

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2003

**S.O. 891(E)** – Whereas by notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 60(E) dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 issued under Sub-section (1) and clause (v) of Sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with clause (d) of sub-rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government imposed certain restrictions and prohibitions on the expansion or modernization of any activity or new projects being undertaken in any part of India unless environmental clearance has been accorded by the Central Government or the State Government in accordance with the procedure specified there in;

And whereas by notification number S.O. 319 (E) dated the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1997, (hereinafter referred to as the said notification), issued under Section 23 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government delegated, subject to certain conditions and limitations, certain powers exercisable by that Government under notification number S.O. 60(E) dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 in relation to thermal power plants.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 319 (E) dated the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1997, namely :-

#### **Amendment**

In Schedule 1 to the said notification, for the Note, the following Note shall be substituted, namely:-

“Note-Every project proposed to be located in –

- (a) a critically polluted area; or
- (b) within a radius of fifteen kilometers of the boundary of –
  - (i) reserved forests,
  - (ii) ecologically sensitive areas which include national parks, sanctuaries, biosphere reserves; and
  - (iii) any state,

shall require environmental clearance from the Central Government.”

[No. Z-12013/4/89-IA-I]  
Dr. V. Rajagopalan, Jt. Secy.

**Note:** The principal notification was published in the Gazette of India vide number S.O. 319(E) dated the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1997.