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Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(IA-III Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated, the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2011

To,  
**As per list enclosed.**

**Sub: Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. in Galib Mirza Hall, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 to discuss the issues relating to Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 - regarding.**

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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 regarding the subject mentioned above. You are requested to take necessary action as indicated in the minutes.

**Encl: As above**

Yours faithfully,

  
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**Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. in Galib Mirza Hall, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Environment and Forests to discuss the issues relating to CRZ, 2011**

List of the participants is annexed.

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, Director, MoEF welcomed all the participants and made a brief presentation on the various responsibilities of each of the coastal State Governments/Environment Department/Coastal Zone Management Authorities with regard to the implementation of the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011.

2. Shri M. Dharamraj, Additional Surveyor General, made a brief presentation regarding the methodology for hazard mapping which has been assigned to Survey of India (SoI) under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management project. In the presentation he sought the cooperation of the coastal States and UTs in implementing the above activity. Hon'ble MEF sought comments from each of the coastal States/UTs on the three agenda items.

3. Gujarat - Shri S. K. Nanda, Principal Secretary, Government of Gujarat informed that with regard to the action on the violations of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 steps have been taken to identify the violations and would be completed within four months. He requested the Ministry for delegating the power to the PCB and District Collectors for taking action against the violations. It was clarified that the powers of Section 5 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has been delegated to the District Collectors who can take action against the violations. However, powers of Section 5 cannot be delegated to SPCB for taking action against the violation of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification. Shri Nanda requested MoEF to identify only the ecologically sensitive areas in Gulf of Kachchh and Gulf of Khambhat which shall be declared as CVCA and not the entire Gulf.

4. Daman & Diu - No representative from Daman and Diu was present in the meeting.

5. Maharashtra - Mrs. Valsa Nair Singh, Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra informed that steps have been taken to initiate action against violations of the CRZ Notification, 2011 as per the directions issued by MoEF. However, she stated that it is extremely difficult to identify the violations. She sought more time for identification and taking action against such violations. It was informed that with regard to specific issues SS(JMM) would undertake a visit to Maharashtra and clarify the issues which are State specific. Ms Nair sought relaxation on sand mining in CRZ areas which was not agreed to. She also requested the Ministry to implement the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management project at the earliest. Mrs. Nair also sought a clarification with regard to the projects which are at various stages of clearances under CRZ Notification, 1991. In this regard it was clarified that MoEF has

issued an Office Memorandum dated 8.2.2011 which stipulates the steps to be taken with regard to such projects.

6. Goa – Shri Aleixo Sequeira, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Government of Goa, indicated that action has been initiated in identifying the violation and report have been submitted to the Hon'ble High Court after studying the satellite images. Shri Aleixo sought relaxation with regard to mining of sand in the water bodies influenced by tides. This request for not agreed since, sand mining in water bodies has serious impact on the shoreline causing erosion and also destroys the flora and fauna which directly impacts the breeding, spawning and migratory routes of fish and shell fish. Secretary (E&F) suggested that the State should start utilizing crush rock and other alternative construction material and reduce their dependence on sand. The Government of Goa has also provided written comments which will be clarified by MoEF. Shri Alexio showed his eagerness in implementing the Phase-II of the ICZM project in the State of Goa.

7. Karnataka – Shri Kaushik Mukherjee, Principal Secretary, Forest Environment and Ecology, Government of Karnataka indicated that action with regard to identification of violation have been initiated by the Government. He suggested that Ministry should consider providing a special dispensation to Kundapur and Uttar Kannada on similar lines as provided to Kerala, Goa and Greater Mumbai. Hon'ble MEF requested Shri Mukherjee to send a proposal in this regard. Further, Shri Mukherjee requested declaring 50-mts CRZ along tidal influenced water bodies. This request was not agreed to as it was not provided in the notification. He also requested Ministry to take immediate steps for implementing the Phase-II of the ICZM project.

8. Kerala – Dr. C. T. S. Nair, Chairman, KSCZMA sought more time for identifying the violations of CRZ Notification, 1991. He also sought clarification with regard to the CRZ area along Vembanad lake. Further, a relaxation of 50mts from the HTL was also sought as No Development Zone along the coastal areas. This request was not agreed to as the same is not provided in the notification. A clarification was also sought with regard to the Coastal Regulation Zone area along barrier islands. Dr. Nair also requested the Ministry to implement the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management project in the State.

9. Tamil Nadu – Shri T. S. Srinivasa Murthy, Director, Environment Department, Government of Tamil Nadu also informed that necessary action has been taken for identifying the violation but sought further time. He also indicated that financial assistance should be provided by MoEF to check pollution and remove disposal sites. Shri Murthy requested Ministry to implement the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management project at the earliest.

10. Puducherry – Shri Kalamegam, Junior Engineer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Puducherry also mentioned that action has been initiated for identifying violations and written submissions has been made to MoEF on each of the agenda items.

11. Andhra Pradesh - Shri B. S. S. Prasad, Special Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, also wanted more time for identification of violations of CRZ Notification, 1991. Shri Prasad requested Ministry for delegation of powers for taking action against violations to the District Collectors. While seeking financial assistance for treatment and disposal of effluents Shri Prasad requested Ministry to initiate the World Bank project in Andhra Pradesh at the earliest.

12. Orissa – Shri Aurobindo Behera, Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Orissa also sought more time to identify violations. Further, he also sought financial assistance for treatment of effluents and disposal of wastes. Shri Behera also requested few other sites in Orissa to be declared as CVCA's which include Chilka and Dhamra-Talasari portion etc. Further, Shri Behera also sought delegation of powers to the State Authorities for according clearance for certain projects such as non-conventional energy etc.

13. West Bengal – Shri S. K. Ratho, Additional Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal also sought more time for identifying violations of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. A clarification was also sought with regard to applicability of CVCA in Sunderbans.

14. Some of the common issues raised by all the coastal States and Uts are as follows:-

- a) Clarity and consultation with the State Governments before demarcating the hazard line. Hon'ble MEF suggested that SoI and MoEF jointly should brief all the State Governments/UTs and only after the hazard line demarcation may be initiated. Hon'ble Minister also advised that MoEF should issue a clarification at an appropriate juncture that no relocation of the local communities would take place on account of the hazard line mapping. SS(JMM) suggested that a sensitizing workshop may be held in each coastal State where SoI will make a presentation.
- b) Strengthening of the Coastal Zone Management Authorities should be taken up with the State Government/Union territory Administration at the earliest for affective implementation of the notification and MoEF would follow up thereafter.
- c) A National workshop shall be held with all the coastal States which are not covered under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management project so as to cover all States/UTs by April, 2012 under the projects.
- d) Hon'ble MEF suggested that Society of Integrated Coastal Management could take up the work of obtaining time series satellite images for detecting violations of the CRZ Notification, 1991, if requested by the State/Ut Coastal Zone Management Authority.

- e) Hon'ble MEF also suggested that while preparing the CZMPs necessary inputs may be obtained from the Hon'ble Member/s of Parliament representing the respective district.
- f) Since, water area has been included in the CRZ notification, 2011, Hon'ble MEF decided that the Society of Integrated Coastal Management be the nodal body to handle marine biodiversity issues. He advised NPD to convene a meeting of National Task Force at the earliest.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## **Annexure-I**

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