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Ministry of Environment and Forests
(IA-III Division)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Reclassification of the CRZ areas of Coastal Zone Management Plan approved in 1996 under the CRZ Notification, 1991- Reg.

The National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) in its 21st meeting held on 19.04.2011 (first meeting after the issue of CRZ Notification, 2011) and 22nd meeting held on 30.05.2011, examined re-classification proposals received from various State Coastal Zone Management Authorities (SCZMAs). The Authority noted that as the new CRZ Notification, 2011 has been issued by MoEF, it would not be desirable to consider such cases in light of the new Notification and that the Ministry may not like to encourage the reclassification of CRZ areas, which were approved in September, 1996. The Authority observed that there is a danger of regularization of violations through such reclassifications, hence the Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) as approved in 1996 may be frozen and the Coastal States should initiate the exercise of preparation of CZMPs as per the CRZ Notification, 2011. However, it may be necessary to consider cases where there is an error apparent on record; the Authority decided that the proposals for reclassification pending with the Ministry should be returned to the respective SCZMAs with a suggestion that while preparing the CZMPs under new CRZ Notification of 2011, concerned issues could be addressed.

Ministry has examined the above recommendations of the NCZMA and decided to accept the same. Accordingly, no reclassification of CRZ areas of CZMP approved in 1996 under the CRZ Notification, 1991, except for Defence/ Security matters, Court directions and error evident on record, will be considered by the Ministry. The respective SCZMAs shall consider such reclassification issues while preparing the CZMPs under the new CRZ Notification of 2011.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority


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