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**Office Memorandum**


**Sub: Deliberation on the commitments made by project proponent and requirements to address the concerned raised during the public consultation and prescribe as specific condition(s) while recommending the proposal, for prior environment clearance, in physical terms in lieu of Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) – regarding.**

This is in supersession of the OM of even number dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, regarding guidelines in respect of Corporate Environment Responsibility. Ministry is in receipt of several representations regarding imposition of certain percentage of project cost or expansion cost as Corporate Environment Responsibility. Further, the said OM was also challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C) No. 13252/2019 in the matter of CREDAI, NCR *Versus* Union of India and Ors.

The matter has since been examined in the Ministry and it is hereby decided that henceforth the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee shall deliberate on the commitments made by the project proponent to address the concerns raised during the public consultation and prescribe specific condition(s) in physical terms while recommending the proposal, for grant of prior environment clearance instead of allocation of funds under Corporate Environment Responsibility

Further, it is directed that all the activities proposed by the project proponent or prescribed by the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, as the case may be, shall be part of the Environment Management Plan.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

  
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To,

1. Chairman and Member Secretary of Central Pollution Control Board

2. Chairpersons and Members of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairpersons and Member Secretaries of all the SEIAA/SEACs
4. Chairpersons and Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs
5. Member Secretaries of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
6. All the officers of IA Division

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