

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
PUDUCHERRY COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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**Annual Report of PCZMA for the period April 2010 to March 2011**

The Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI passed a Notification on 19<sup>th</sup> February 1991 under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 known as ‘Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991’ where in it is declared that the coastal stretches of seas, bays, estuaries, creeks and backwaters which is influenced by tidal action up to 500 meters from HTL and the land between LTL and HTL as Coastal Regulation Zone and imposed certain restrictions in the said Coastal Regulation Zone

Based on the Guidelines in the CRZ Notification the Coastlines of the Pondicherry, Karaikal and Mahe regions in the U.T. of Puducherry were studied and a Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) was prepared by the Town and Country Planning Department, Puducherry during 1992. The same was approved by MOEF and published in State Gazette vide G.O. Ms. No. 18/93/Hg dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 1993.

Till 1998, the provisions of CRZ Notifications were monitored and enforced by a High Power Committee of the Development Department, Govt. of Puducherry and the regulation of construction activities in CRZ was dealt by the Pondicherry / Karaikal / Mahe / Planning Authorities in their respective regions.

In 1998, Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) was constituted and published in Gazette of India on 26th November 1998 based on the Supreme Court Direction to the Central Government to consider setting up of State & National Coastal Zone Management Authorities for ensuring effective implementation

of CRZ Notification. PCZMA was subsequently reconstituted in 2002, 2005 and 2008.

**Details of PCZMA meeting held from April 2010 to March 2011:**

<b>Details of Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of projects recommended to MoEF for clearance</b>	<b>No. of Projects cleared by PCZMA</b>	<b>No. of Projects Rejected</b>	<b>No. of Projects deferred / other decisions</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting	25.06.2010	6	1	Nil	2
24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting	25.10.2010	3	3	Nil	1
25 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting	10.12.2010	Nil	Nil	Nil	1

**Details of proposals received and decisions taken:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Project name / Proposal</b>	<b>Details of Meeting</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1	CRZ Clearance for Construction of Work Shelters in the Fishing Villages along the Puducherry & Karaikal Coasts by PIA – in CRZ – I, II & III	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
2	CRZ Clearance for Crude Oil Handling and Laying of Pipeline at Karaikal Port by M/s. Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd – in CRZ-III	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
3	CRZ Clearance for installation of Desalination Plant and laying of sea water intake / brine rejects outfall pipeline at Karaikal Port by M/s. Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd – in CRZ-III	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
4	Amendment requested by M/s. Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd. in Environmental Clearance issued by MoEF to Karaikal Port for amending the constructional activity – From Berth No. 7 to Berth No. 4 – in CRZ-III	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance

5	CRZ Clearance for construction of three storied commercial building situated at R.S. No. 239 pt., T.S. No. 37, Ward: "D", Block No.31, facing Roman Rolland Street on West Side and Lal Bahadur Sastri Street on Southern side, Puducherry Revenue Village and Municipality by Thiru. T. Annamalai & Tmt. Manjula - in CRZ – II:	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Approved
6	NOC for proposed construction of two storied Resort Building for M/s. Maia Beach Resort at R.S. No. 205 / 3 & 4, Manapet Revenue Village, Bahour Commune Panchayat, Puducherry	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Deferred as Project Proponent was not present
7	CRZ Clearance for Reconstruction & Modernization of Fishing Harbour at Puducherry proposed by PIA, ETRP, GoP	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
8	CRZ Clearance for Reconstruction & Modernization of Fishing Harbour at Karaikal proposed by PIA, ETRP, GoP	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
9	CRZ Clearance for Design and Construction of Modern Hygienic Fish Market at Karaikal proposed by PIA, ETRP, GoP	23 <sup>rd</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.06.2010	Deferred - Salinity Values at Arasalar River to be measured by Institute of Ocean Management
10	CRZ Clearance for Design and Construction of Modern Hygienic Fish Market at Karaikal proposed by PIA, ETRP, GoP	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
11	CRZ Clearance for CRZ Clearance for setting up of Domestic Sewage Treatment Plant at Dubrayapet by PWD, GoP	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
12	CRZ Clearance for establishing M/s. Bougainville Bay Beach Resort at Manapet, Puducherry:	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Recommended to MoEF for clearance
13	CRZ Clearance for establishing M/s. MBRS Hotel Pvt. Ltd. Puducherry	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Approved
14	Five Storied Marine Control Tower constructed by Karaikal Port – Views of PCZMA requested by Karaikal Planning Authority for issue of Building Permit	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Karaikal Port was directed to submit the approval from the Port Department, GoP for operation of the Control Tower

