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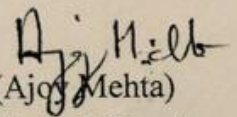
CIRCULAR

Sub: Requirement of Environmental Clearance for
building projects modification regarding.

This department, vide circular no. ENV 2013/CR 39/TC-1 dated 17/04/2014 had issued guidelines indicating procedure for consideration of violations of EIA Notification. Vide this circular it was decided that in view of orders of Hon'ble High Court in the matters of redevelopment projects wherein rehabilitation of tenants in SRA/Dilapidated/CESS buildings was involved, construction of rehab component below 20,000 m² was not to be considered as a violation of EIA Notification read with OM of MoEF dated 12/12/2012 and 27/06/2013.

Now, Hon'ble High Court in the matter of Glomore Construction and others Vs. Union of India (W.P. No. 655 of 2014) vide order dated 24/03/2014 & 18/12/2014 allowed construction up to 20,000 m² of free sell component, even in residential and commercial projects, indicating no violation of EIA Notification of 2006. Further, AGP, High Court, Original Side, Mumbai, vide his letter no. NPP/18087 dated 3/12/2014 informed State Government to take note of High Court orders and comply them accordingly to avoid issuance of contempt notice against the officers of Government of Maharashtra for continuing to disregard the orders of High Court.

In view of the above orders of Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, proposed construction projects wherein project proponent has undertaken total construction below 20,000 m² may not be considered as a violation of EIA Notification of 2006 (Amended time to time) and read with OM of MoEF dated 12/12/2012 and 27/06/2013. However, it is to be noted that by this way indemnity is not given to the construction under taken by project proponent. If, at the time of appraisal of the project, it is found that the construction undertaken is not fulfilling the environmental considerations, project proponent will have to comply with the direction of concern committee to accommodate environmental concerns. Therefore, it is desirable that in such cases all environmental concerns are addressed at the planning stage only. The State Environmental Appraisal Committees (SEACs) should ensure the compliance of above order of Hon'ble High Court to avoid contempt of its orders. This is subject to further orders of the Hon'ble High Court.


(Ajoy Mehta)
Principal Secretary

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1. Director (IA), MoEF CC, New Delhi, is kindly requested to convey his say, if any, in the above said matter within 8 days.