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Office Memorandum

Sub: Consideration of projects for environmental clearance based on Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) - Lifting of Moratorium in respect of industrial clusters / areas of (i) Tarapur (Maharashtra), (ii) Pattencherru-Bollaram (Andhra Pradesh), (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Vapi (Gujarat) and (v) Mandi-Govindgarh (Punjab) - Regarding.

Ministry of Environment & Forests vide Office Memorandum of even no. dated 13.1.2010 had imposed a moratorium up to 31.8.2010 on consideration of projects for environmental clearance to be located in critically polluted areas / industrial clusters identified by Central Pollution Control Board. The details of the industrial clusters / areas were further specified in the Office Memorandum dated 15.3.2010. It was envisaged that during the period of moratorium, time bound action plans will be prepared by the respective SPCBs / PCCs for improving the environmental quality in these industrial clusters / areas. The action plans so prepared would be finalized by CPCB. Since, the action plans were not finalized within the prescribed time limit, the moratorium was extended up to 31st October, 2010.

2. Now, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) vide their communication dated 21.10.2010 have informed this Ministry that the revised action plans submitted by the respective SPCBs / UTPCCs have been reviewed by CPCB and that the SPCBs and the local stakeholders have initiated some work on the submitted plans in respect of the industrial areas of (i) Tarapur (Maharashtra), (ii) Pattencherru-Bollaram (Andhra Pradesh), (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Vapi (Gujarat) and (v) Mandi-Govindgarh (Punjab).

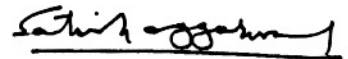
3. In view of the above, it has been decided to lift the moratorium on consideration of projects for environmental clearance in respect of projects to be located in the above said five clusters / areas namely; (i) Tarapur (Maharashtra), (ii) Pattencherru-Bollaram (Andhra Pradesh), (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Vapi (Gujarat) and (v) Mandi-Govindgarh (Punjab) subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) CPCB and the respective SPCBs will immediately put the approved action plans on their respective websites.
- (ii) SPCBs will monitor the implementation of the action plans as per their schedule and ensure that there is no slippage either in terms of timeframe or the activities to be completed relating to the action plan. The report will be submitted to CPCB.

- (iii) CPCB will also develop a monitoring mechanism and put it in place within 30 days and monitor the implementation of these action plans, area-wise and also carryout random checks on the environmental parameters for their quality.
- (iv) The respective SPCBs / UTPCCs will monitor the pollution levels in these areas on regular basis and if at any stage it is observed that the levels are increasing, it will be immediately brought to the notice of CPCB as well as MoEF and in such a situation the moratorium will be re-imposed.
- (v) The EACs / SEACs will take extra precaution during appraisal of projects to be located in these areas and prescribe the requisite stringent safeguard measures, so that the environmental quality is not deteriorated further in these areas.

4. Comments / feedback, if any, on implementation of action plans may be sent to Chairman, CPCB.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(S.K. Aggarwal)
Director

To

- 1. All the Officers of IA Division
- 2. Chairpersons / Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
- 3. Chairman, CPCB
- 4. Member Secretaries of all SPCBs / UTPCCs

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