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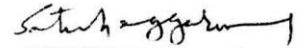
Sub: Mandate / Guidelines of Monitoring to be followed by the Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment and Forests – Instructions – Regarding.

Some instances have been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Environment & Forests where Scientists or Officials of the Regional Offices of this Ministry have been directly interacting with various other Statutory and Regulatory Authorities on behalf of the project proponents on matters concerning the EIA Notification, 2006; such as exemption from public hearing, approval for change of technologies etc.

2. It may be noted that the Regional Offices are to monitor the implementation of the stipulated conditions and environmental safeguards contained in the Environmental Clearance letters, obviously after the project has been granted environmental clearance. Sometimes the Regional Offices are formally requested by the Ministry to provide any specific information as may be requisite for appraisal of any particular project.

3. In view of the above role, it has, therefore, been reiterated that the Regional Offices should not take up issues of any project proponent with various Statutory Authorities directly. Such cases should be invariably referred to the Ministry for advice and guidance, henceforth.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(S.K. Aggarwal)
Director

To

1. All the Regional Offices of MoEF
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