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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Impact Assessment Division)

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Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019


**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: - Processing of Environmental Clearance and Forest Clearance cases during the period of Model Code of Conduct, imposed by the Election Commission - regarding.**

The Ministry is in receipt of request from State Pollution Control Boards and Project Proponents for clarification on Processing of Environmental Clearance and Forest Clearance cases during the period of Model Code of Conduct, imposed by the Election Commission.

The Ministry vide letter dated 14th March 2019 sought clarification from the Election Commission of India as to whether Environmental Clearance and Forest Clearance can be granted during the period of Model Code of Conduct imposed by the Election Commission. The Election Commission has clarified vide letter no.437/6/CG/ECI/ LET/FUNCT/MCC/2019 dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 that the Commission has no objection from MCC angle to the proposal made therein.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)  
Director, IA Policy Division

To

- 1 All Principal Secretaries of Environment Department of States/UT
- 2 All Chairman and Member Secretaries of SPCBs/PCCs
- 3 All Chairman and Member Secretaries of SEIAA
- 4 All the Member Secretaries of IA Division

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