

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**  
**PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PUDUCHERRY COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN (PCZMP) FOR KARAİKAL REGION HELD ON 14.03.2018 AT 11.00 AM, AT DANAL THANGAVEL KALAI ARANGAM, KARAİKAL, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE - CUM - DISTRICT COLLECTOR, KARAİKAL**

The Public Hearing was convened on 14.03.2018 at 11.00 A.M with Shri. R. Kesavan, I.A.S., District Magistrate -cum- District Collector, Karaikal in the Chair.

Dr. N. Ramesh, Environmental Engineer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment welcomed the gathering and outlined the procedure for Public Hearing and given Introduction about Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Dr. R. Sagaya Alfred, Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment Welcomed the Chief Guest and Media , Press, and General Public and also outlined the history of CRZ Notification and old Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Shri. R. Kesavan, I.A.S., District Magistrate -cum- District Collector, Karaikal briefly explained the important of Coastal Zone Management Plan. Subsequently he commenced the hearing by inviting the public to express their views, concerns and questions, if any by clearly indicating their name and the village to which he / she belongs to.

Thiru. K. Kalamegam , Junior Engineer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment / Puducherry Pollution Control Committee made the Power Point Presentation on Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Plan for Karaikal Region.

  
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The views, of the public and clarification given by the DSTE/PPCC officials are detailed below:

**1. Thiru. P. Ananda Raj, Viduthalai Vengaikal, Karaikal Medu, Karaikal.**

- The Public hearing should be informed two days prior to the meeting either through Fisheries Department or through other line Departments.
- Fishermen communities are mostly uneducated hence there is least possibility of reading the advertisement on public hearing notice in the Newspaper.
- The Public hearing should be conducted in all the Coastal Villages instead of conducting in the urban area. If the public hearing is conducted in the villages then there will be more participation and support from the fisher communities.

**2. Representative from National Fisher Forum Karaikal District.**

- Seashore area and marine resources are important for the coastal communities and it is the livelihood for the indigenous coastal communities.
- PCZMP related public hearing information should be informed to all the coastal villages through the village panchayat or through Department of Fisheries.
- The PCZMP Public hearing should be inform two days before the meeting through Fisheries Department or other line Departments which is not happened in this meeting.
- Most of the Fishermen are illiterate hence there is least possibilities to see the public hearing notice/advertisement in the Newspaper the information can be disseminated through other mode also .
- The allegation is that CZMP map preparation is to favor SAGAR MALA project.



- The CZMP is to plunder the marine resource and to wade off the fisher communities from their traditional place.
- The CZMP will hamper the livelihood of the fisher communities.
- He requested to stop the PCZMP plan as well as public hearing immediately and to scrap the CRZ Notification 2011.
- The notification is to favour the establishment of the dangerous/hazardous industry and would affect the coastal habitat of UT of Puducherry.
- The Public hearing should be conducted in all the Coastal Villages.
- The Government has formulated the CZMP for relocating the fisher communities from their traditional place.

**3. Thiru. Siva subramani, Karaikal Medu, Karaikal.**

- The CZMP notification shall be properly informed to all coastal panchayats then only all the coastal communities will actively participate in the public hearing.
- Most of the participants who represented here got information about the public hearing from the Coast Guard, Karaikal.
- We don't read the newspaper regularly.

**4. Thiru Murali, Kilinjalmedu, Karaikal.**

- If any meeting related to the fisheries welfare being organized by the Government then the relevant information is addressed through the Fisheries and Fisheries welfare Department. In this public hearing no such information was passed from the concern Department to the Fisheries communities.
- During the publication of draft CRZ notification ,2011 all the fishing communities from coastal villages has submitted their objections in written format along with the surrendering of the Ration card against publication of the above said notification.
- We are not clearly informed about the CZMP and we were not brought into the lime light before conduct of public hearing.

- Request to inform the entire 11 coastal village before conduct of public hearing since it is not being done this public hearing should be scrapped/cancelled.

