



# BIHAR STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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## NOTIFICATION

- Whereas**, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification vide S.O. 1533 (E), dated-14.09.2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for imposing certain restrictions and prohibitions on new project or activities, or on the expansion or modernization of existing projects, unless prior Environmental Clearance has been accorded by the prescribed authority.
- Whereas**, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has amended the aforesaid notification vide S.O. 980 (E), dated-02.03.2021 which permits increase in production capacity without having to go through entire environmental clearance process again as long as there is no increase in pollution load. The amended provision states that in case of existing projects (having prior environmental clearance) for *"any change in production capacity in respect of processing or production or manufacturing sectors (listed against item no. 2,3,4 & 5 in the Schedule to this notification) with or without any change in raw material-mix or product-mix or quantities within products or no. of products including new products falling in the same category or configuration of the plant or process or operations in existing area or in areas contiguous to the existing area (for which environmental clearance has been granted) shall be exempt from the requirement of prior environmental clearance provided that there is no increase in pollution load (derived on the basis of such prior environmental clearance)"*.
- Whereas**, the project proponent/unit is required to obtain a certificate of "no increase in the pollution load" from the environmental auditor or reputed institution, to be empanelled by the State Pollution Control Board or Central Pollution Control Board or Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
- Whereas**, the project proponent/unit is required to upload a copy of "no increase in pollution load" certificate on PARIVESH portal of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.
- Whereas**, the project proponent/unit is required to inform the State Pollution Control Board in specified format along with:-

- i. "no increase in the pollution load" certificate from the environmental auditors and reputed institutions empanelled by the State Pollution Control Board or Central Pollution Control Board or MoEF&CC, GoI;
  - ii. last consent-to-operate certificate for the project or activity; and
  - iii. online system generated acknowledgement of uploading of intimation and "no increase in pollution load" certificate on PARIVESH Portal.
6. **Whereas**, MoEF&CC, GoI vide its Office Memorandum (F No. 22/20/2021-IA.III[E-164476]) dated-23.08.2021 has clarified that environmental auditor as mentioned in the notification shall include all QCI-NABET accredited EIA consultants for the respective sectors and category (A or B), provided the same consultant has not rendered consultancy service for proposed expansion of the said project. Further, the consultant accredited for Category B projects shall not audit Category A project. It is also clarified that reputed institutions as mentioned in the notification shall include CSIR laboratories specializing in the relevant sectors for the purpose of providing 'no increase in pollution load certificate' for any development project seeking to avail benefit of the provision of the above notification.

In view of the above, following organizations/institutions/ environmental consultants are empanelled by the Bihar State Pollution Control Board for issue of 'No Increase in Pollution Load Certificate' in context of the aforesaid notification and office memorandum issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI:-

- i. all CSIR laboratories specializing in the relevant sectors listed against item no. 2,3,4 & 5 in the Schedule of the EIA notification, 2006 issued by the erstwhile Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India vide S.O. 1533(E), dated-14.09.2006.
- ii. for empanelment of environmental auditors, Expression of Interest (EoI) from QCI-NABET accredited EIA consultants is being invited separately.

  
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Member Secretary. 01/10/21