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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Impact Assessment Division

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Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Validity of Terms of Reference (TORs) prescribed under EIA Notification, 2006 for undertaking detailed EIA and EMP studies for developmental projects requiring environmental clearance and other related issues-clarification regarding.**

**Reference: Office Memoranda No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-II (I) (Pt.), dated 22.08.2014; 08.10.2014 and 07.11.2014.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change *vide* Office Memoranda No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-II (I) (Pt.) dated 22.08.2014; 08.10.2014 and 07.11.2014 prescribed a time limit for validity of Terms of Reference (TORs) for a period of three years for submission of EIA and EMP reports after public consultation and also that this period would be extendable to fourth year, based on proper justification and recommendation of the EAC/SEAC, as the case may be. Thus an outer limit of four years for validity of TORs has been prescribed for any developmental project, except River Valley and HEP Projects, where the outer limit validity of TOR is five years.

2. The para 2 (ii) of OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-II (I) (Pt.) dated 22.08.2014, mentioned that *"This period of validity could be extended by the Regulatory Authority concerned by a maximum period of one year provided an application is made by the applicant to the Regulatory Authority, atleast three months before the expiry of validity period, together with an updated Form-I, based on proper justification and also recommendation of the EAC/SEAC"*.

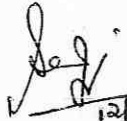
3. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that if the project proponent make the application for extension of the

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validity of TORs before its expiry, it should be considered and accordingly para 2(ii) of OM No. J-11013/41/2006-IA-II (I) (Pt.) dated 22.08.2014, may be amended and read as,

*"This period of validity could be extended by the Regulatory Authority concerned by a maximum period of one year provided an application is made by the applicant to the Regulatory Authority before the expiry of validity period, together with an updated Form-I, based on proper justification and also recommendation of the EAC/SEAC".*

4. The other stipulations stated in OM dated 22.08.2014 will continue to apply.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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