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The Secretary,
State Level Expert Appraisal Committee
Gujarat Pollution Control Board
Paryavaran Bhawan, Sector-10-A,
Gandhi Nagar-382010

Subject: Clarification on calculation of built up area for specific item i.e Open to sky Duct/Cut Out - Reg.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. EIA-10-2011-149-E dated 28.07.2011 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, in the light of the recommendations of the EAC (Building Construction, CRZ, Infrastructure Development & Misc. projects), the following clarifications are provided:-

- (i) The built up area as per the amendment dated 4th April, 2011 to the EIA Notification is, "the built-up or covered area on all the floors put together including basement(s) and other service areas, which are proposed in the building / construction project".
- (ii) Area which is not covered or any area which is open to sky / cut out/ duct should not be counted in the calculations of built up area. The open to sky and the cut.out/ ducts are required for proper light and ventilation of a building.
- (iii) Atrium i.e open portion of a building which is not covered at intermediate floor levels but covered at the top level like any shopping malls or hotels can be taken into account for calculation of the built up area but it should not be calculated for each floor.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority

Yours faithfully,


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