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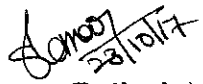
**Sub: Consideration of Category "B" proposals at the Central level in the absence of duly constituted State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) or State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), etc.**

As per para 4(iii) of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 all projects or activities covered under Category B in the Schedule, in the absence of duly constituted SEIAA or SEAC, in the respective States/UTs shall be considered at the central level.

2. For consideration of such proposals, the following clarifications are issued for compliance with immediate effect: -

- i) If the SEIAA/SEAC is constituted before the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) meeting wherein the proposal (Terms of Reference(TOR)/Environment Clearance (EC) is listed as an agenda item for consideration, then the proposal, be not appraised by the EAC and it shall be transferred online to the concerned SEIAA/SEAC.
- ii) In cases of ToR issued at the central level due to non-existence/functioning of SEIAA/SEAC, proposals for Environment Clearance shall be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC only if constituted in the meantime. If any such proposal is submitted at the central level, the concerned Member Secretary shall transfer it online to the SEIAA/SEAC.
- iii) In cases, the proposal is appraised by the EAC due to non-existence of SEIAA/SEAC, then irrespective of whether recommended, deferred or additional information sought, it will continue to be appraised and decided at the central level, even if the SEIAA/SEAC is constituted later on.
- iv) The concerned Member Secretary, while transferring the proposal online to the SEIAA/SEAC, shall inform the Project Proponent also online in this regard.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
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