

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

Annual Report of PCZMA for the period April 2012 to March 2013

The Central Government in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) issued the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 vide S.O. 114(E) dated the 19th February 1991 imposing restrictions on industries, operations and processes in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ), keeping in view the importance of the coastal environment and the need to protect the coastal ecosystems from the pressures of developmental activities. The Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) is responsible for implementing the said Notification in the U.T. All developmental activities in CRZ require prior clearance of competent authority (MoEF / PCZMA) under this Notification. In order to further strengthen this Notification a new Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 has been published by MoEF on 06.01.2011 replacing the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. The details of various activities of PCZMA during the year March 2011 to March 2012 is given below

Reconstitution of PCZMA:

The tenure of the earlier composition of PCZMA was over by August 2011. The PCZMA was reconstituted for a period of three years by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide S.O.956(E) dated 01.05.2012 with following composition:

1.	Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry	- Chairman
2.	The Director, Dte. Of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry	- Member
3.	The Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, Puducherry	- Member
4.	Prof. Dr. R. Ramesh, Director, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal management, Anna University, Chennai – 600 025	- Member
5.	Dr M.V. Ramana Murthy, Scientist F & Head Offshore Structures Division, National Institute of Ocean Technology, NIOT Campus, Velachery – Tambaram Main Road, Narayanapuram, Pallikaranai, Chennai – 600 100	- Member
6.	Thiru Jurgen Putz, Director, Palmyra, Centre for	- - Member

	Ecological Landuse, Water Management and Rural Development, Auroville, Tamil Nadu	
7.	Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Puducherry	- Member Secretary

Details of PCZMA meeting held from April 2011 to March 2012:

Details of Meeting	Date	No. of No. of Projects Cleared by PCZMA	Projects Recommended to MoEF	No. of Projects Rejected	No. of Projects deferred /other decisions	General Agenda
27 th PCZMA meeting	07.11.2012	3	2	1	3	4

CRZ Violations / Directions issued:

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.

Right to Information Act, 2005:

No. of applications received	No. of cases where information was provided	No. of cases where information was rejected
5	5	Nil

Other Activities:

- 1) **International Coastal Clean-up Day – 2012** was celebrated on 15.09.2012 in Puducherry in line with the International Coastal Cleanup Day. A massive coastal clean-up operation was carried out in the coastal stretches of Puducherry at Gandhi Statue, Vaithikuppam, Solai Nagar, Vambakeerappalayam, Kalapet, Narambai, Veerampatinam and Moorthykuppam. Local Administration Minister Thiru. N G Panneerselvam inaugurated the cleaning campaign in the presence of Thiru. K. Lakshminarayanan, M.L.A., Dr. S. Sundaravadivelu, Special Secretary – Environment and Senior Officials of the Territorial Administration. Nearly 1000 school children, 200 NCC cadets and NSS volunteers participated in the campaign. The Financial Component of this exercise to the tune of Rs.1,12,415/- was met by Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) as a part of its activity.
- 2) DST&E has submitted a Concept Note on 27-11-2012 to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI for Developing and Implementing an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for Puducherry Union Territory under the World Bank Assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Project of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. where in specific proposals for Shoreline Protection and Beach Restoration has been included in consultation with the line Departments. Phase I of the ICZM Project is presently being implemented in the states of Gujarat, West Bengal and Orissa and the Ministry has stated that the project would be extended to all other coastal states and UTs during Phase II. The ICZM Project for Puducherry will have four components namely i) Establishing an ICZM Project Management Unit, ii) Formulation and implementation of ICZM plan, iii) Capacity building and iv) Developing and implementing pilot projects. The Tentative cost of the project is estimated to be Rs 398.09 Crores.
