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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Consideration of project proposal from Andhra Pradesh in absence of SEIAA/SEAC - reg.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 requires prior environmental clearance for identified projects and activities covered under the schedule of the notification. Under the notification, the powers to grant environmental clearance in respect of Category 'B' projects is delegated to the respective State Environmental Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs). The SEIAAs/ State Expert Appraisal Committees (SEACs) are constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India in consultation with State Governments.

2.0 The term of SEIAA/SEAC of Andhra Pradesh state has expired on 25th October 2013.

3.0 Member Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board vide letter no. 45/PCB/CFE/BO/EC/2010-330 dated 29th April, 2014 has informed that the State re-organization for bifurcation is in process and appointed day for the new States is 02.06.2014. Names of the experts for constitution of SEIAA and SEAC for respective states will be forwarded after formation of new States.

4.0 Considering the above facts, the following has been decided:

- i) In the absence of a duly constituted SEIAA or SEAC for the state of Andhra Pradesh, Category 'B' projects shall be treated as a Category 'A' projects and appraised by Expert Appraisal Committee of the respective sectors.
- ii) After bifurcation and creation of new States, State Governments shall expedite the process for constitution of SEIAA/SEAC for the respective State and submit the proposal to the Ministry at the earliest.

5.0 This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.


(Dr. P B Rastogi)
Director

To :

- i) All the Officers of IA Division.
- ii) All Member Secretaries of EAC.
- iii) Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- iv) Member Secretary, APPCB

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