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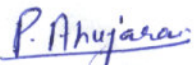
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Consideration of proposals regarding mining activity under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 from the State of Goa – Regarding

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been receiving a large number of proposals in the mining sector from the State of Goa for environmental clearance as per the procedure laid in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

2. In view of the concerns expressed at various levels due to impact of mining activity on environment, the matter was examined in consultation with the State Government of Goa regarding consideration of proposals received in the Ministry. It has been decided to impose a moratorium on consideration of mining proposals for environmental clearance under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 till the Mineral Policy for the State of Goa is finalised and the Ministry of Environment and Forests is informed in this regard.
3. In view of the above, the proposals which are presently in pipeline for environmental clearance or for prescribing Terms of Reference and which would be received hereafter shall be returned to the project proponent.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Dr. P.L. Ahujarai)
Director

To

1. **Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control Board**

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