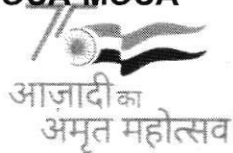


लीना नन्दन  
LEENA NANDAN



सचिव  
भारत सरकार  
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय  
SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

D.O. No. IA3-22/5/2021-IA.III

18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

*Dear Rajiv,*

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) / Airport Authority of India (AAI) have undertaken several projects for improving regional connectivity through building new runways and airports, along with expanding many existing airports and their associated facilities.

2. In this regard, I would like to inform you that the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006 issued by this Ministry on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006, mandates prior Environment Clearance (EC) for construction of new projects or activities as well as for the expansion or modernization of existing projects or activities listed in Schedule 7(a) of the said notification. However, the EIA Notification provides that 'Air strips which do not involve bunkering/refuelling facility and or Air Traffic Control, are exempted'.

3. In the last few years, this Ministry has taken several measures for streamlining the system so as to ensure expeditious appraisal and timely grant of Environment Clearances. These measures, *inter alia*, include online submission and processing of proposals, standard Terms of Reference (ToR) for expansion projects, flexibility in baseline data collection etc. All applications for grant of EC are made online on the Ministry's portal: <https://parivesh.nic.in>.

4. It is requested that the above may kindly be taken into account by the Ministry of Civil Aviation during planning and execution of projects. In case of any clarification, the concerned officials from the Impact Assessment (IA) Division of this Ministry would coordinate and ensure further guidance.

*Good wishes,*

Yours sincerely,

*Leena*

[ Leena Nandan ]

**Shri Rajiv Bansal**  
Secretary  
Ministry of Civil Aviation  
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan  
Safdarjung Airport Area  
New Delhi -110003

