

A CHANGE TOO MANY?

The government is considering another change in EIA.

Date	Amendment
Jan '94	▶ EIA notification comes into force
May '94	▶ Changes for clearances for mineral prospecting, ports, airports and harbours
Apr '97	▶ Public hearings included
Jan '00	▶ Changes in public hearing clause
Dec '00	▶ No environmental clearance required for defence roads
Aug '01	▶ More exemptions from public hearings
Nov '01	▶ Further changes in public hearings and exemption of drug and pharma industry if covered by other regulations
Jun '02	▶ More exemptions for pipeline, highway, nuclear and river valley projects under certain investment caps
Feb '03	▶ No exemption to certain mining projects
Aug '03	▶ Thermal power projects in critically polluted areas and sensitive areas to require Central clearance
Sep '03	▶ Relaxation in public hearings on certain projects and site clearances for refineries and greenfield airports
Jul '04	▶ New categories added to clearances
Jul '05	▶ Changes in grant of temporary working permits for mines
Sep '05	▶ New draft EIA notification
Sep '06	▶ New EIA notification

Source: Ministry of environment and forests