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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

(G.O. Ms. No. 8/2026-Env., Puducherry, dated 15th March 2026)

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Puducherry is committed to fostering inclusive economic growth, sustainable development and entrepreneurial dynamism through rationalized and improved regulatory practices aimed at facilitating creation of economic and employment opportunities in the Union territory of Puducherry.

The comprehensive initiative to deregulate and reduce compliance burden through simplification and streamlining of regulatory and licensing processes will potentially enhance productivity and lower the costs associated with investments and operations of industry, trade and business, especially for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which will in turn create an investor-friendly environment and generate employment opportunities.

In furtherance of its commitment and vision to significantly improve the Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living, the Government of Puducherry has been progressively reducing the compliance burden on the existing and new enterprises.

With a view to strengthening the Ease of Doing Business framework, ensuring expeditious appraisal of proposals seeking Environmental Clearance under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, issued *vide* S.O. 1533(E), dated 14-09-2006, by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and enhancing institutional efficiency at the Union Territory level, it has been decided to institutionalise and mandate a fixed Schedule for meetings of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Puducherry, and the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Puducherry.

Accordingly, the meetings of the State Expert Appraisal Committee will ordinarily be convened on the First and Third Tuesdays of every Calendar Month, and the meetings of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority will ordinarily be convened on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of every Calendar Month. This arrangement is intended to ensure systematic appraisal and time-bound disposal of proposals received through the PARIVESH portal, or through any other prescribed mode, in accordance with the applicable statutory procedure(s). In the event of an official holiday on the scheduled date, the meeting may be held on the next working day.

The above given Schedule will be *ad hered* to consistently ensure compliance with the timelines prescribed under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, dated 14-09-2006 and to minimise the time taken to assess and consider submitted proposals.

It is further decided that meetings of the State Expert Appraisal Committee and the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority may be conducted in physical mode, virtual mode or hybrid mode, as determined by the respective Chairperson in keeping with the above given Schedule. Meetings conducted through video-conferencing or hybrid mode will be treated as valid for all statutory purposes, subject to prior circulation of agenda notes, proper recording of deliberations and approval, and authentication of minutes in accordance with established procedure(s).

In cases, where no proposals are pending for consideration, or no agenda items are available for a scheduled meeting, the fact of non-convening of the meeting, along with reasons therefor, will be duly recorded in the Official Records of the Committee or Authority and reflected in the monthly Status Report relating to meetings and disposal of proposals.

This Notification will come into force with immediate effect.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S. BALASSOUNDARY,
Under Secretary to Government (Environment).