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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Expeditious disposal of proposal relating to Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) as Category B2 - EIA Notification, 2006 read with subsequent amendment vide S.O. 1223 (E) dated 27th March, 2020 - in light of present situation arising from CoVID19 outbreak-regarding

Attention is invited to amendment of EIA Notification, 2006 vide S.O. 1223 (E) dated 27th March, 2020, wherein proposals for projects or activities in respect of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), received up to the 30th September 2020, shall be appraised, as Category 'B2' projects for expediting the prior Environmental Clearances so as to ensure drug availability or production to reduce the impact of the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19).

In view of the outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockout declared for its control vide order dated 24th March 2020, issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India & the National Disaster Management Authority and in view of the prevailing situation on ground, appraisal of the proposals by respective SEACs, through physical meetings, may not be possible.

Therefore, in light of the present crisis, respective SEIAA/SEACs are advised to conduct the meetings of SEAC and SEIAA through use of information technology platforms e.g. video conference so as to expedite the grant of prior environmental clearances and ensure that the decision on the application is conveyed to the project proponent within 30 days from the date of such application. The project proponent shall also ensure that the application is complete.

The Project proponent shall invariably make such applications (relating to projects concerning API) through PARIVESH portal under item '5(f)-API'. In case SEIAA is not able to adhere to the aforesaid timelines in any proposal or proposals, a monthly report indicating the reasons of delay may be submitted to the Ministry.

The above procedure shall be in operation till 30th September 2020. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

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To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
4. All the Officers of I.A. Division
5. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs

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