

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) held on 27.11.2012 in Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi

The 26th Meeting of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) was held on 27.11.2012 at 11.30 hrs under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. Chatterjee, Secretary (E&F). List of participants is annexed. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members and requested the Joint Secretary, MoEF and Member Secretary, NCZMA to take up the agenda one by one.

Agenda item No. 1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 16.07.2012

As no comments/suggestions were received on the Minutes of the 25th Meeting held on 16.07.2012, same were taken as confirmed. Some of the members suggested that a 10 days time be given to the members for providing comments on the minutes of the meeting. During this 10 days period, no action on the minutes may commence. In case any comments are received within this period, the same may be put up to the Chairman and if required, modified minutes be issued with the approval of the Chairman. It was decided that henceforth this practice may be followed.

Agenda item No. 2. Action taken on the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

Member Secretary, NCZMA informed the action taken on the following two decisions of the last meeting.

(i) Andaman & Nicobar – Amendment to the Island Protection Zone Notification, 2011.

It was recommended in the last meeting to amend the Island Protection Zone Notification, 2011 to include four more islands under ICRZ category, reduce the NDZ to 50 mts from 200 mts for tourism projects and permit sand extraction. The Authority had sought a detailed note defining eco-tourism along with an undertaking that only eco-tourism activities will be considered in the reduced NDZ. However, A& N Administration is yet to submit the information.

(ii) MCZMA – Amendments to the CRZ –Notification, 2011.

It was recommended in the last meeting to amend the CRZ Notification, 2011 to incorporate special provisions to enable development of Memorial of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar'. Draft amendment as approved by MEF has been sent for legal vetting by Ministry of Law and Justice.

Agenda item No. 3. Consideration of matters related to Court cases / Directions / Appeals.

3.1 Consideration of appeal by M/s Quilon Education Trust as per the order of Hon'ble High Court, Kerala in WP 22652 of 2011.

The Authority decided to defer the discussion on the matter since neither did KCZMA send the report nor did any one from KCZMA attend the meeting.

3.2. Matter related with the order of Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in Writ Petition No. 953/ 2012 filed by Shri Sai Sagar Consultant, Vs UOI

And

Agenda item No. 4 .1 Reclassification of following CRZ areas on the ground of 'error evident on record' as recommended by MCZMA

- (i) Agricultural land at Village Dhokawade Taluka Alibag, Raigad District, Maharashtra.
- (ii) Land bearing S.No.2 to 53 and other in Village Ranjnoli, Taluka Bhiwandi and land reserved for Bhiwandi Textile Park
- (iii) Plot bearing Survey No. 275 (pt) & CTS No. 657A & 1295 of Village Kanjur, District Mumbai Suburban
- (iv) Land bearing CTS No. 657-D & 657-Cof Village Kanjur, 'S' Ward, Kanjur Marg (East), Mumabi
- (v) Plot bearing Nos. D/23, D/23A, D/24, D/25, D/30, D/31, D/32, D/45, D/46, D/47 & D/48 of CTS No. 1A(pt) and also bearing survey No. 167 (pt) of Pahadi Goregaon Village, Mumbai Suburban District at Bhagat Singh Nagar No.1, New Link Road, Goregaon (West), Mumbai
- (vi) Villages namely Salav, Nide, Mithekhar, Chehar, Waghulwadi, Emil, Yesde and Shirgaon along Kundalika River near Revdanda, Raigad, Maharashtra.

The Member Secretary, MCZMA apprised the Authority of the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in item 3.2, about the study carried out by the Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University on the above proposals and the recommendations of MCZMA.

The Authority noted that earlier NCZMA had felt that there is a danger of regularization of violations through the process of reclassification and had, therefore, decided to freeze the CZMPs approved in 1996 and to only consider cases where there is error apparent on record. Accordingly, the OMs were brought out in July and August, 2011.

As per the CRZ Notification, 2011, new CZMPs should be in place by January, 2013 which is very close. MCZMA representatives informed that the ground work for preparation of CZMPs in the State especially in Mumbai region and Raigad Distt is in advance stage of completion. MCZMA was, therefore, advised to expedite the preparation of new CZMPs so as to ensure submission of new CZMPs of these regions by January, 2013. In view of this, NCZMA felt that considering the individual proposals on 'error evident on record' at this stage was not advisable. It was, therefore, decided that for taking

a holistic view in the matter, all proposals under error evident on record should be considered by MCZMA while preparing the new CZMPs. The same practice should be followed by other SCZMAs as well.

