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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Consideration of projects for environmental clearance based on Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) – Lifting of Moratorium in respect of industrial cluster/ area of Chandrapur (MIDC Chandrapur, Tadali, Ghuggus, Ballapur), Maharashtra – regarding.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change *vide* Office Memorandum of even No. dated 13.01.2010 had imposed a moratorium up to 31.08.2010 on consideration of projects for environmental clearance to be located in 43 critically polluted area/ industrial clusters indentified by Central Pollution Control Board. The details of the industrial clusters / areas were further specified in the Office Memorandum dated 15.03.2010. It was envisaged that during the period of moratorium, time bound action plans will be prepared by the respective SPCBs / PCCs for improving the environmental quality in these industrial clusters/ areas. The action plans so prepared would be finalized by CPCB. The period of moratorium was extended beyond 31.08.2010 from time to time.

2. The status of preparation of action plans was reviewed in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change from time to time, based on the inputs received from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). In accordance with the information received from the Central Pollution Control Board that the respective SPCBs and the local stakeholders had initiated work on implementation of the submitted action plans in respect of the industrial areas / clusters namely (i) Tarapur (Maharashtra), (ii) Pattencherru-Bollaram (Andhra Pradesh), (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Vapi (Gujarat), (v) Mandi-Govindgarh (Punjab), (vi) Agra (Uttar Pradesh), (vii) Aurangabad (Maharashtra), (viii) Bhavnagar (Gujarat), (ix) Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu), (x) Dombivalli (Maharashtra), (xi) Ludhiana (Punjab), (xii) Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra), (xiii) Varanasi-Mirzapur (Uttar Pradesh), (xiv) Angul Talchar (Orissa), (xv) Faridabad (Haryana), (xvi) Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh), (xvii) Indore (Madhya Pradesh), (xviii) Junagadh (Gujarat), (xix) Noida (Uttar Pradesh), (xx) Panipat (Haryana), (xxi) Badravati (Karnataka), (xxii) Mangalore (Karnataka), (xxiii) Greater Kochi (Kerala), (xxiv) Singrauli (Madhya Pradesh Part and Uttar Pradesh Part), (xxv) Ib Valley (Orissa), (xxvi) Jharsuguda (Orissa), (xxvii) Bhiwadi (Rajasthan), (xxviii) Dhanbad (Jharkhand), (xxix) Manali (Tamil Nadu), (xxx) Ahmedabad (Gujarat), (xxxi) Korba (Chhattisgarh), (xxxii) Asansole (West Bengal), (xxxiii) Haldia (West Bengal), (xxxiv) Howrah (West Bengal), (xxxv) Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and (xxxvi) Kanpur (U.P.) the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change lifted the moratorium on consideration of projects for environmental clearance in the above mentioned Thirty Six (xxxvi) industrial clusters/ areas *vide* Office Memoranda of even no. dated 26th October, 2010, 15th February, 2011, 31st March 2011, 23rd May, 2011, 5th July, 2011 and

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17th September, 2013. In the remaining Seven identified industrial clusters, namely, (i) Ankleshwar (Gujarat), (ii) Pali (Rajasthan), (iii) Vatva (Gujarat), (iv) Vellore (Tamil Nadu), (v) Najafgarh Drain Basin (UT Delhi) (vi) Chandrapur (Maharashtra) and (vii) Jodhpur (Rajasthan) the moratorium was decided to be extended till further orders vide OM of even No. dated 17.09.2013.

3. The CPCB conducted monitoring in the Chandrapur (Maharashtra) Critically Polluted Areas (CPA) during February- March, 2016 and re-assessed the CEPI score. The CPCB, *vide* its communication, dated April 18, 2016 informed MoEFCC about the revised CEPI score based on the monitoring conducted during February-March, 2016.

4. The evaluation of the CEPI score in the Chandrapur (Maharashtra) is 54.42, as compared to the CEPI score assessed by CPCB in 2013 (81.90). It has also been intimated that the action plan formulated for Chandrapur is at various stages of implementation.


5. In view of the re-assessment of CEPI score and taking into consideration that action plans for improving environment quality take time to yield results, it has been decided to lift the moratorium on the consideration of projects for environmental clearance in respect of projects to be located in the Chandrapur (Maharashtra), where CEPI score is below 70 as compared to the CEPI score of 2013 (81.93), subject to the following conditions:

- (i) CPCB and the SPCB will immediately put the approved action plan on their website along with implementation status.
- (ii) The SPCB to ensure that any new project / activity or any expansion or modernization of existing project or activity or any change in product mix is in line with the overall approved action plan of the CPA.
- (iii) The implementation of action plan of CPA to be reviewed by the Chairman, SPCB on quarterly basis and report sent to CPCB by the 7th day of the month succeeding the end of quarter. It would be insured that there is no slippage either in terms of time frame or the activities to be completed relating to the action plan.
- (iv) Monitoring in CPA be got done by SPCB through a third party on annual basis for computing CEPI. The monitoring be done during December-February and the report sent to CPCB by April. CPCB, in turn, to submit its report to MoEFCC.
- (v) Monitoring in CPA be got done by CPCB through a third party on biennial basis for computing CEPI and report submitted to MoEF for taking an appropriate view.
- (vi) The EAC/ SEAC will take extra precaution during appraisal of projects to be located in these areas and prescribe the requisite stringent safeguard measures, so that the environmental quality is not deteriorated further in the CPA.

If at any time it comes to the notice of CPCB that action plan in the CPA is not being implemented properly or the CEPI index in CPA is showing an increasing trend, it will immediately bring the factual position to the notice of MoEFCC and MoEFCC would consider taking an appropriate view in the matter which may include re-imposition of moratorium.

6. In respect of Six remaining CPAs, namely Ankaleshwar (Gujarat), Pali (Rajasthan), Vatva (Gujarat), Vellore (Tamil Nadu), Najafgarh Drain Basin (UT Delhi) and Jodhpur (Rajasthan) the moratorium will continue till further orders.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


20/5/2016
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