

## **MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2020 AT NEW DELHI.**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) was held on 28.08.2020 through video conferencing due to prevalent pandemic situation under the chairmanship of Secretary (EF&CC). The list of participants, is given at Annexure. The deliberations held and decisions take in the meeting area as under:

### **1. Review of CZMP Sheet No.F 45U-11/SE (Map No.46) pertaining to areas under Paradip Port Trust Limit, at Paradip, Odisha:**

NCZMA was informed that Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. (NRL) vide its letter dated 12.08.2019 addressed to the Special Secretary (Department of Forest and Environment), Government of Odisha and Member Secretary –cum- Director, Odisha Coastal Zone Management Authority (OCZMA) have represented that a piece of land admeasuring about 200 acres with Paradip Port Limit allocated to them for setting up facilities for storage of imported crude oil meant for its proposed expansion of refinery from 3 MMTPA to 9MTPA at Numaligarh. The crude oil is to be transferred through pipeline from Paradip to its refinery at Numaligarh, Assam. NRL have stated that few patches in the said land indicated in Map no.46, Sheet No. F45 U11/SE as per CZMP approved based on the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011 has been erroneously indicated as CRZ-IA (salt marsh), with number of channels within the plot marked as CRZ-IVB. That subsequent to their filed verification, they could not find any existence of CRZ-IA features (salt marshes, mangroves etc.). That the said land is technically, economically most suitable for oil receipt and storage facility and the CZMP may be reviewed accordingly. OCZMA vide its letter dated 30.09.2019 have also mentioned that the said land as per CZMP approved based on CRZ Notification, 1991 has no indication of CRZ-IA and is categorised as CRZ-II.

The Government of Odisha submitted the request of NRL to the Ministry on 31.08.2019. The Ministry thereafter referred the same to the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai for a field verification and necessary action. NCSCM conducted filed verification on 19.12.2019 and submitted a revised CZMP Sheet No. 45 No. F45 U11/SE to OCZMA. The matter was taken up in the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of OCZMA held on 19.06.2020 and accepted/approved by OCZMA. Final map has been submitted by NCSCM to OCZMA on 16.07.2020.

A presentation was made by NCSCM on the subject. NCSCM informed the NCZMA that the CZMP of Odisha prepared as per CRZ 2011 Notification and was approved by MoEF&CC, on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. The OCZMA have requested NCSCM to review and recheck the CRZ status of the Crude Oil Terminal Project site of Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL), Assam, at the Paradip Port Trust, Odisha on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019, in addition to the direction to NCSCM to examine the issues flagged by OCZMA.

The approved CZMP Sheet No. F 45U-11/SE (Map No.46) was reverified by field investigation carried out NCSCM officials on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019. It was noted that the CZMP prepared as per CRZ 2011 Notification indicates the areas are under CRZ-IA (Salt marsh), CRZ II and CRZ IVB and there is no indication of the presence of Salt Marsh, CRZ IVB and CRZ II in the

approved CZMP of 1996 (CRZ 1991). Based on field survey and analysis of salinity, the map was revised and present CRZ status of the site is CRZ II & CRZ IVB. The revised draft MAP (No. 46) forwarded to OCZMA, for their scrutiny and concurrence. In the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OCZMA held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 accepted and decided that the revised draft CZMP of MAP No. 46, may be placed before the NCZMA for its decision.

*The NCZMA noted the issue and observed that the matter is only a correction of error apparent and the corrections made by NCSCM and endorsed by OCZMA is approved.*

## **2. Reclassification of CRZ areas in Shriwardhan Municipal Council in Raigad district, in Maharashtra.**

NCZMA was informed that the instant item was deliberated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NCZMA held on 13.01.2020, while discussing the item in respect of reclassification of Alibaug municipal council area, in Raigad District. In the said meeting the representatives of the Government of Maharashtra have stated that similar to the case of Alibaug area, the municipal council area in Shriwardhan has been erroneously classified as CRZ-III in the CZMP based on CRZ Notification, 2011 and approved in August, 2018. It was stated that this have been erroneously marked as CRZ-III, whereas, it should have been CRZ-II, since the area is already classified as CRZ-II in the CZMP approved based on CRZ Notification, 1991. The NCZMA in the said meeting had decided that a ground verification as done for Alibaug area may be done by NCSCM for Shriwardhan Municipal Council and in case the same is collaborated as an error apparent, needful correction/reclassification of the CRZ area may be done.

