

Planning Commission
(Project Appraisal & Management Division)

Subject: Procedural reforms to expedite the decision-making in respect of the proposals to be placed before the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees.

In order to compress the time taken for appraisal and approval of projects /schemes, a number of steps have been taken by the Govt. It has been decided that timeframe of appraisal of EFC/PIB proposals be reduced to 4 weeks from 6 weeks. The outer limit for issue of appraisal note on EFC/PIB proposals by PAMD, Planning Commission will be 4 weeks from the date of receipt of proposal from the Ministries.

As per laid down procedure, appraisal of EFC/PIB proposals is done by PAMD in consultation with subject matter Divisions in the Planning Commission. The subject matter Divisions are required to furnish their comments on EFC/PIB proposals to PAMD within 2 weeks after receipt of the EFC/PIB Memo from the Ministry/Department. From the review of pending EFC/PIB proposals as on 30.9.2009, it has been noted that comments on EFC/PIB proposals in most of the cases have not been sent by the subject matter Divisions to PAMD. This results in delay in finalization of appraisal notes by PAMD and also affects the quality of appraisal.

In order to ensure that PAMD appraises the EFC/PIB proposals within stipulated timeframe of 4 weeks, subject matter Divisions are directed to send their comments to PAMD within 2 weeks of receipt of EFC/PIB memo.


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