEAC to issue Standard ToR in accordance with the procedure outlined in the aforementioned OM.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

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