

Ministry of Environment and Forests

Notification

New Delhi, the 13th June, 2002

S. O. 632 (E). - Whereas by notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests No. S.O. 60(E), dated 27th January, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the said notification) issued under sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules), the Central Government imposed certain restrictions and prohibition on the expansion or modernization of any activity or the undertaking of any project, unless environment clearance has been granted by the Central Government;

And Whereas, sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the said Rules provides that, whenever it appears to the Central Government that it is in public interest to do so it may dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the said rules;

And Whereas, the central Government is of the opinion that it is in public interest to dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the said Rules;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the said Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the said Rules, the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendments in the said notification, namely:

In the said notification -

(i) in paragraph 2, in sub-para I , after clause (a), the following provisos shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that for pipeline projects, Environmental Impact Assessment report will not be required:

Provided further, that for pipeline and highway projects, public hearing shall be conducted in each district through which the pipeline or highway passes through":

(ii) in paragraph 3, for sub para (b), the following sub-para shall be substituted, namely:-

"(b) any item falling under entry no. 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10,13,14,16,17,19,21,25,27 of Schedule-I if the investment is less than Rs 100 crores for new projects and less than Rs. 50 crores for expansion / modernization projects.";

(iii) in paragraph 3, for sub-para (e) , the following sub-para shall be substituted, namely :-

"(e) any item falling under entry no. 8 of Schedule-I, if that product is covered by the notification G.S.R. 1037(E) dated 5th December, 1989.

(f) Modernization projects in irrigation sector if additional command area is less than 10,000 hectares or project cost is less than Rs. 100 crores.";

(iv) in Schedule IV, in paragraph (1), for item (i), the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

"(i) An executive summary containing the salient features of the project both in English as well as the local language along with Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). However, for pipeline project, Environmental Impact Assessment report will not be required. But Environmental Management Plan including risk mitigation measures is required."

(ii) in paragraph (4), for the words "Executive Summary", the words "Executive Summary and Environmental Impact Assessment report" shall be substituted.

2. This notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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Foot note - The Principal Notification was published vide number S. O. 60(E) dated the 27th January, 1994 and subsequently amended vide number S.O. 356 (E) dated the 4th May, 1994, S.O. 318 (E) dated the 10th April, 1997, S.O. 73(E) dated the 27th January, 2000, S.O. 1119 (E) dated the 13th December, 2000, S.O. 737(E) dated the 1st August, 2001 and S.O. 1148 (E) dated 21st November, 2001.