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## **MEMORANDUM**

State Pollution Control Board in its 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 07.11.2002 had approved a Byelaw for empanelment of consultants and laboratories which was subsequently revised in 16.07.2005. The intention of such empanelment of consultants and laboratories was to facilitate the entrepreneurs requiring monitoring of environment parameters for preparation of EIA reports. The practice of empanelment was continuing since then.

Certifying bodies at National level such as National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibrating Laboratories (NABL) exist for accreditation of agencies for carrying out sectors specific EIA studies and laboratories respectively following a rigorous process of evaluation for accreditation. MoEF & CC also recognizes laboratories under the Env. Protection Act, 1986 after a rigorous evaluation.

State Pollution Control Board in its 121st meeting held on 15.10.2020 discussed in detail about the present process of empanelment by the Board. After detailed deliberation the Board has decided to rely on the evaluation process of NABL, NABET and MOEF&CC and accept the reports prepared by the agencies accredited by NABL, NABET or recognized by MoEF&CC. Further Board approved to dispense with empanelment of consultants and private laboratories by the Board forthwith. Hence the following orders.

## Order

The process of empanelment of consultants and private laboratories by the Board is dispensed forthwith.

This order comes into force with immediate effect.

By the order of Board

Memo No. 12241 Dt. 04. 12.2020

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