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KSPCB/98/2024-SEE-1

Date: 27/03/2024

CIRCULAR

Subject: Validity of Environmental Clearance (EC) of quarries obtained from DEIAA –reg.

Ref:-

- (i) Circular No. KSPCB/98/2024-SEE-1 dated 07/02/2024
- (ii) MoEF&CC Office Memorandum F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E 208230) dated 15/03/2024

As per the circular dated 07/02/2024 cited 1st the validity of Environmental Clearances (ECs) granted by DEIAAs were fixed. Now vide OM cited 2nd MoEF&CC has clarified that the validity of ECs granted by DEIAAs is extended to 6 more months till 27/10/2024.

Therefore based on OM dated 15/03/2024, ECs granted by DEIAAs for quarries valid as on date (28/04/2023) shall continue to be valid up to 27/10/2024 unless the validity of the EC granted by DEIAA has expired prior to 28/10/2024 or SEIAA has invalidated the EC granted by DEIAA after carrying out reappraisal; and Consent applications shall be processed accordingly. An undertaking in stamp paper worth Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred only) from the applicant stating that SEIAA has not invalidated EC shall be submitted along with the consent application.


CHAIRPERSON

To

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer,
Head Office, Thiruvananthapuram
Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram /Ernakulam/Kozhikode.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer,
District Office. Kottayam
3. The Environmental Engineer, District Office,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alapuzha, Idukki,
Ernakulam-1, Ernakulam-2, Environmental Surveillance Centre Eloor. Thrissur,
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F. No. IA3-22/11/2023-IA.III (E 208230)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

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Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
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Dated: 15th March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of time period for compliance of order dated 07.12.2022 passed by Hon'ble NGT in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change - reg.

The Ministry vide OM dated 28th April 2023, in compliance of order dated 07.12.2022 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Principal Bench) in O.A.142 of 2022 in the matter of Jayant Kumar vs. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, had provided a window period of one year for all SEIAAs to re-appraise the Environmental Clearances (ECs) issued by DEIAA from 15.01.2016 to 13.09.2018 and grant fresh ECs.


2. Subsequently, based on the representation received, the workflow for the re-appraisal of the ECs issued by DEIAA from 15.01.2016 to 13.09.2018 was integrated into the PARIVESH and the Ministry vide OM dated 15.01.2024 issued the SOP for reappraisal of ECs granted by DEIAA between 15.01.2016 and 13.09.2018. Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WPC No.41139/2023 has directed to inform whether there is any proposal to extend the period for reappraisal of ECs already granted by DEIAAs through SEIAA beyond 28.04.2024 as the reappraisal process may not be completed within the specified time.

3. In this context, the Ministry has issued letters dated 11.08.2023 and 01.03.2024 to all the SEIAA/SEAC to submit the compliance report of OM dated 28.04.2023. The compliance report is yet to be received by the Ministry.

4. Now, the Ministry is in receipt of representation requesting for extension of time period provided in the OM dated 28.04.2023 mentioned above. Based on the facts mentioned above, the matter has been examined in detail. After due consideration, it has been decided that the time period of one year provided in the OM dated 28.04.2023

shall be extended for a further period of six months till 27.10.2024. All other terms and conditions mentioned in the OM dated 28.04.2023 shall remain the same.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Sundar Ramanathan)
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To

1. The Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs.
2. The Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. The Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs.
4. All the officers of IA Division

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