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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests

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Dated: August 30, 2013

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Consideration of proposals from Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, Maharashtra.**

This has reference to the Ministry's Office Memorandum of even No. dated 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and its subsequent amendments including OM issued on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 regarding extension of moratorium upto 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2013 on consideration of projects from the districts of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg, Maharashtra under the EIA Notification, 2006 by this Ministry or by the Maharashtra State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

The Ministry had constituted a High Level Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dr.K.Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission, vide office order dated 17.8.2012 to *inter alia* examine the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel Report in a holistic and multidisciplinary manner keeping in view the comments received from the concerned State Governments/Central Ministries/Stakeholders. The working Group has since submitted its report to the Ministry and the same is under consideration.

Keeping in view the above and in continuation of the OM of 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013, the moratorium for consideration of projects from Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts, Maharashtra is further extended upto 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
**(Lalit Kapur)**  
Director

To

The Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board/Maharashtra, SEIAA/SEAC

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