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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committees (EACs) after Appraisal of the Developmental Projects.**

It has been observed that the recommendations for environmental clearance of the Expert Appraisal Committees (EACs), after appraisal of the Developmental Projects, are often subject to submission of additional information and its examination by the Ministry. This process leads to uncertainty, ambiguity and loss of transparency of the EC procedure. All Chairmen of EACs are requested, therefore, that EACs may recommend the projects under the following three mutually exclusive categories:

- (i) Recommended;
- (ii) Deferred [For consideration in the next or future meeting as may be specified in the Committee deliberations, after submission of required additional information to be further reviewed / examined by the EACs].
- (iii) Rejected [Along with reasons for rejection]

2. The same procedure will be adopted by the State Level Expert Appraisal Committees, upon their constitution.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

To:

**The Chairmen & Members of all Expert Appraisal Committees**

Copy to:

1. The Member Secretaries of all Expert Appraisal Committees.
2. All Officers of IA Division, MoEF.
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