15	Construction of two storied Resort Building for M/s. Maia Beach Resort - Views of PCZMA requested by Puducherry Planning Authority for issue of Building Permit:	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Recommended to Puducherry Planning Authority
16	NOC for proposed construction of Two Storied Residential Building at R.S. No. 87/10, Manavelly Revenue Village, Ariyankuppam Commune Panchayat, Puducherry	24 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 25.10.2010	Recommended to Puducherry Planning Authority
17	Petition submitted by a consortium of NGOs under the banner of Alliance for Good Governance (AGG) to His Excellency Lt. Governor of Puducherry and Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment and Forests, GoI against the Minor Fish Landing Facility being constructed by the PWD at the Mullodai Back Water of Pudukuppam Village, Bahour Commune, Puducherry	25 <sup>th</sup> PCZMA Meeting held on 10.12.2010	<p>The Authority recommended that PWD should obtain a specific order of the Government with the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ownership of the facility;</li> <li>The operation and maintenance responsibilities;</li> <li>Total Funds required for Environmental safeguards;</li> <li>Source of funds for Environment Safeguards;</li> <li>Separate account for the funds required for Environmental Safe Guards.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>

**CRZ Violations / Directions issued:**

- i) 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.
  
- ii) 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Right to Information Act, 2005:**

<b>No. of applications received</b>	<b>No. of cases where information was provided</b>	<b>No. of cases where information was rejected</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**Other Activities:**

1. A Stakeholders meeting on Restoration and Protection of Puducherry Coastline was organized by the Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority on 08.05.2010, at Hotel Sea Gulls, Puducherry under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry. Experts in the field of Coastal Engineering, Senior Officials from various Line Departments, Members of Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority, Puducherry Pollution Control Authority and State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority and Representatives of NGOs and Civil Societies participated in the meeting. There was a consensus among the participants on the need to protect and nourish the coast of Puducherry and the adjoining areas by adopting site specific coastal protection and restoration techniques after carrying out scientific studies and in consultation with all stakeholders including fishermen community.
2. Proposal entitled 'Management of Puducherry Coast – Evaluation of Technological Options' has been prepared jointly by Prof. Dr. Ramesh, Director, Institute of Ocean Management, Anna University and Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority and has been submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI vide Ref. No. 103/DSTE/PA/2010/427 dt. 21.06.2010 to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI for availing financial assistance of Rs. 20.28 Lakhs.

3. Comments of the Government of Puducherry on the Pre-draft Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2010 was submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Special Secretary (Environment), along with the Director, DST&E and Junior Engineer, DST&E attended the Consultation Meeting of the Secretary, Department of Environment of the various State / UT Government on 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 in the MoEF office, New Delhi, on Pre-draft Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2010 and submitted the comments of the Government of Puducherry.
4. A Preliminary Proposal for preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for Puducherry under the Phase-II of the World Bank assisted ICZM project of Ministry of Environment and Forests has been prepared and submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI vide Ref. No. 2329/DSTE/PCZMA/ICZMP/JE/2010/1009 dt 13.08.2010. The detailed project as per the preliminary proposal shall be worked out for a budget of Rs. 100 Crores.
5. The Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority played a vital role in the International Coastal Cleanup Day Events organized by the Government of Puducherry on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 along the coastal stretches of Puducherry U.T. A massive coastal clean-up event was organized by the Government along the coastal stretches of Puducherry and all line departments, Coast Guard, NSS and other volunteers were involved. Expenses to a tune of Rs. Rs.1,03,492/- was incurred by the PCZMA in organizing the cleanup event.
6. Consultation meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 10.11.2010 to finalize the Shoreline Changes Map for Puducherry prepared by IOM, Anna University as a part of the MoEF, GoI funded National Project on “Assessment of shoreline change for India”. The comments of the GoP on finalizing the Maps were sent to MoEF vide letter dated 09.12.2010. The shoreline changes maps for Puducherry and Gujarat has been launched by the MoEF on 29.12.2010.

7. Comments were prepared on Draft Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2010. The draft Notification was also circulated among the line Departments for comments. A consultation meeting was held on 10.12.2010 with all line Departments to discuss the Draft Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2010 published by MoEF, GoI. The necessary modifications/ additions/ deletions to be made in the draft CRZ Notification, 2010 was discussed and consolidated report was sent to the Government.
8. A consultation meeting was held on 24.02.2011 with the line Departments to discuss the issues related to implementation of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 in Puducherry U.T. The various tasks to be implemented by the UT Government, Roles and Responsibilities of the line departments and time frame to complete the tasks were discussed.

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