

## **CRZ Violations / Directions Issued**

### **2014-15**

M/s. Achariya Group of Educational Institutions had erected concrete pillars along the Thengaithittu backwaters without prior permission from CRZ angle. Public complaint was received from M/s. Puducherry Environment and Mangroves Forest Development and Protection Society in this connection. Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority issued direction to the school management on 02.06.2014 to maintain status quo and obtain the permission of PWD as the said land is in control of PWD and thereafter apply for CRZ clearance. Status quo maintained.

### **2013-14**

Complaint was received from Thiru. P.M.L. Kalyanasundaram M.L.A. regarding unauthorized construction of Septic Tank in Govt. land and discharge of untreated waste water. Direction was issued on 21.10.2013 to M/s. James Court Beach Resort to demolish the Septic Tanks constructed in Government Poramboke land and to establish Sewage Treatment Plant within one month. Member Secretary, Puducherry Planning Authority has been requested to examine if there is any unauthorized construction in CRZ area as the Resort was established prior to 1991.

### **2012-13**

A proposal for construction of Hotel in the name and style M/s. Hotel Manjula at No.33, Dumas Street, Puducherry was received by PCZMA from Puducherry Planning Authority for views. This was discussed in the 27th PCZMA meeting held on 07.11.2012 and it was observed that the project proponent has already commenced construction. Hence the committee directed Member Secretary, PPA to inspect and take action as per PPA by laws and furnish report within one month. PPA has issued directions on 18.03.2013 to stop construction and demolish unauthorized construction within one month.

### **2011-12**

An unauthorized construction activity was carried out by Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust at the Ashram Play Ground located along the seaward side of Goubert Avenue in the area falling under CRZ – II without obtaining the permission required under CRZ Notification. The work involved conversion of AC sheet of the existing single storied building into RCC roof. In this connection Puducherry Planning Authority has been addressed to issue suitable direction under the provisions of Puducherry Town and Country Planning Act and Rules and Byelaws made there under vide letter dated 23.03.2012 to M/s. Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust.

**2010-11**

1. The PWD, GoP has commenced a Sea Wall project along the coast of Chinnakalapet Village, Puducherry without obtaining prior clearance under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. Site was inspected and direction was issued on 13.10.2010 to the Chief Engineer, PWD under Section 5 of Environment Protection Act, 1986 to stop the sea wall construction immediately and submit necessary application to PCZMA for obtaining the Coastal Regulation Zone Clearance. PWD has complied and stopped the work.

2) A Consortium of NGOs in the banner of Alliance for Good Governance (AGG) submitted representation against the minor fish landing facility project proposed on the Mullodai Backwater at Pudukuppam Village with an appeal to scrap the said PWD project stating that the project would be a man-made disaster in the making in Pondicherry. PWD has obtained prior Environmental Clearance from MoEF, GoI and commenced the project constructions. The petition submitted by AGG was examined in the 25th PCZMA meeting held on 10.12.2010. The Authority examined the proposal and recommended that PWD should obtain a specific order of the Government of Puducherry with the following details:

- a) The ownership of the facility
- b) The operation and maintenance responsibilities
- c) Total Funds required for Environmental safeguards
- d) Source of funds for Environmental Safeguards
- e) Separate account for the funds required for Environmental Safe Guards.

and opined that PWD, GOP should be advised not to cut open the sand showl formation until the G.O. as cited above is issued and effected. Accordingly PWD was directed vide letter dated 21.12.2010 to comply with the recommendations of the Authority.

**2008-09**

A Writ Petition was filed in the High Court of Madras (W.P.No.1452/08) by one Jesurethinam claiming to be the Convenor of Coastal Action Network seeking the grant of writ of mandamus or any other direction to the respondents to forebear from constructing groyne fields in the coastal region of Puducherry and to conduct appropriate scientific studies and frame a suitable scheme with the participation of the stake holders to ensure that the natural movement of sand is restored so that the coastal areas of Tamilnadu and Puducherry are protected from erosion. Pondicherry Coastal Zone Management Authority was one of the respondents in the case.

Pondicherry Coastal Zone Authority has directed the Public Works Department vide order dated 29.01.2008 to restrain from construction of groyne fields in the coastal regions as per the interim injunction of the High Court and to obtain Environmental Clearance before commencing construction activity for the groyne field. Final orders were passed by the High Court on 13.03.2008 disposing the writ petition stating that the main prayer in the writ petition does not survive as PWD has submitted that the activity if construction of groyne field will not be undertaken unless prior permission is obtained from the Ministry of Environment. As far as the

other prayers are concerned, the petitioner is free to approach the Ministry of Environment for appropriate relief.

PWD has submitted an application to Pondicherry Coastal Zone Management Authority for obtaining Environmental Clearance for construction of groyne fields along Pondicherry coast and the proposal was discussed in the Pondicherry Coastal Zone Management Authority meeting held on 27.03.2008 and it has been forwarded to MoEF for Environmental Clearance on 09.04.2008.

## **2007-08**

Writ Petition was filed in the High Court of Madras (W.P. No. 34170 of 2007) by one Thiru. V. Sudhakaran residing at Valavil, Mahe against the unauthorized construction activity by M/s. Mahe Ice Plant at Valavil, Mahe in CRZ – II area. Pondicherry Coastal Zone Management Authority was one of the respondents in the case. Pondicherry Coastal Zone Management Authority has directed M/s. Mahe Ice Plant to Stop the unauthorized construction immediately vide order dated 19.11.2007. The unit had stopped construction activity and subsequently applied for CRZ Clearance on 14.03.2008. Additional particulars were furnished on 09.02.2009. CRZ clearance was accorded for the reconstruction proposal in 19<sup>th</sup> PCZMA meeting held on 12.02.2009.