

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2003

**S.O. 506(E)** – Whereas by notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 60(E), dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the said notification) issued under sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), the Central Government imposed certain restrictions and prohibitions on the expansion or modernization of any activity or the undertaking of any project, unless environmental clearance has been accorded by the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be;

And whereas; sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the said rules provides that, whenever it appears to the Central Government that it is in the public interest to do so, it may dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the said rules;

And whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary in the public interest to dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the said rules;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the said Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the said rules, The Central Government hereby makes the following further amendment in the said notification, namely:-

In the said notification, in Schedule – I, for item No. 2 the following item shall be substituted namely:-

“2 - River valley projects including Hydel Power Projects, Major Irrigation Projects and their combination including flood control project except projects relating to improvement work including widening and strengthening of existing canals with land acquisition upto a maximum of 20 meters, (on both sides put together) along the existing alignments provided such canals do not pass through ecologically sensitive areas such as national parks, sanctuaries, tiger reserves and reserve forests.”

**[No. Z-12013/4/89 – IA I (Part)]**  
**Dr. V. Rajagopalan, Jt. Secretary**

**Foot Note:** The Principal Notification was published in the Gazette of India via No. S.O. 60(E) dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 and subsequently amended vide number S.O. 356 (E) dated the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1994, S.O. 318 (E) dated the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1997, S.O. 73 (E), dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2000, S.O. 1119 (E) dated the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2000, S.O. 737 (E) dated the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2001. S.O. 1148 (E) dated 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2001, S.O. 632 (E) dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 and S.O. 248 (E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2003.