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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(I.A. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi -110 003
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Office Memorandum

Subject: Committee to review the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 relating to Building, Roads and SEZ projects and OM issued by this Ministry on High Rise Building.

This Ministry has issued EIA Notification 2006 for the grant of Environmental Clearances to various projects including Building, Roads and SEZ projects and Office Memorandum of even no. dated 7th February, 2012 regarding guidelines for high rise building.

2.0 In view of the representations received on the subject matter from various Ministries, State Governments and other stakeholders, it has been decided to set up a committee to review the EIA Notification 2006 to see how procedures relating to granting Environmental clearances for Roads, Building and SEZ projects and the provisions under the aforesaid OM dated 7th February, 2012 could be further streamlined.

3.0 The Committee would have the following terms of reference:

- a. To review the requirement of Environmental Clearance for building and real estate projects to avoid duplication considering that such projects will be covered by the local civic authorities and under the provision of the relevant Master Plan, building control regulations and safety regulations.
- b. To review the requirement of Environmental Clearance for highway expansion projects upto the right of way of 60 meters and length of 200 Kms under the EIA Notification.
- c. To review the aforesaid OM dated 07.02.2012 prescribing co-relation of height of buildings with the width of roads and the distance from the fire stations in view of the representation from various Stakeholders.
- d. The manner in which the categorization of projects as 'A' and 'B' and also 'B1' and 'B2' could be further simplified by re-fixing the thresholds for road projects, SEZs and buildings.

4.0 Accordingly the following committee is hereby constituted:

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| i. | Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission | Chairman |
| ii. | Representative from MoUD(not below the rank of Joint Secretary) | Member |
| iii. | Representative from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(not below the rank of Joint Secretary) | Member |
| iv. | Director, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi | Member |
| v. | Representative of National Disaster Management Authority
(not below the rank of Joint Secretary) | Member |
| vi. | Shri S.P.Bansal, Commissioner, Planning, DDA, Member EAC | Member |

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| vii. | Shri. Neeraj Sharma, Principal Scientist, CRRI, Member EAC | Member |
| viii. | Shri. Balasubramaniam, ASCI, Hyderabad, Member EAC | Member |
| ix. | A representative from CREDAI | Member |
| x. | JS(IA), MoEF | Member-Convenor |

5. The TA/DA/sitting charges of the non-official members of the Committee will be borne by Ministry of Environment and Forests, as per the prevailing Government of India rules on the subject.

6. The Committee shall submit its report within one month from the date of constitution.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Ajay Tyagi
(Ajay Tyagi)
Joint Secretary

To

- (i) **Chairman of Committee**
- (ii) **All Members of Committee**

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