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Office Memorandum

Sub: Consideration of projects for environmental clearance based on Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) - Extension of Moratorium till further orders - Regarding.

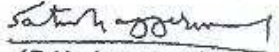
Ministry of Environment & Forests vide Office Memorandum of even no. dated 13.1.2010 had imposed a moratorium up to 31.8.2010 on consideration of projects for environmental clearance to be located in critically polluted areas / industrial clusters identified by Central Pollution Control Board. The details of the industrial clusters / areas were further specified in the Office Memorandum dated 15.3.2010. 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.

2. The status of preparation of action plans has been reviewed in the Ministry of Environment & Forests 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 have initiated some work on implementation of the submitted action plans in respect of the industrial areas / clusters of (i) Tarapur (Maharashtra), (ii) Pattencherru-Bollaram (Andhra Pradesh), (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Vapi (Gujarat) and (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) Gaziabad (Uttar Pradesh), (xvii) Indore (Madhya Pradesh), (xviii) Junagadh (Gujarat), (xix) Noida (Uttar Pradesh), (xx) Panipat (Haryana), (xxi) Bhadravati (Karnataka), (xxii) Mangalore (Karnataka) and (xxiii) Greater Kochi (Kerala) (xxiv) Singrauli (Madhya Pradesh Part and Uttar Pradesh Part), and (xxv) Ib Valley, Jharsuguda (Orissa), Ministry of Environment & Forests have lifted the moratorium on consideration of projects for environmental clearance in the above mentioned 25 industrial clusters / areas vide this Ministry's O.M.s of even no. dated 26th October, 2010, 15th February, 2011, 31st March, 2011, 23rd May, 2011 and 5th July, 2011. In the remaining 18 identified critically polluted industrial clusters / areas, the moratorium was extended up to 31st March, 2012.

The matter has been considered further. The Central Pollution Control Board has been requested to provide an update on the progress of implementation of action

plans, cluster by cluster, in various industrial clusters and their expected impact in terms of the improvement of the relevant pollution indicators. It has been decided that the moratorium would continue in the remaining 18 industrial clusters till the matter is reviewed in the light of update to be provided by Central Pollution Control Board regarding the implementation of action plans. Accordingly, the moratorium in the 18 industrial clusters is extended till further orders.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(S.K. Aggarwal)
Director

To

1. All the Officers of IA Division
2. Chairpersons / Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
3. Chairman, CPCB **with a request to review the whole matter and submit the status report, cluster by cluster for taking further necessary action in this regard.**
4. Member Secretaries of all SPCBs / UTPCCs.

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