A presentation on the reclassification of CRZ areas in Shriwardhan Municipal Council in Raigad district, in Maharashtra was made by NCSCM. As presented by NCSCM. National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) noted that the municipal Council CRZ areas in Shriwardhan has been erroneously classified as CRZ-III, whereas, it should have been CRZ-II.

*The NCZMA noted the issue and observed that the matter is only a correction of error apparent and the corrections made by NCSCM map be approved.*

## **3. Status of updation / revision of CZMPs prepared based on provisions of CRZ Notification, 2019.**

The NCZMA was informed that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change have issued the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2019 vide GSR 37(E), dated 18.01.2019. This notification at para no.6 prescribes that that all coastal States and Union territory administrations shall revise or update their respective coastal zone management plan (CZMP) framed under CRZ Notification, 2011 number S.O.19(E), dated 6th January, 2011, as per provisions of this notification and submit to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for approval at the earliest and all the project activities attracting the provisions of this notification shall be required to be appraised as per the updated CZMP under this notification and until and unless the CZMPs is so revised or updated, provisions of this notification shall not apply and the CZMP as per provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011 shall continue to be

followed for appraisal and CRZ clearance to such projects. It further also prescribes that the CZMP may be prepared or updated by the coastal State Government or Union territory by engaging reputed and experienced scientific institution(s) or the agencies including the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and in consultation with the concerned stakeholders. To facilitate the coastal States/UTs, the Ministry have issued '*Guidelines for updation of coastal zone management plan prepared as per CRZ Notification, 2011 to align it with CRZ Notification, 2019*', on 26.06.2019 and circulated to all Coastal States/UTs Management Authorities. Para No.5 of the said guidelines prescribes that the State Governments / UT administration shall take up the updation or revision of CZMPs approved as per CRZ Notification, 2011, to align with the CRZ Notification, 2019 at an early date and not later than **six months** from the date of issue of this guidelines.

National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) made a presentation on the status of the updation/revision as follows:

S. No.	State/UT	Status of Approved CZMP 2011	Status of Draft CZMP 2019	Agency preparing CZMP-2019	Time Required to Complete
1.	Maharashtra	Approved	COMPLETED  <u>Public hearing completed</u> in all districts other than Palghar and Sindhudurg districts	NCSCM	COMPLETED
2.	Odisha	Approved	COMPLETED  <u>Public hearing completed</u>	ORSAC/SAC	COMPLETED
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Approved	80% work Completed including Buffering of CRZ boundaries	NCSCM	4 MONTHS – DEC 2020
4.	Karnataka	Approved	50% work Completed including Buffering of CRZ boundaries	NCSCM	4 MONTHS – DEC 2020
5.	Puducherry	Approved	30% work Completed including Buffering of CRZ boundaries	NCSCM	3 MONTHS – NOV 2020

6.	Daman & Diu	Approved	50% work Completed including Buffering of CRZ boundaries	NCSCM	3 MONTHS – NOV 2020
7.	Tamil Nadu	Approved	20% work Completed	NCSCM	5 MONTHS – JAN 2021
8.	Gujarat	Approved	20% work Completed	NCSCM	6 MONTHS – FEB 2021
9.	Kerala	Approved	In progress. Being monitored by Kerala High Court	NCESS	Status to be obtained from NCESS
10.	West Bengal	Approved	Pending. Status not known	IESWM	Status to be obtained from IESWM
11.	Goa	Draft published in website for public hearing. Revision based on amendments, in progress (NCSCM)	Pending	Not Known	Amendments to CRZ Notification 2011 notified on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020
12.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	ICRZ plans: 9 Islands IIM Plans: 5 Islands Approved	ICRZ Plans of Great Nicobar & Little Andaman Islands completed and submitted to ANZMA for public hearing	NCSCM	6 MONTHS – FEB 2021
13.	Lakshadweep Islands	Approved	Revision of IIMPs of Suheli, Kadamat & Minicoy Islands in progress	NCSCM	6 MONTHS – FEB 2021

NCZMA deliberated the status and decided that the coastal State Government/ Union Territory Administration shall expedite the updation/revision of CZMP's and shall submit to this Ministry for early approval. NCZMA further decided that MoEFCC shall send a reminder to all Coastal State Governments/ Union territory administrations in this regard.

**4. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:**

There being no agenda item left, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## Annexure

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