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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

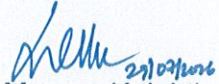
Sub: Clarification on the prospective applicability of the amendment to EIA Notification, 2006, with regard to term of SEIAA/SEAC/EAC-reg.

The provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, inter-alia, stated that the term of the Member and the Chairman of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) shall be for a period of three years. It also stated that, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) shall be reconstituted after every three years. Provided that wherever considered necessary and expedient, the Central Government may extend the above mentioned terms for a further period not exceeding twelve months.

2. The provisions were amended vide Notification S.O.3862 dated 13th July 2026 wherein, the above mentioned term of the Member and the Chairman of SEIAAs and the term of EACs and SEACs were increased to four years and the provision for extending the terms for a further period of not exceeding twelve months was done away with.

3. In this regard, to avoid any ambiguity, the Ministry hereby clarifies that the amended provisions shall be applicable prospectively, and terms of the Member and the Chairman of the existing SEIAAs and the terms of existing EACs and SEACs shall continue to be three years. The amended provisions shall be applicable prospectively to the SEIAAs/SEACs and EACs which shall be constituted subsequent to the coming into force of the above mentioned amendment dated 13th July 2026.

4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Dr. J.D. Marcus Knight)
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To

1. The Chairman, CPCB
2. The Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. The Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs.

4. The Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs /UTPCCs.
5. All the officers of IA Division

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