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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
IA-III Section (CRZ)

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Jor Bagh Road
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification regarding the definition of the word "existing" mentioned in para 5.2 (ii) of CRZ Notification, 2019- regarding.

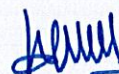
The Ministry is in receipt of request to clarify the definition of the word "existing" mentioned in para 5.2 (ii) of CRZ Notification, 2019. As per para 5.2 (ii) of CRZ Notification, 2019, Construction of buildings for residential purposes, schools, hospitals, institutions, offices, public places etc. shall be permitted only on the landward side of the existing road or on the landward side of existing authorised fixed structures, but does not explicitly defined the word "existing".

2. In this regard, attention is drawn to para 5.2 (iii) of CRZ Notification, 2019, which states that that "the norms for the Floor Space Index (FSI) or Floor Area Ratio (FAR)" shall be that which is prevailing as on the date of this Notification, i.e., 18/01/2019. Further, in order to categorize 'Legally designated Urban Areas' in Kerala as per provisions of CRZ Notification, 2019, the word "Existing" in para 2.2 of the CRZ Notification 2019 has been also interpreted by NCZMA as "existing as on the date of issue of CRZ Notification 2019" in its 45th meeting held on 01/09/2022.

3. Comments were obtained in this regard from National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM). NCSCM has also submitted its report after examination stating that the word "existing" in para 5.2 (ii) of CRZ Notification, 2019 may be interpreted as on the date of issue of CRZ Notification 2019 i.e., 18/01/2019.

4. In view of above, the Ministry hereby clarifies that the word "existing" mentioned in para 5.2 (ii) of CRZ Notification, 2019 shall be interpreted as existing on the date of issue of CRZ Notification 2019 i.e., 18/01/2019.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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