(Action: All SCZMAs)

It was also decided that MoEF may remind all the SCZMAs to submit the new CZMPs by the end of December, 2012.

(Action: MoEF)

4.2 Consideration of proposals for authorization of Institutes /agencies for demarcation of HTL/LTL.

Ministry has so far authorized seven Agencies for demarcation of HTL/LTL. These are:-

1. Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad,
2. Centre for Earth Science studies, Thiruvanthapuram,
3. Institute for Remote Sensing Anna University, Chennai,
4. Institute of Wetland management and Ecological designs, Kolkatta
5. Naval Hydrographer's Officer, Dehradun,
6. National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa
7. National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai.

Two proposals in this regard received from the following institutes were placed for the consideration of NCZMA.

- (i) Odisha Space application Centre, Bhubaneswar
- (ii) Science and Technology Park, Department of Science and Technology, University of Pune

It was decided that a committee with NCSCM, SAC, Ahmedabad and NHO, Dehradun be constituted to formulate the guidelines / norms to identify the institutes for demarcation of HTL/LTL. The draft guidelines be prepared within a month and thereafter circulated to the members for obtaining comments, if any, within a fortnight. The proposal be put thereafter in the NCZMA meeting for approval.

(Action: SICOM)

Request from Andaman & Nicobar Islands for

- i) Extension of validity of existing CZMPs for a further period of two years &**
 - ii) Inclusion of two more islands under ICRZ category**
- i) Extension of validity of existing CZMPs for a further period of two years**

Principal Secretary (Science, Technology and Environment), Andaman & Nicobar Administration informed that preparation of IIMPs has been initiated and its completion is likely to take some more time as the Hazard line maps are yet to be finalised. He stated that due to Tsunami in 2004, the entire coastal line of the island has been affected and no baseline data on HTL/LTL, Bathymetry etc. is available. A&N Administration had

approached NCSCM for preparation of IIMPs. However, they have suggested for the appointment of an authorized agency for demarcation of HTL/LTL. Hence the request to extend the time limit by another two years.

It was clarified that the A&N Administration need not link Hazard line mapping by SOI with HTL /LTL demarcation. The HTL/LTL demarcation can be done by any authorized agency. The Authority suggested the A&N Administration to approach any one of seven authorized agencies and expedite the HTL /LTL demarcation and preparation of IIMPs. Representative of Space Application Centre informed that SAC is having the post Tsunami HTL/LTL maps for A& N, which could be utilized.

After threadbare deliberations, considering the impact of Tsunami on the coastline of A&N, as a special case, the Authority decided to recommend extension of one year period for submission of IIMPs/ICRZPs by A&N Administration. However, the A&N Administration shall submit an Action plan with definitive mile stones by January, 2013 for achieving the preparation of new IIMPs/ICRZPs by January, 2014.

(ii) Inclusion of two more Islands under ICRZ category

Earlier, the A&N Administration had requested for amendment to the IPZ Notification, 2011 for inclusion of four more Islands under ICRZ. In addition, it was requested to include Neil and long islands also under ICRZ category.

After detailed discussion, the authority decided to recommend the inclusion of Long and Neil islands also in ICRZ category. The A&N Administration shall submit details as called for in the 25th meeting so as to make one time amendment to the notification.

(Action: A& N Admn)

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List of participants

NCZMA

1. Dr. T. Chatterjee, Secretary (E&F) and Chairman, NCZMA
2. Shri Ajay Tyagi, Joint Secretary and Member Secretary, NCZMA
3. Shri S.T. Puttaraju, Chief Town Planner, T&CPD, Goa
4. Shri K.M.Rajan, Kattayavuki, Kosady, Madukla, Kottayan, Kerala
5. Dr. A.K.Chaubey, Chief Scientist, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
6. Dr. Ajai, Group Director, Space Applications Centre ISRO, Ahmedabad
7. Shri R.Suredira Prasad, Khader Nawaz Khan Road, Brindavan Apartments , Chennai

Ministry of Environment and Forests

8. Shri Lalit Kapur, Director
9. Shri E.Thirunavukkarasu, Dy. Director,

State Coastal Zone Management Authorities/ State / UT

10. Dr. Shashi Kumar, Principal Secretary (Science, Technology and Environment), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair
11. Dr. Senthil Kumar, Joint Secretary (Environment) Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.
12. Dr B.N.Patil, Director, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai
13. Dr S.N Bogul, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Coastal Zonbe Management Authority