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D.O. No. 22-116/2015-IA-III

Dated: 10th April, 2017

Dear Shir Arhter,

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide notification No. S.O. 804 (E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 has established a procedure for handling the process of Environmental Clearance where the project proponents have not obtained the prior Environmental Clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. The above notification provides for a window of six months from the date of the notification for filing application for Environmental Clearance for such cases.

The cases where work has been started on the project without obtaining prior Environmental Clearance is termed as violation case, and only such cases which were in violation as on date of above notification will be eligible for application for Environmental Clearance under the above notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

The Ministry has made provision in the above notification that all such cases of violation will be appraised at the level of Ministry for grant of Environmental Clearance. The application has to be filed online on the Ministry's website for Environmental Clearance. The cases of violation were compiled in the Ministry a few months back and their number was 411, whereas, till date only 31 applications have been received online.

In view of the above, it is requested that the respective project proponent be informed to make application under the above notification at the earliest. It is also informed that no case will be considered for grant of Environmental Clearance which comes into violation after the date of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Kindly, publicise this adequately at your level.

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Yours Sincerely,

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