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Q.1 Describe the various - - - - - 2006 act.

A-1 The various stages in Environmental Impact Assessment according to MoEF 2006 act :

a) Stage 1 : Screening

- Only for category B projects and activities to determine if they need EIA.
- Category A projects compulsorily need EIA.
- Scrutiny of an application seeking EC by SEAC for determining whether or not the project or activity requires further environmental studies.
  - Form I
  - Form IA
- Classify projects as B1 (require EIA) and B2 (don't require EIA)
- For categorization of projects into B1 or B2, the MoEF shall issue appropriate guidelines from time to time.

b) Stage 2 : Scoping

- Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the case of category A projects or activities does the scoping.

- State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in the case of category 'B1' projects
- Determine comprehensive Terms of Reference (TOR) addressing all relevant environmental concerns for preparation of an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report based on
  - On the basis of information furnished by applicant in the prescribed application form I / form IA including
    - Proposed by the applicant
    - A site visit by a sub-group of EAC or SEAC only if considered necessary.
- In the case of category A hydroelectric projects. TOR shall be conveyed along with the clearance for pre-construction activities.
- If TOR not finalized and conveyed to the applicant within 60 days of the receipt of form I, TOR suggested by the applicant shall be deemed as the final TOR approved for the EIA Studies.



- Approved TOR shall be displayed on the website of the MoEF or the concerned SEIAA.
- Applications for EC may be rejected at this stage itself
  - The decision together with reasons for the same shall be communicated to the applicant
- Prepare EIA draft report

### c) Stage 3 : Public Consultation

- Process by which the concerns of local affected persons and others who have plausible stake in the environmental impacts of the project or activity are ascertained.
- All category 'A' and category B1 projects or activities shall undertake public consultation.
  - A big list of exceptions.
- Public consultation shall ordinarily have two components
- Public hearing at the site or in its close proximity, distinct wise, to be carried out in the manner prescribed in Appendix IV, for

ascertaining concerns of local affected persons.

- Obtain responses in writing ~~for~~ from other concerned persons having a plausible stake in the environmental aspects of the project.
- Component 1 : Public hearing
  - Public hearing shall be conducted by the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)
  - If the public agency nominated reports that it is not possible to conduct the public hearing.
  - Use other appropriate media for ensuring wide publicity about the project
  - All the responses received as part of this public consultation process shall be forwarded to the applicant

#### d) Stage 4 : Appraisal

- Detailed Scrutiny by the EAC or STAC of
  - Document like the Final EIA report.
  - Outcome of the public consultation including public hearing proceedings
  - Submitted by the applicant to the regulatory authority concerned for grant of environmental clearance.

- Appraisal of all projects or activities which are not required to undergo public consultation, or submit an Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- EAC or SEAC shall recommend to the regulatory authority concerned.
- Prescribed procedure for appraisal is given.