

MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 4th NOVEMBER, 2020 AT NEW DELHI.

The 41st Meeting of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) was held on 04/11/2020 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. Re-categorization of Greater Nicobar in the ICRZ Notification, 2019:

NCZMA was informed that Secretary (Revenue), Andaman & Nicobar Administration *vide* their letter dated 03/09/2020 have submitted that the Survey of India letter No. T-1516/1147-Project (TNP &ANI GDC), dated 01/09/2020 has reconciled the area of Great Nicobar Island as 910 sq.km. Accordingly, the Andaman & Nicobar requested Ministry to re-categorize the Great Nicobar Island (910 sq.km) in the ICRZ Notification, 2019. As per the Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Notification issued *vide* notification S.O. 1242(E), dated 08/03/2019, the Islands in Andaman & Nicobar are categorized into two groups:

- Group-I: >1000 sq.km (South Andaman, Middle Andaman, North Andaman & Great Nicobar)
- Group-II: >100 sq.km but <1000 sq.km (Baratang, Little Andaman, Havelock and Car Nicobar)

Based on the deliberations held, the NCZMA approved the proposal of Andaman & Nicobar Administration to re-categorize the Great Nicobar Island (910 sq.km) from Group –I to Group –II Island. The ICRZ Notification, 2019 may be accordingly amended to that extent. The NCZMA further desired that the latest Survey of India topographical maps may be compared with older version by NCSCM for suitably drawing up the ICRZ boundaries and report of any major deviations to NCZMA at an early date.

2. Revision in CZMP of Kutchh and Morbi districts of Gujrat State (as per CRZ 2011 notification)

NCZMA was informed that the instant item was deliberated in the 39th Meeting of the NCZMA held on 13/01/2020, wherein the Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) of Kutch and Morbi District, Gujarat was approved. In the said meeting the representatives of the Government of Gujarat have requested for reclassification of mudflats from CRZ-1A to CRZ-IB in certain areas due to tentative futuristic developmental projects or activities *viz.* Ports, Harbours, etc. in Kutch and Morbi districts. NCZMA desired that the total area of mudflats in Kutchh and Morbi districts vis-a-vis the total intertidal area and total area of mudflats thereof required for the above activities shall be submitted by the Government of Gujarat. Accordingly, the Government of Gujarat submitted the required information to the NCSCM for scrutiny.

Based on the deliberations held and presentations made, NCZMA decided that only such proposed area of mudflats which are already within the notified port limit of Navlakhi, Kandla, Mundra and Tuna port respectively and not falling in any of the Reserve Forest and/or Mangrove area, shall be re-classified from CRZ-IA to CRZ-IB. The CZMP maps under

consideration may be suitably redrawn / modified by Government of Gujarat accordingly and submitted to NCSCM for further action for approval of the same. Further, the Government of Gujarat shall submit the area of mudflats outside the notified port limits along with the futuristic developmental projects/activities therein, to NCSCM for further scrutiny and subsequent deliberations by the NCZMA.

3. 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.

Annexure

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