To,
The Director
IA.II Division (T)
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF &CC)
Indira Parayavaran Bhawan,
Jorbag Road, New Delhi-110 003.

Sub:- Extension of validity of ToR issued to the Mahagenco’s proposed expansion by addition of 1x250 MW(Unit-5) coal based Thermal Power Plant near Village- Paras, in Dist-Akola, Maharashtra.

Ref:- 1) MoEF ToR ref no J-13012/06/2012-IA.II (T) dtd. 26/09/2012
2) MoEF letter ref no J-13012/06/2012-IA.II (T) dtd. 12/12/2014
3) Application to MPCI ref no DyCE(C)/CCC/BSL/Tech/889
dtd. 28/07/15

Respected Sir,

With reference to the above subject, Mahagenco has proposed expansion by addition of 1x250 MW coal based expansion Thermal Power Project at Paras, Dist.Akola, Maharashtra.

The ToR for the project was issued vide MoEF letter no. ToR J-13012/06/2011-IA. II (T) dated 26 September 2012.

Based on the TOR, Environment Consultant NEERI, Nagpur has carried out the various field studies from Oct 2012 to Dec 2012 and the EIA report was prepared.

Meanwhile due to change in the source of coal from Mahanadi Coal block to Mahajanwadi Coal block, re-modeling of the Ground Level Concentration (GLC) prediction was carried out. Subsequently the EIA report had to be revised. Due to this delay, an online application for extension of validity of ToR was submitted to MoEF on date 15/09/2014. MoEF, New Delhi has extended the validity of ToR for this project for one year vide letter under ref (2) up to 25/09/2015.

As a process for obtaining Environment Clearance (EC), for the proposed 1x250MW (Unit-5) Power Project at Paras, the Public Hearing was scheduled on 29 April 2015, at Krida Bhavan, Paras Thermal Power Station. Accordingly, MPCI published the advertisement in News Papers (Lokmat/Hitvada) on date 30/03/2015 regarding the Public Hearing.
Due to certain unavoidable circumstances, Mahagenco had then requested SRO, MPCB, Akola for postponing of the Public Hearing.

Now, Mahagenco has requested MPCB for conducting of the Public Hearing for the project vide letter under ref(3).

After conducting the Public Hearing and receipt of MoM from MPCB, the final EIA will be submitted to MoEF for granting of Environment Clearance to the proposed project.

This process will take some more time and the validity of ToR issued for the Paras 1x250MW Project is expiring on 25/09/2015.

In consideration of above, it is requested to extend the validity of ToR for a further period of one year.

Submitted for your kind consideration please.

Thanking you.

Encl:-A/A

Yours faithfully,

Dy Chief Engineer (CEHSU)