**5. Tmt. Jesurathinam, Coastal Action Network, Karaikal.**

- As per the EP Act, 1986 and CRZ Notification 2011. The information was provided in the newspaper about the conduct of the public hearing.
- However the coastal communities failed to keep a note on the information about the Notification.
- This is only Map not a CZMP, where no hazard line has been included in the plan. Without the hazard line in the plan the CZMP will not be full fledged and cannot be valid.
- Only with the marking of HTL and LTL one cannot justify this as the CZMP.
- The CZMP has to be prepared as per the guidelines given in the CRZ Notification 2011.
- This CZMP is prepared to satisfy the NGT, MoEF&CC order so as to complete the task within the time line of April, 2018 to avoid the directions from the MoEF&CC hence it is requested to prepare a complete plan and then conduct proper public hearing.

**6. Dr. Anantha Kumar, President, India Against Corruption Karaikal.**

- The prepared CZMP is to satisfy the private entrepreneurs not for the benefit of coastal communities.
- The Government is trying to lend the sea shore in the Karaikal District to the private sectors not for the indigenous community who are living in the coast.
- The Government should not favor for the establishment of the industries in the coastal areas.
- The Government shall protect the coastal communities rather than promoting industries or other related activities in the coastal areas.



- The existing Marg Karaikal Port and the Puducherry Power Corporation limited has not done any benefit for the coastal communities after establishment of the Industrial activities.
- We welcome all efforts from the Government of Puducherry for the up liftment/development activities for the fishing communities.
- The existing draft CZMP will not render any help to the coastal communities and general public in any means.
- The Karaikal Coast is highly vulnerable to coastal disasters hence the draft CZMP shall be revised accordingly to suit the development for the coastal communities rather than promoting industries in the coastal areas.
- We will not favour any industries establishment in the coastal area as it will destroy the coastal environment.
- The objections against the CRZ, 2011 shall be communicated to the Government of Puducherry and to Government of India.
- We will support and accept the CZMP if it envisages protection of the coastal environment and for the benefit of the coastal communities. We will not support any proposal, amendment which hampers the livelihood of the coastal communities and for the establishment of the industries in the coastal areas.

**7. Thiru. Arul Murugan, Registered Engineer Association, Karaikal.**

- He objected for any construction within the 500mts from HTL which will hamper the movement of the coastal communities.
- NIT-Karaikal has already constructed its administrative building and other related activities within the NDZ area. This resulted in the non free movement of the coastal communities to the sea shore.

**8. Thiru Dravida Mani, T.R. Pattinam, Village Panchayat, Karaikal.**

- There is prohibition for construction of building in the NDZ area however in Puducherry Region this is not being followed.
- Requested to explain all the components in the CZMP and our suggestions shall be taken to the Government.

**9. Dr. Kumaravelu from National Fisheries Works Forum, Karaikal**


- In general NDZ area prohibits establishment of the Industries in the concern limit, however the notification allows establishment of the Atomic Energy, Storage of Petroleum and other Hazardous materials so this may be curtailed.
- The CRZ Notification came into picture only after the coastal disasters like tsunami etc however the role of this rules and regulation in this notification is to hamper the livelihood of the fishing community by promoting private industries.
- The notification protects the industries rather than protecting the fishing communities.
- Whether the disaster management plan is only applicable to the coastal communities why it is not been made applicable to the Industries established in the coastal areas.
- After making a complete plan for the benefit of the coastal communities we will support the CZMP.
- There are changes in the CRZ Notification of 1991 when compared it with CRZ Notification 2011.
- The CZMP shall include all the name of the coastal hamlets, villages, harbours, road, light house, bridges etc.
- A committee shall be constituted by incorporating one of the members from the fisher man community for preparation of the revised CZMP for karaikal region then only there will be support from the coastal community

**Reply from Dr N.Ramesh, Environmental Engineer, DSTE:**

- The Hazard line will be marked by the Survey of India once the marked HL is provided to the concern CZMA it will be incorporated in the CZMP.
- The present CZMP is prepared by Institute of Remote Sensing , Anna University, Chennai with incorporation of the HTL and LTL and ESA authenticated by NCSCM.



