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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Obligation of the project proponent to undertake activities committed in the EMP or at any stage of the appraisal of Prior Environment Clearance in lieu of Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) – Clarification – regarding.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide OM of even number dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 on the above mentioned subject stated that

*“the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee shall deliberate on the commitments made by the project proponent to address the concerns raised during the public consultation and prescribe specific condition(s) in physical terms while recommending the proposal, for grant of prior environment clearance instead of allocation of funds under Corporate Environment Responsibility. Further, it was directed that all the activities proposed by the project proponent or prescribed by the Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, as the case may be, shall be part of the Environment Management Plan.”*

2. The Ministry is in receipt of representations seeking clarity about the applicability of above concept in cases where Public Hearing is not applicable for example B2 category projects etc.

3. In this regard it is hereby clarified that **in such cases also** (where public hearing is not involved), the project proponents will be bound to take up all activities proposed by them in the EMP as well as any additional activities that may either be committed by them before the EACs/SEIAAs/SEACs or the same have been prescribed by the EACs/SEIAAs/SEACs.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent Authority.


  
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