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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Consideration of proposals from Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, Maharashtra.

This has reference to the Ministry's Office Memorandum of even No. dated 16th August, 2010 and its subsequent amendments regarding extension of moratorium upto 31st March, 2013 on consideration of projects from the districts of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg, Maharashtra under the EIA Notification, 2006 by this Ministry or by the Maharashtra State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

The Ministry has received the Report of Western Ghat Ecology Expert Panel. The Ministry has since constituted a High Level Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dr.K.Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission, vide office order dated 17.8.2012 to *inter alia* examine the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel Report in a holistic and multidisciplinary fashion keeping in view the comments received from the concerned State Governments/Central Ministries/Stakeholders. This working Group is yet to submit its recommendations to the Ministry.

Keeping in view the above and in continuation of the OM of 31st December, 2012, the moratorium for consideration of projects from Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts, Maharashtra is further extended upto 30th April, 2013.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Lalit Kapur)
Director

To

The Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board/Maharashtra, SEIAA/SEAC

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