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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

**ORDER**

New Delhi, the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

**S.O. 2507 (E):**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 ( 29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby constitutes an Authority to be known as the Gujarat Coastal Zone Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) consisting of the following persons, for a period of three years, with effect from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette, namely :

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| 1  | The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Forests and Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.        | Chairman. |
| 2  | The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Industries and Mines Department, Govt. of Gujarat, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.                | Member.   |
| 3  | The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Govt. of Gujarat, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar. | Member.   |
| 4  | The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gujarat State, Aranya Bhawan, Gandhinagar.   | Member.   |
| 5  | The Vice Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Gujarat Maritime Board, Gandhinagar.  | Member.   |
| 6  | The Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, Gandhinagar.   | Member.   |
| 7  | The Chief Town Planner, State Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.  | Member.   |
| 8  | The Commissioner of Fisheries, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.   | Member.   |
| 9  | The Director, Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar or his senior representative.                                      | Member.   |
| 10 | The Director, Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad or his senior representative.  | Member.   |

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| 11 | Shri. T. P. Singh, Director, Bhaskaryachay Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics, Gandhinagar.     | Member.          |
| 12 | Dr. Nikhil Desai, Geology Department, M.S. University, Vadodara.  | Member.          |
| 13 | Shri C.N. Pandey, APCCF, Aranaya Bhawan, Sector 10, Gandhinagar.  | Member.          |
| 14 | Shri Rajesh I. Shah, Managing Trustee, VIKAS Centre for Development, Navrangapura, Ahmedabad                    | Member.          |
| 15 | The Director (Environment) and Additional Secretary, Forests and Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, | Member Secretary |

2. The Authority shall have the power to take the following measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling environmental pollution in areas of the State of Gujarat, namely:-

- (i) examination of proposals for changes or modifications in classification of Coastal Regulation Zone areas and in the Coastal Zone Management Plan received from the State Government of Gujarat and making specific recommendations from Coastal Regulation Zone point of view as per the provisions of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii);
- (ii) (a) inquiry into cases of alleged violation of the provisions of the said Act or the rules made thereunder or any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act and, if found necessary in a specific case, issuing directions under section 5 of the said Act, in so far as such directions are not inconsistent with any direction issued in that specific case by the National Coastal Zone Management Authority or by the Central Government;
- (b) review of cases involving violations of the provisions of the said Act and the rules made thereunder or under any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act, and if found necessary referring such cases, with comments, for review to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority;

Provided that the Authority may take up the cases under clauses (a) and (b) of this sub-paragraphs, *suo motu* or on the basis of complaint made by an individual or an representative body or an organisation;

- (iii) filing complaints, under section 19 of the said Act, in cases of non-compliance of the directions issued by it under sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii);
  - (iv) to take action under section 10 of the said Act to verify the facts concerning the issues arising from sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii).
3. The Authority shall deal with environmental issues relating to Coastal Regulation Zone which may be referred to it by the State Government of Gujarat, the National Coastal Zone Management Authority or the Central Government, as the case may be.
  4. The Authority shall identify ecologically sensitive areas in the Coastal Regulation Zone and formulate area-specific management plans for such identified areas.
  5. Authority shall co-ordinate for implementing conservation projects or projects related to upliftment of coastal population protection, etc.
  6. The Authority shall identify coastal areas highly vulnerable to erosion or degradation and formulate area-specific management plans for such identified areas and arrange for funding for the implementation of the same.
  7. The Authority shall identify economically important stretches in the Coastal Regulation Zone and prepare integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for the same.
  8. The Authority shall submit the plans prepared by it under paragraphs 4, 6 and 7 above and modifications thereof to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority for examination and its approval.
  9. The Authority shall ensure compliance of all specific conditions that are laid down in the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Gujarat and the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19(E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii).
  10. The Authority shall furnish report of its activities at least once in six months to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
  11. The quorum of the meeting of the Authority shall be one third of the total number of the members and in case the quorum is not available, the meeting shall be adjourned for thirty minutes and shall be reconvened.
  12. The Authority shall have its Bank Account in the National Bank to deposit the funds or fees received from the State Government, funding agencies or project authorities, etc.
  13. The State Government shall ensure that sufficient resources, manpower, funds are available to the Authority to discharge its functions effectively as specified in this order and the said Act.

14. The Authority shall take all necessary measures and initiatives including programme execution, research, information dissemination, training, awareness day to day functioning, and advocacy etc. and adopt suitable procedures and means including raising resources, funding, etc., for the same.
15. The Authority shall prepare and submit Coastal Regulation Zone maps of the coastal areas in the State as per the procedure laid down in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
16. The Authority shall regularly review the functioning District Coastal Zone Monitoring Committees.
17. The Authority shall direct all concerned planning authorities, field agencies, district collector to ensure the compliance of provisions of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) and take suitable action in case of violations or non-compliance.
18. The pay and allowances such as Traveling Allowance, Dearness Allowance, Seating Fees, Field visit fees, etc., shall be as per the norms decided by the Central Government.
19. The Authority, whenever required shall invite other expert as a member during its meeting.
20. Any matter specifically not falling within the scope and jurisdiction of the Authority shall be dealt with by the statutory authorities concerned.
21. The Authority may levy scrutiny fees as a polluter pays principle in consultation with the Environment Department.
22. The Authority shall process all the matters, proposals received, referred to or placed before it for Coastal Regulation Zone Clearance as per the procedure laid down in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) and clarifications and guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests.
23. The Powers of issuing directions under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) are delegated to the Authority and the Chairman of the Authority and in case the directions are issued by the Chairman, such directions shall be placed before the Authority in its next meeting along with a report specifying the reasons for issuing of the directions and status thereof.

24. To maintain transparency in the working of the Coastal Zone Management Plans it shall be the responsibility of the Authority to create a dedicated website and post the agenda, minutes, decisions taken, clearance letters, violations, action taken on the violations and court matters including the Orders of the Hon'ble Court as also the approved Coastal Zone Management Plans of the State Government.
25. The foregoing powers and functions of the Authority shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government.
26. The Authority shall have its headquarters at Gandhinagar.

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