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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj,
New Delhi-3

Date: 9th February, 2026

ORDER

Sub: Re-Constitution of Expert Appraisal Committee (NCM) for Environmental Impact Assessment of projects requiring Environmental Clearance under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 - regarding.

In pursuance of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification S.O. No. 1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby re-constitutes the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (hereinafter referred as the Committee) for evaluation of projects relating to NCM sector received in the Ministry for grant of environmental clearances.

2. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

S. No.	Name & Organisation	Position
1.	Shri Mahendra Singh Dhakad E-2/115, Arera Colony, Bhopal-462016, MP Email: msdhakad@hotmail.com	Chairman
2.	Dr Rajesh Sharadchandra Jaipurkar Principal, Arts, Science and Commerce college, Chikhaldara, District -Amravati, Maharashtra Giristhan Colony, Chikhaldara, District- Amravati-444807, Maharashtra. Email: jaipurkarrajesh@gmail.com	Member
3.	Dr. Pabitra Kumar Paul Professor in Physics at Jadavpur University, 3rd Floor, Flat No. F47/2D, Selimpur Road, PO: Dhakuria, Kolkata-700031, West Bengal. Email: pabitra__tu@yahoo.co.in, pabitrak.pal@jadavpuruniversity.in	Member
4.	Dr. C. Vishnuvardhan Reddy H.No.1-7-51/C, JSN Colony, Street No.8, Habsiguda, Hyderabad- 500007, Telangana. Email: vvreddycholleti@gmail.com	Member
5.	Shri Mukund P Chaudhari Flat no.201, Gangadhar Apartment,	Member

	Plot No.5, Dahakey Layout, Near Shankar Nagar Square Titan Showroom, Khare Town, Dharampeth, Nagpur-440010 Email: mpchaudhari@rediffmail.com mpchaudhari1962@gmail.com	
6.	Ms. Mamta Sanjeev Dubey C-1703, Bestech Grand Spa, Sector 81, Gurgaon 122004, Haryana. Email: dubey_ms@yahoo.co.in	Member
7.	Dr. H.Basantakumar Sharma Professor of Physics, Manipur University, 0421 Ningthem Pukhri Mapal, Sabi Leirak, Lane No. 6, Imphal East District Imphal -795001. Email: bhidang@gmail.com	Member
8.	Dr. B.Veera Reddy Villa no. 96, La paloma, Mokila, Hyderabad, Telangana- 501203 Email: veerascl@gmail.com	Member
9.	Dr. Ila Tiwari A-11, Radhe Kamal Niwas, Bajiara Shreepati Road, Balewadi, Pune-411045, Maharashtra. Email: ilatiwari@gmail.com	Member
10.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Professor of Physics, College of Commerce, Arts & Science, Patliputra University, Patna. Devtanchal, New East Jaganpura, Near Main Gate of Patna Central School (Transformer Gali), New Bypass Road, Patna- 800027, Bihar. Email: santoshkumar.coc@gmail.com	Member
11.	Representative from Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)	Member
12.	Representative from Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM)	Member
13.	Representative from Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS)	Member
14.	Representative from Indian Institute of Seismology	Member
15.	Scientist E/ F/ Director of NCM sector IA division, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi-110003	Member-Secretary

3. The terms of reference (ToRs) of the above Committee shall be as follows:

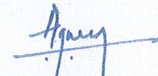
- i. To scrutinize the proposals for determining Terms of Reference (ToRs) for undertaking detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/ Environmental Management Plans (EMP) study and undertake site inspection (if required).
- ii. To scrutinize the environmental impacts and examine the environmental management plans prepared and submitted by the project proponents as per ToRs
- iii. To recommend clearance or reject of the project from environmental angle with reasons stated at scoping as well as appraisal stages.

- iv. To suggest specific environmental safeguards and conditions to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts in respect of projects recommended for approval.

4. The committee shall adopt the following procedure for appraisal:

- i. The committee shall meet at least twice a month on fixed dates.
- ii. The applicant /Members shall be informed at least 15 days prior to the scheduled date of the EAC meeting by the Member Secretary.
- iii. The proposal will undergo a preliminary scrutiny (Screening) by the concerned Impact Assessment Division and if found conforming to the statutory requirement will be placed before the Committee for appraisal on the first scheduled date of its meeting.
- iv. The appraisal of the proposal should be completed ordinarily in single meeting and a specific recommendation to be made. In case the committee finds that additional information required for considering the proposal cannot be furnished by the project proponent in the meeting, then the proposal may be differed for the next meeting and shall be reconsidered based on submission of information on merits. Expert Appraisal Committee may recommend the project under the following four mutually exclusive categories:
 - (a) Recommended;
 - (b) Deferred (for consideration in the next or future meeting as may be specified in the committee's deliberations, after submission of required additional information to be further reviewed/examined by the Expert Appraisal Committee);
 - (c) Rejected (along with reasons for rejection);
 - (d) Returned to Project proponent in the present form.
- v. Site visit as part of the appraisal may be undertaken where it is considered as necessary for reasons to be recorded by the committee, by a sub-group of the Committee consisting of not more than 3 members including one representative from MoEF&CC with the prior approval of the Ministry.
- vi. Minutes of the meeting recorded shall be prepared and the recommendations finalized and approved by the Chairman before taking further necessary action.
- vii. The chairperson may co-opt an expert as a Member for a particular meeting of the Committee.
- viii. If in the preceding five years, the Chairman or any Member of the Committee has provided consultancy services or conducted Environment Impact Assessment studies for any project proponent, in that situation they shall recuse themselves from the meetings of the Committee from the process of appraisal of any project proposed by such proponents.

5. Meeting of the Committee shall be held normally at Delhi but in exceptional cases, with the prior concurrence of the Ministry, these may be held elsewhere in the country.
6. Payment of TA/DA to the Chairman/members of the Committee for attending its meetings or site visits shall be governed as under:-
- i. TA/DA to non-official members for attending approved meetings will be borne by MoEFCC from its budget as per extant rules; for official members from Ministries/Departments/Organisations other than MoEFCC, the same will be met by their respective parent organisation.
 - ii. TA/DA, including air travel in respect of non-official members, will be regulated in accordance with DoE O.M. No. 19047/1/2016-E.IV dated 14.09.2017, along with SR-190, with air tickets being purchased only from the three authorised agencies (M/s Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., M/s Ashok Travels & Tours, IRCTC) as per DoE O.M. dated 16.06.2022; any relaxation in air journey will be governed by DoE instructions.
 - iii. Non-official members will be entitled to a sitting fee of ₹6,000/- per day of sitting (subject to a maximum of 10 days in a month) as per DoE O.M. No. 19047/10/2016-E-IV dated 12.04.2017. No sitting fee will be payable to salaried persons from Central Universities, UGC, Central Institutes/Institutions or autonomous bodies wholly/substantially funded by the Government of India.
 - iv. No duplication in payment, and Payment shall be made through e-transfer only.
 - v. Entitlement shall be restricted to actuals.
7. Tenure of the Committee will be 3 years from the date of issue of constitution order.
- 8 This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide comp. no. 173584 dated 06.02.2026 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Dr. Amandeep Garg)

Additional Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. The Chairman and Members of the Committee (NCM)
2. All the officers of IA Division

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