

Do you think that the recently published Environment Impact Assessment draft needs a comprehensive relook? Examine (200 Words)

The Draft notification was released for Environment Impact Assessment to amend the EIA Notification 2006. Many have objected that Government must not compromise the environment to attract large investments. So the draft needs a comprehensive relook is the major public opinion.

→ The reduction in time period to receive public responses from 30 to 20 days and the period of public hearing from 45 to 40 days.

The effective ways to oppose environmental affecting project is being compromised here.

→ Exemption of certain projects from Public consultation by marking them as strategic projects.

Eg: Petrochemical, dye, synthetic, Chemical fertilizers ~~have~~ ~~be~~ industries have been declared as strategic industries.

All the above projects post damage to environment.

- Increasing the construction project area from 20,000 Sq.m to 1,50,000 Sq.m to be exempted from EIA clearance. These projects directly cause air pollution.
- The post facto regularisation of industries and project reflects the pollute and pay rule.
- Exemptions of certain project from prior environmental clearance. Projects like seismic survey for offshore and onshore ~~oil~~ oil and gas including coal bed methane.
- Increasing the validity of environmental clearance for mining project 30 to 50 yrs
river valley project 10 to 15 yrs
where both could affect the environment with irreversible effect.

Way Forward :

→ After witnessing the after math of the LG polymer Industries in Andhra Pradesh the Government having it in mind must considerably relook into certain areas of the draft.

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→ The draft must be focusing more
on sustainable development so that we
will not be retreating from the progress
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