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### CIRCULAR

Sub: Effective implementation of EIA Notification-  
Public Hearing.

Ref: Circular issued by the Board vide No MPCB/  
JD(WPC)/MS/B-1875. dtd.16/4/2013.

In continuation of earlier circular dtd.16/4/2013 issued by the Board vide Reference above, it has been observed that the Regional Officers and Sub-Regional Officers (i.e. the Convener of the public hearing) are not scrupulously following due procedure laid down under EIA Notification, 2006, more particularly, under Appendix-IV, Clause-6.4 & 6.6 respectively and thereby, a number of objections are raised in respect of not following due procedure either in the Public Interest Litigation or Applications/ Appeals filed before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Benches.

The Clauses-6.4 & 6.6 are reproduced hereunder for ready reference.

- 6.4. Every person present at the venue shall be granted the opportunity to seek information or clarification on the project from the Applicant. The summary of public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting all the views and concerns expressed shall be recorded by the representative of the SPCB or UTPCC and read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the vernacular language and the agreed minutes shall be signed by the District Magistrate or his or her representative on the same day and forwarded to the SPCB/UTPCC concerned.
- 6.6 The proceedings of the public hearing shall be conspicuously displayed at the office of the Panchyats within whose jurisdiction the project is located, office of the concerned Zila Parishad, District Magistrate and the SPCB or UTPCC. The SPCB or UTPCC shall also display the proceedings on its website for general information.

