

F.No. J-11011/15/2015-IA-II (I) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (IA-II Section)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -3

Dated: 04 June, 2020

To

M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited Barauni Refinery, Barauni District Begusarai (Bihar)

Sub: Expansion of Barauni Refinery from 6 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA at Barauni, District Begusarai (Bihar) by M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited - Extension of validity of EC- reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your proposal No. IA/BR/IND2/116589/2019 dated 30th January 2020, for extension of validity of environmental clearance (EC) to the above project.

- 2. The Ministry has granted environmental clearance vide letter dated 15th February 2019 to the project for Expansion of Barauni Refinery from 6 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA along with polymer units located at Barauni, District Begusarai (Bihar) in favour of M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited.
- 3. It has been informed that the said environmental clearance (EC) has been issued for a period of one year, with the condition to undertake third party assessment for the environmental damage and differential impacts on environmental parameters due to excess crude processing. It was informed that the requisite study has been carried out found no impact on environment due to excess crude processing, and thus, requested for extension of the validity of the environmental clearance to complete the work as per scope of the project.
- 4. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2) in its meeting held on 25-27 February, 2020 in the Ministry. The EAC noted that, as per the conditions stipulated in the EC, the study has been carried out by M/s NEERI-CSIR and as per the report, there is no impact on environment due to excess crude processing. The Committee found the study to be satisfactory and observed that no further action is required on the matter related to excess production. The project proponent has also submitted an undertaking that production shall not exceed the approved limit without taking prior clearance from the concerned authorities. The Committee after deliberations has recommended for extension of validity of environmental clearance till 15th February 2026 for completion of the project as per scope of the project, as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, with all other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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- 5. Based on recommendations of the EAC, Ministry hereby accords approval for extension of validity of the environmental clearance dated 15th February 2019 till 15th February 2026, with all other terms and conditions stipulated therein remain unchanged. The action taken report on the matter from the Government of Bihar shall be obtained for examination by the Ministry within three months.
- **6.** This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Ashok Kr. Pateshwary

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Copy to: -

- The Deputy DGF (C), MoEF&CC Regional Office (ECZ), Bungalow No. A-2, Shyamali Colony, Ranchi
- The Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Government of Bihar, Patna (Bihar)- with the request to submit ATR as per the Ministry's letter of even no. dated 18th February, 2019 (copy enclosed).
- 3. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi
- 4. The Member Secretary, Bihar State Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, Plot No. NS-B/2, Paliputra Industrial Area, Patliputra, Patna (Bihar)
- 5. Guard File/Monitoring File/Website/Record File

F. No.J-11011/15/2015-IA-II (I) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (IA Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jor Bagh Road, N Delhi - 3 Dated: 18th February, 2019

To.

The Secretary, Govt of Bihar, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 1st Floor, N.H Bhawan, Vishweshwaraiya Complex, Bailey Road, Patna -1 (Bihar)

Sub: Expansion of Barauni Refinery from 6 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA by M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited at Barauni, District Begusarai (Bihar) - Non compliance of Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir.

M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited has submitted a proposal to this Ministry on 2nd February, 2019 for environmental clearance to the above project in terms of the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

- The project involves expansion of Barauni Refinery from 6 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA along 2. with polymer units by M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited at Barauni, District Begusarai (Bihar). The project/activity is covered under category A of item 4(a) 'Petroleum refining industry', 5(e) 'Petrochemical products and petrochemical based processing', 5(c) 'Petro-chemical complexes' of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 and requires appraisal/approval at central level in the Ministry.
- The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2) in its 3. meeting held in the Ministry on 11th February, 2019. The Committee observed that the crude processing was more than the sanctioned capacity of 6000 TMTPA during the period 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16 & 2016-17, which amounts to non-compliance of the environmental clearance granted earlier.
- It is, therefore, requested to take action against the project proponent under the 4. provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the reported non compliance.

5. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

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Copy for necessary action to:-

1. The Additional PCCF (C), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Ranchi Regional Office (ECZ), Bungalow No. A-2, Shyamali Colony, Ranchi - 834002 (Jharkhand)

2. The Member Secretary, Bihar State Pollution Control Board, Beltron Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Lal

Bahadur Shastri Nagar, Patna - 800 023 (Bihar)

3. M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Barauni Refinery, District Begusarai (Bihar)

4. Monitoring Cell, MoEF&CC, New Delhi

5. Guard File/Monitoring File/Record File