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MEMORANDUM

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India in its Notification Nos. S.O.763(E) dt. 14.9.99 and subsequently amended under S.O.979(E) dt. 27.8.03 has set out a time frame for the use of fly ash bricks or blocks or tiles for all construction agencies engaged in the construction of buildings within a radius of 100 kms from the coal or lignite based Thermal Power Plants (TPP).

Under the given time frame, 100% of the bricks, blocks or tiles used in constructions should be fly ash-based by August, 2005, in case of projects within a radius of 50 kms from the TPPs and by August, 2007 if it is within a radius of 50-100 kms from the TPPs. The responsibility of implementation of the provision, lies with the agencies undertaking the construction, or approving the design. The State Government is the enforcing and monitoring authority for the compliance of these provisions of the notification.

In view of the above it is hereby ordered that, at least 10% by volume of the construction works undertaken by the government departments, corporations, undertakings, authorities and local bodies, should be of fly ash-based bricks, blocks or tiles as the case may be. The use of the fly ash based materials should be subsequently enhanced to 100% in keeping with the time frame set by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

2. All government departments, corporations, undertakings, authorities and local bodies, should include use of fly ash based materials in their schedule of rates, specifications and tender documents.
3. The Departmental Secretaries and the Heads of Offices will enforce the order in their respective departments, attached and subordinate offices and other bodies/agencies.
4. This order will take immediate effect.

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