

# ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, BUILDINGS AND TOWNSHIP

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### The Background

MoEF, Govt. of India amended EIA notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 vide an extra ordinary Gazette notification dtd. 7<sup>th</sup> July' 2004 covered certain new construction activities including buildings, townships, settlement colonies and commercial, hospital, hotels and office complexes etc. under environmental clearance procedure.

### MoEF NOTIFICATION

#### Purpose of the Regulation

- Large construction activities have environmental impacts which need proper evaluation.
- Impact of available civic infrastructure and conservation of natural resources.
- Better urban management through improved environmental considerations.
- Integrated approach for environmentally sound urban development.
- Sustainable development

#### EC Procedure- I

- Application of public hearing to MPCB along with.
- EIA & EMP report (20 copies)
- Executive summary in Marathi & English (20 copies)
- Fees for conducting public hearing.
- Application for Consent to Establish under water (P&CP) Act, 1074 and Air (P&CP) 1981 to MPCB.
- Prescribed form (available on MPCB website)
- Fees.
- Approved plans.

#### EC Procedure- II

- Public Hearing
- Formation of Public hearing panel including 3 senior citizens nominated by collector, 3 Local body members.
- Minimum 30 days notice for date and venue of public hearing
- Conduct of public hearing where concerned persons can express views/objections/suggestions etc.

- Proceedings of public hearing communicated to DoE, GoM/ MoEF, GoI.

- Consent to Establish granted subject to clearance from MoEF, GoI.

#### Issues for Consideration

- Resource Requirements
- Stress on available civic infrastructure and amenities like road, drainage, parking, water supply mains, MSW etc.
- Integration with over all development planning.
- Pollution potential from proposed project including air pollution, MSW, sewage etc.
- Socio-economic impacts
- Disaster management plans

#### Environmental Initiatives

- Rain water harvesting
- Common transport facilities.
- Solar energy utilisation.
- De-centralised sewage treatment plant
- Recycle/reuse of treated sewage
- Localised MSW treatment and disposal
- Green belt development
- Use of environmentally friendly materials like fly ash bricks, use of fly ash in cement, avoiding use of timber for construction purpose.

#### Further considerations

- Building plans approved by local bodies before environmental clearance.
- Mis-conception about environmental issues,
- Notification seen as obstruction in development.
- Environmentally sound development will lead to better civic life.

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