

3.0 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Commencement

The methodology adopted for the study consisted of the identification of specific objectives and the present status of environmental attempt both locally and globally. Legislation pertaining to the environmental alternative process was looked at to obtain a clear understanding of the requirements of different alternatives. The relevant agencies and personnel where the data and information could be reached were identified for interviews and data collection.

3.2 Data Collection

Various environmental clearance authorities were consulted and 28 EIA and IEE projects were selected for the study. Initially the reports were scanned through to prepare data table formats by identifying the types of data available in the reports. Subsequently important data & information of all the relevant reports and also individual record files kept at different agencies were extracted into data tables.

Key personnel such as EIA preparers to project proponents and NGO personnel were interviewed to identify data and also issues that needs further detailed study. Data obtained from sources were also verified using direct and indirect contact of concerned parties.

3.3 Data Analysis

Compiled data were further subdivided by classifying with respect to project type, environment assessment category, stages of environment assessment. Public participation in different classes at various stages of the impact assessment was computed.

Issues raised by the public during environmental impact assessment were separated. These issues were then classified and the magnitudes of public concern was analyzed with each type of project.