

**F.No.10-60/2019-IA-III**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(IA.III Section)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020

To,

The Member Secretary,  
**(Sh. Arun Mishra)**  
Delhi Pollution Control Committee,  
Department of Environment, Government of N.C.T. Delhi,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, ISBT Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

**Subject: Clarification regarding conduct of Public hearing to get Environmental Clearance for the project 'Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF) for Hazardous Waste at Bawana, Delhi by M/s Tamil Nadu Waste Management Limited - reg.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your letter No. DPCC/WMC-II/TSDF/Bawana/PH/2020/3473-75 dated 13.05.2020 and No. DPCC/WMC-II/TSDF/Bawana/PH/2020/3450-3452 dated 03.04.2020 on the above-mentioned subject and to inform as under:

- I. The Ministry has received several similar representations from industrial associations and other sectors. The matter has been examined in the Ministry through an Expert Committee constituted in the Ministry to examine issues related to EIA Notification, 2006.
  - II. The Committee has observed that impact of project will remain for longer duration. The Committee is of the view that conducting Public Hearing at the site or in close proximity of the site is to provide equal opportunity to all concerned persons having plausible stake in the environmental aspects of the project or activity. Hence, the requirement of Public Hearing, wherever required for a developmental project/ activity cannot be dispensed with.
  - III. The Committee was of the view that Phase-4 of the lockdown was over on 31.05.2020 and the country has moved to unlock phase-1. Therefore, it is suggested to re-assess the possibility of conducting Public Hearing with adequate social distancing and other safe guards as issued by the Government of India from time to time.
2. The competent authority in the Ministry has agreed to the opinion of the Expert Committee. Further, from perusal of order dated 16.03.2020 passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal, it appears that the Hon'ble Tribunal has not exempted the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) from the conduct of Public hearing for the proposed project. Therefore, DPCC should notify another date for conduct of public hearing expeditiously and in a manner that ensure the conduct of such hearing with

adequate social distancing and other safe guards issued by the Government of India from time to time.

3. With respect to suggestion of DPCC that MoEFCC should approach the Hon'ble NGT for extension of timeline, I have been directed to convey that the Project Proponent of the proposed project under reference has not yet submitted the application, complete in all aspects, including the EIA Report and Environment Management Plan prepared as per the Terms of Reference (TOR) granted under the EIA Notification, 2006 for the proposed project. Therefore, no action is pending on the part of this Ministry but on the part of DPCC w.r.t. conduct of Public Hearing. Therefore, DPCC may consider taking action, as appropriate, in this regard.

4. This has approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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