

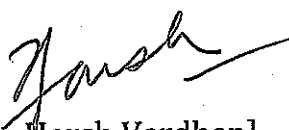
From the desk of the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change

5th August, 2017

A detailed review was undertaken today about the pendency of the TOR and EC cases in presence of the Secretary, EFCC and DGF&SS and following decisions have been taken :

1. Minutes of the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings shall be prepared and uploaded on the website on the same day immediately after completion of the meeting – in no case it should take more than 24 hours to prepare and upload the minutes
2. The project proponent should be informed about the outcome of the EAC meeting immediately after their case is heard in the meeting and there shall be no surprise to them when they receive the minutes
3. Our approach should be solution oriented – not to create the problems
4. On the e-Governance front, the progress is very slow and totally unsatisfactory. Suggestions given since last three last months need to be implemented soon without any further delay and necessary actions shall be initiated for delay in this matter against all responsible.
5. The files should be processed immediately after the minutes are approved and not later than 3 working days by the concerned officers for necessary approvals of the competent authority.
6. The clearance letters, once file is approved, shall be issued immediately without any delay of even one day. This shall be ensured by the concerned Joint Secretary.
7. Cases of minor amendments, typographical changes, validity extensions need not be put up before the EAC, which is a reason for delay and increases unnecessary labour / paperwork.
8. Pendency shall be reviewed by the concerned Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary on weekly basis and by the Secretary on fortnightly basis.
9. Pendency reports of the weekly review meetings shall be submitted on weekly basis to the PS to the Minister, EFCC, without fail.
10. All pending 340 TOR cases as on 5th August, 2017 shall be decided before the end of this month and there shall be no old cases pending for TOR on 1st September, 2017.
11. All pending 598 EC cases shall be decided at the earliest on war footing basis and the pendency of all cases received before 5th August, 2017 shall be finalized before 26th September, 2017.

12. The JS and AS shall take meetings with all EACs and shall ensure that the queries are raised at a go and the tendency of raising no new queries again and again is changed.
 13. There are several cases pending for acceptance at Member Secretary, EAC level. It shall be ensured by the JS and AS that such cases are accepted on time immediately on submission of complete application. The type of information sought / queries raised by the Member Secretary, EAC before accepting the applications shall also be randomly checked by the JS and AS.
 14. All old cases where information is not furnished by the project proponent shall be reviewed by the JS and a reminder be issued to the project proponent immediately and their case be kept in abeyance and dropped from pendency after giving adequate opportunity of being heard.
 15. There shall be very high level of transparency in entire processing and decision-making process and it shall be ensured by the JS and AS concerned that such transparency is maintained.
 16. It was discussed and deliberated that the submission of the certified compliance report from the Regional Office of the MOEFCC has been one of the important reasons for delay in many cases. It was decided to authorize the Regional Officers and Member Secretary of the respective State Pollution Control Boards and/or Central Pollution Control Board to ensure compliance monitoring and submit the certified compliance reports. File be moved for amendment of the OM in this regard immediately.
 17. To provide proper infrastructure including the latest computers and scanners to the officers of the IA division as soon as possible.
 18. Tablets to be provided to all the EAC members with data card facility of appropriate amount to enable them to scrutinize the cases well in advance as decided earlier. File shall be moved for this immediately.
- Compliance report / progress report on above decisions and decision taken earlier be submitted on weekly basis by the concerned Joint Secretary.


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