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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(IA Division)

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Dated: 30th January, 2025

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification on the applicability of the Notification S.O. 523(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 – regarding.

In view of the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam, dated 6th March 2024, in WP (C) No. 3097 of 2016 titled One Earth One Life vs. the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Anr., the Ministry following due process has issued final Notification vide S.O.523(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

- 2. The Ministry now deems it necessary to inform that the clarifications issued vide OMs dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, shall continue to apply in respect of the notification S.O. 523(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. The clarifications shall also be applicable within the territorial jurisdiction of High Court of Kerala.
- 3. Further, it is clarified that the guidelines issued vide OM dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015, to be followed by the building projects to ensure sustainable environmental management, shall continue to apply in respect of the notification S.O.523(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.
- 4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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