- This public hearing is conducted to explain the CZMP prepared based on the CRZ Notification 2011 and this public hearing is not conducted to discuss the CRZ Notification , 2011 which is already published by GoI.
- The public can inform this forum in case of any leftover ESA or other items in the Map.
- We have conducted this public hearing after 30 days of advertisement in the two news paper daily one English and one in Tamil.
- We have also displayed the Maps in the collector office, PPCC Regional office, fisheries Department and also in the office of the Coastal Municipalities and Commune Panchayats for public viewing for a period of 30 days from the date of advertisement in the news paper.
- Our maximum effort is for the protection of the livelihood of the coastal communities and not for promotion of Industries in the coastal areas.
- The Notification related to CRZ, 2011 was erstwhile published in the year 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 after obtaining objections and views from General public and from experts from various corners.
- The permissible and prohibited activities are already mentioned in the CRZ Notification, 2011 published by the MoEF&CC, GoI the CZMA role is to implement and to regulate the activities the state authorities doesn't have any power to ignore or include any clause in the Notification.
- The whole exercise related to Public hearing is being recorded through Audio/video for submission to the MoEF&CC, Government of India.
- The draft CZMP will incorporate all the suggestions and objections as applicable received from different sections of public....forum.
- The prepared CZMP is in the scale of 1:25000 scale as per the Notification for public display once the exercise is completed the local level CZM Maps will be prepared in 1:3960 Scale with inclusion of all the relevant details.

  
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**Reply from the Shri. R.Kesavan, I.A.S., District Collector, Karaikal.**

- The CRZ Notification 2011 is already published way back in 2011 and this is not the forum to discuss the pros and cons in the Notification.
- Comments related to the prepared draft CZMP can be discussed in this meeting leaving other non related matters.
- All the suggestion, objections, views received from the public will be recorded and communicated to the MoEF&CC for necessary incorporation.
- Necessary suggestion in writing from the public can also be given to the Office of the Collector for necessary incorporation within the stipulated time limit.
- Hazard line is being prepared by Survey of India, once it is provided to us it will be incorporated in the prepared CZMP.
- Necessary advertisement was given in English and Vernacular language in two news daily as per the Mandate in the CRZ Notification, 2011.

In addition to the above, the following persons have submitted their objections/views in writing to the District Collector, Karaikal for consideration.

1. Karai Mavatta Meenava Pengal Peravai, Karaikal.
2. Village Panchayatargar & Public, Thirumalairayanpattinam, Karaikal
3. Panchayatargar & Public, Kalikuppam, Karaikal.
4. National Fishworker's Forum, Kerala.
5. Chettiar, Nattar, Kariakar, Panchayatargar & Public, Kilinjalmedu, Karaikal.
6. Karai Mavatta Meenava Panchayatargar & Nirvagathinar, Karaikal
7. Dr. S. Anandkumar, President, India Against Corruption, Karaikal.
8. Thirumalairayanpattinam Consumer Forum, Karaikal.
9. Nattar, Kariakar, Panchayatargar & Public, Kottucherymedu, Karaikal
10. Thiru S. Anandraj, Viduthalai Vengaikal, Karaikal District Organizer, Karaikal.
11. Thiru. Krishnaraj , Ex., Member, Agricultural Management Plan Committee, Karaikal.

  
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Then, the Environmental Engineer of Department of Science, Technology and Environment / Puducherry Pollution Control Committee read out the proceedings of the Public Hearing. Dr. R. Sagaya Alfred, Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment concluded the Public Hearing with vote of thanks.

Copy of list of public who attended the Public Hearing, News paper advertisement copy and the recorded video & audio (DVD) of the entire proceedings are enclosed.



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