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November 9, 2020

To,

Smt. Manisha Mahiskar (I.A.S.)

Principal Secretary **Environment Department** Government of Maharashtra Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032

Sub: Suggestions / Issues regard to Process of Environmental Clearance.

Respected Madam,

Trust you are doing Well

Thank you for accepting our request for the meeting.

CREDAI-MCHI is an apex body consisting of members from the Real Estate Industry among Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). It is the most prominent and the only recognized body of Real Estate Developers in Mumbai and MMR.

It's an known fact that Real Estate sector contributes about 5-6% of the GDP of India. The second largest employer of the country which employs almost 50% -60% of migrant labor across the industry as well as the 270 ancillary industries attached to it.

Real Estate Sector is employing the largest number of employees, both in organized and unorganized sector and it is important that these jobs not only remain protected, but at the earliest, it starts creating further employment. Central Government and State government has announced various measures to ensure the revival of Real Estate as key sector for reviving the economy. Hence Real Estate Sector needs to be looked at from the point of providing jobs of crores of employees and also which can create further jobs in the shortest time, to support economic revival.

We would also like thank environment department for initiating online hearing during Lockdown to ensure the continuity in the process of Environment Clearance process.

Madam, as you are aware that recently the validity of Current appraisal committee has been extended. Please find herewith our request which required your utmost attention due to which many of our members are project are stuck.

- 1) To Start the immediate Online hearing of cases of both Committees (SEIAA/SEAC) which was in practice in the month of September.
- 2) Expediting the process of uploading the Minutes of Meeting of hearing.
- 3) In the SEAC meeting, members raise lot of queries beyond the Environmental impact purview. Queries regarding permission, approval form ULB though the project is approvable by ULB are raised. A lot of submission from various authorities are asked for submission instead of relying on the report of the consultant as ruled in EoDB guidelines.





- 4) From the time Project Proponents submits the project on PARIVESH online portal to the time of granting Environmental Clearance there is time period of more than six months.
- 5) To adapt the ongoing trend Developer, have to make changes in the product mix to suit the buyer's preference. Hence minor modifications (height, size of the tenement, product mix user etc.) by the project proponent which does not change to the extent of 10% in the Environment parameters, no revised NOC to be insisted upon.
- 6) Presently, the EC is being granted on the basis of the plans approved by the planning authority. However, as per r para 3(b)(i) of the office memorandum reproduced herein below, the, the conceptual plans are required to be considered for grant of EC;
 - i. For building/construction projects (item 8 of the Schedule), in the prescribed Form-I given in Appendix I, along with Supplementary Form 1A as given in Appendix II, as prescribed in EIA Notification, 2006 and a copy of the detailed conceptual plain;

In view of the above and to avoid repetition of submission of proposals for environmental clearance, I would like to request you to take the cognizance of the MoEF & CC Notification issued on 22 Aug 2013 & the OM issued on 20th April 2018 (Copy Attached) to issue the necessary directions with clarifications to accept the project as per the earlier practice with full potential.

Owing to the lockdown real estate industry has been facing the downturn and real estate activities had come to a grinding halt. In spite of the unlock is in place development of projects is still not commenced as our members are facing various issues with the environment clearance process.

Therefore, we earnestly request you to look into above issues on priority and support us with urgent solutions. As further delay would impact on already stressed Real Estate.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully, **For CREDAI-MCHI**

Deepak Goradia President Pritam Chivukula Hon. Secretary