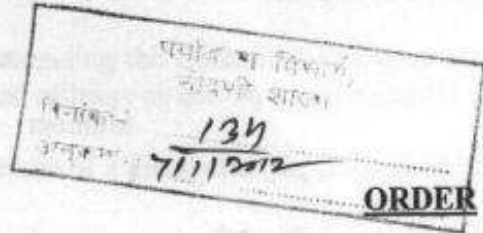


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**Sub: Expert Committee to examine defence related strategic projects attracting Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 and Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 - regarding.**

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In pursuance of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification S.O.No.1533 (E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby constitutes an Expert Appraisal Committee for assessment and evaluation of defence related strategic projects both received from Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home including coastal police stations, coast guard installations etc.

2. The composition of the Committee is as follows:-

- (i) **Dr. A. E. Muthunayagam,** Chairman  
Ex-Secretary to Government of India,  
Pro Chancellor,  
Noorul Islam University,  
"Devdhan" No. A. 33, Project  
andit colony, Kowdiar P.O.,  
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695003.
- (ii) **Shri B. Sengupta,** Member  
Ex-Member Secretary,  
Central Pollution Control Board.
- (iii) **Shri T. Nagendera,** Member  
Chief Research Officer, Central Water And Power  
Research Station (CWPRS),  
Khadakwasla, Pune-411024,  
Maharashtra.
- (iv) **Dr. Chitra Rajagopalan,** Member  
Member,  
Expert Committee for Infrastructure Development and  
Miscellaneous Projects &  
Additional Director and Head Explosive Safety,  
Centre for Fire Explosive and Environment Safety,  
DRDO, Ministry of Defence,  
Brigadier SK Majumdar Marg,  
Timarpur, Delhi-110054.
- (v) **Dr. V. Sanil Kumar,** Member  
Scientist,  
Ocean Engineering,  
National Institute of Oceanography (NIO),  
Dona Paula - 403 004, Goa.

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(vi) **Commander A. K. Mittal,**  
DGM (Operations),  
Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence  
(Navy),  
A Block Hutment,  
Dalhousie Road, New Delhi-110011.

Member

(vii) **Shri Bharat Bhushan,**  
Ex-Director,  
Ministry of Environment and Forests,  
New Delhi.

Member

(viii) **Dr. A. Senthil Vel,**  
Director,  
Ministry of Environment and Forests,  
New Delhi.

Member-Secretary

3. The Committee shall examine the projects received from Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home including coastal police stations, coast guard installations etc., from the angle of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 and Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

4. The Committee will scrutinize the project and the environmental impacts of above infrastructure including the Environmental Management Plans prepared and submitted by the project authorities.

5. The Committee shall recommend clearance or rejection of the project from environmental angle with reasons stated under Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011/Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

6. To suggest adequate safeguards to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts in respect of projects recommended for approval.

7. The Committee may also invite experts from relevant fields as Special Invitees based on the requirements of the project concern.

8. The Committee will adopt the following procedure for appraisal:

- (i) The Chairman and the Member Secretary shall decide the date for the meeting based on the number of projects received.
- (ii) The agenda for the meeting shall be circulated to all the Members atleast 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting by the Member Secretary.
- (iii) A proposal will undergo a preliminary scrutiny by the concerned Impact Assessment Division and if found conforming to the statutory requirements will be placed before the Committee for appraisal on the first scheduled date of its meeting.
- (iv) The appraisal of the proposal should be completed ordinarily in a single meeting following the 'Good Practices' (copy annexed) and a specific recommendation made to this Ministry. In case the Committee find that add information required for considering the proposal cannot be furnished by the project proponent in the meeting then at the request of the project proponent concerned, the consideration of the proposal may be deferred to the next meeting, but not delayed.
- (v) A site visit as part of the appraisal process may be undertaken where it is considered as necessary for reasons to be recorded by the Committee, by a sub-group of the Committee consisting of not more than 3 members with the prior approval of the Ministry.
- (vi) Minutes of meeting recorded concurrently after the appraisal of each project and the recommendations finalized and approved by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

9. Meetings of the Committee shall be held normally at Delhi but in exceptional cases, with prior concurrence of the Ministry, these may be held elsewhere in the country.

10. The TA/DA of non-official members for attending meetings of the Committee or undertaking site visits approved by the Ministry will be met by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as per rules. Chairman is entitled for the reimbursement of the cost of travel by 1<sup>st</sup> Class Air by the shortest route. All other members are entitled to travel Air in the Economy Class by the shortest route.

11. The members attending the Committee meetings are also entitled for a sitting fee of Rs.3000 per day, daily allowance and road mileage as per Government Rules.

12. The maximum tenure of a member/chairperson shall be two terms of 3 years.

13. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority and the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No.452/AS&FA dated 5.12.2011 and with the approval of the competent Authority.

  
**(Dr. A. Senihil Vel)**  
**Director**

**Copy to:-**

1. Chairman and all members of the Committee
2. All officers of IA Division

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6. PS to Defence Minister
7. PS to JS, PMO
8. PS to Home Minister
9. PS to Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
10. PS to Ministry of Finance
11. PS to Chief Secretaries of Coastal States/UTs
12. Headquarters Coastguard
13. PS to National Security Adviser
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