S.O. 1087(e) - Whereas a draft of certain amendments to the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O.60(E) dated the 27th January, 1994 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated the 26th September, 2002 vide S.O.1043(E) dated the 26th September, 2003 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 (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby within a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the said draft amendments were made available to the public;

And, whereas all objections and suggestions received have been duly considered by the Central Government:

And whereas copies of the Gazette containing the said draft amendments were made available to the public on the 4th October, 2002;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by 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 (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the said notification number S.O.60 (E) dated the 27th January, 1994, namely:-

**AMENDMENTS**

In the said notification.-

(1) in paragraph 2,-

(i) in sub-paragraph 1,-

(a) in item (a), in sub-item (iv), the word "and" occurring at the end shall be omitted;

(b) after sub-item (v), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"(vi) offshore exploration activities, beyond 10 kilometres from the nearest habited village boundary, gothans and ecologically sensitive areas such as, mangroves (with a minimum area of 1000 sq.m.), corals, coral reefs, national parks, marine parks, sanctuaries, reserve forests and breeding and spawning grounds of fish and other marine life."

(ii) in sub-paragraph II, after item (e), the following item shall be inserted, namely:-

"(f) greenfield airports, petrochemical complexes and refineries."
(2) in Schedule 1,-

(a) for item 4, the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

"4. Petroleum refineries including crude and product pipelines; isolated petroleum product storages.".

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