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To
Shri Praskah Javadekar
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
India Paryavaran Bhavan
JorBagh Road
New Delhi - 110 003

Sub: Applications for Environmental Clearance for Construction projects under provisions of EIA Notification 2006 at Central level at MoEF, Delhi.

Request: To form exclusive EAC for Construction Projects to tackle State load.

Respected Sir,

Under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 all construction projects and activities including expansion and modernization of existing projects as stipulated in the Schedule, require prior Environmental Clearance from the Central Government in the MoEF on the recommendation of an EAC. The Notification also stipulates in Clause 4(iii) that in the absence of a duly constituted SEIAA or SEAC, a category 'B' project shall be considered at the Central level as category 'B' project.

It is to bring to your kind notice that due to delay in formation of the SEAC2 (MMR) committee there has created a back-log of over 350 projects till this date which are pending to be heard and recommended by SEIAA. From our earlier experience the total procedure at state level will take more than one and half year for a project to get cleared. Such excessive delay causes progressive escalation in cost of the projects making them financially unviable; which also tend to increase cost of the housing stock.

Aforesaid situation have been observed on couple of occasions when there is change in Committees or their Heads; especially in cities like Mumbai and Pune where applicants are in large number. Such situations also arise in other states to more or less extent.

To ease above situations and to avoid cost escalation we suggest Hon'ble Minister to consider formation of an exclusive Committee for Construction Projects at Central Level to which Applicants will have option to approach in case of heavy back-log of projects before the State Committees, which will expedite clearance process considerably.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For MCHI-CREDAI


Vimal Shah
President

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