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Office Memorandum

Sub: Consideration of projects for grant of environment clearance under EIA Notification, 2006, which involve forestland – procedure to be followed – Further Clarifications - Regarding.

In continuation to this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even no. dated 9th September, 2011 regarding the above mentioned subject, the matter has been further considered and examined in the Ministry. Accordingly, para 3(iii) of the above referred O.M. is substituted by the following:

"(iii) In the eventuality that the stage-I forestry clearance is not submitted by the project proponent within the prescribed time limit mentioned at para (ii) above, as and when the stage-I forestry clearance is submitted thereafter, such projects would be referred to EAC for having a relook on the proposal on case by case basis depending on the environmental merits of the project and the site. In such a situation the EAC may either reiterate its earlier recommendations or decide on the need for its reappraisal, as the case may be. In the eventuality, a reappraisal is asked for, the Committee will simultaneously decide on the requirement of documents / information for reappraisal as also the need for a fresh public hearing."

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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