

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

Minutes of the Public Hearing for the Preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan (PCZMP) For Mahe Region Held on 06.04.2018 at 10.30 A.M in the Civil Station Auditorium, Mahe.

In Chair : Dr. Satyendra Singh Dursawat I.A.S.,
District Collector-cum-District Magistrate, Puducherry

Shri. S. Manickadeepan, Regional Administrator, Mahe welcomed the gathering and outlined the procedure for Public Hearing and gave introduction about Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Shri. Dr. V. Ramachandran, M.L.A, Mahe has inaugurated the programme and gave an introduction about the Mahe region. During the inaugural session, dignitaries have made a brief narration about the preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Mahe Region and other details about the CRZ.

Shri. Dr. Satyendra Singh Dursawat, I.A.S., District Magistrate -cum- District Collector, Puducherry briefly explained the importance 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. Vipin Babu, Scientist, PPCC made a power point presentation on the CRZ Notification, 2011 and the CZMP for Mahe. He gave a detailed narration about the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 2011 and the necessity for the preparation of CZMP. He stated that Mahe, being Urban developed area and it comes under the Municipal limit, having approach roads comes under the CRZ -II category, where construction activities are permitted only on the landward side of the existing road, or on the landward side of existing authorized structures. Buildings permitted on the landward side of the existing and proposed roads or existing authorized structures shall be subject to the existing local town and country planning regulations including the existing norms of FSI or FAR. No permission for construction of buildings shall be given on landward side of any new roads which are constructed on the seaward side of an existing road established before 1991. He explained about the Permitted activities



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and the prohibited activities in the CRZ area. It is stated that as per the said notification, the roads shall be built /constructed before 1991 and no construction is permissible beyond the approved road towards sea.

The views, of the public and clarification given by the PPCC official are detailed below:

1. Thiru. Sacheendranath, Ex-MLA, Mahe

- Requested to clarify the position of certain buildings which were constructed in the limit prescribed in CRZ-II, in Mahe after 1991.

2. Thiru. K. Mohanan, General Secretary, Indian National congress, Mahe

- He expressed his anxiety about the rules and regulations in the proposed CZMP.
- Since Mahe is very small area and thickly populated, implementation of the CZMP will adversely affect the people and they will be forced to shift outside Mahe.
- And, he requested to seek the possibility to exempt Mahe from the proposed CZMP.

3. Thiru T.K. Gangadharan, Former Councilor, Mahe Municipality

- He stated that Mahe is having only 2 KM in length of coastline so the river bank beyond the Mahe Bridge may be exempted from the proposed Plan.
- He also requested to protect all constructions made before and after 1991.

4. Thiru. Pallian Pramod, Former Councilor

- To clarify how the boundary of private lands situated on the bank of river, measure with reference to the river line.
- He has stated that during the last Tsunami in the year 2004, several casualties had happened in almost all the parts of country, but the same had not at all affected Mahe, due to the peculiar geographical situation of Mahe.
- If the CRZ regulations are implemented in Mahe, fifty percent of land will not be used for the construction of the buildings. He submitted that the land value of Mahe is high and the propose Government Police Quarters, Government Guest House, Coastal Police Station and from other proposed Government Buildings will be effected if CRZ Regulation are implemented in Mahe.



- He opined that the CZMP shall be exempted for Mahe and he suggested to provide a strong Wall on the riverside to protect the untoward incidents in future.
5. **Thiru. Unni Master, Pandakkal, Mahe**
- Requested to clarify that whether CZM Plan is applicable for other water body in Mahe region such as, Kunnummal River at Pandakkal and Pandakkal River.
 - For which the Scientist has replied that the proposed CZMP is attracted only for 5 ppt. salinity in the water body and hence, the above said water body did not come under draft CZMP.
6. **Thiru. Sathyan Keloth, Mahe**
- Mahe comes under CRZ-II category, the construction made before 1991 is protected by rule. He has also requested to protect all the existing constructions.
7. **Advocate. M.D. Thomashas, Mahe**
- Stated that, in Manjakkal area several constructions were made in the banks of the river before and after 1991 and he requested to protect these buildings.
8. **Thiru. K.P. Sunil Kumar, CPI(M), Mahe**
- To accord relaxation from the proposed CRZ restrictions for re-construction of existing old residential buildings, if there is no other land available outside the CRZ area.
9. **Thiru. Gireeshan, President, Sri Kurumba Bhagavathi Temple, Parakkal Mahe**
- There is an approved road in the coastal area and several constructions were made both side of the road before and after 1991. He has requested to protect all these buildings/constructions.
10. **Thiru. K.M. Chacko, Mahe**
- As per the CZMP map, the horizontal distance from the high tide line and low tide line is shown, but vertical distance has not been shown. Since some parts of coastal area in Mahe region are high raised, he requested for clarification how the distance from the tide line is considered in the CRZ. He also needs clarification whether NH or the existing beach road is considered as bench mark for restriction.



11. Tmt. Ashalatha, a resident of Valavil, Mahe

- Requested clarification whether NH or the existing beach road is considered as bench mark for restriction.
- She also said that some of the Poromboke dwellers in beach area are staying since 1991 and issued with Patta very recently. Sought clarification whether CRZ regulation affect the buildings in the said land.
- A major portion of coast line of Mahe is covered by newly constructed harbor which can provide protection to the coastal line. So special consideration may be given to this area under CZMP.

12. Thiru. Rafeek, Mahe

- While other parts of the world, the construction and developments along the sea shore is encouraged but in India it is restricted by CZMP and the logic behind this cannot be understood.

13. Thiru. Muhammed Ali, Mahe

- Some of the Poromboke dwellers in beach area are staying on or before 1991 and issued with Patta very recently and requested clarification whether CRZ regulation affect the buildings in the said land.

14. Thiru. P. Rajesh, a resident of beach road, Mahe

- The exemption in the regulations of CZMP, as obtained by Government of Kerala, may also be considered for Mahe region also, since Mahe is geographically a part of Kerala.
- The Width of the buffer zone from the sea line to the land may be clarified for Mahe region.

15. Regional Administrator, Mahe, suggested that in the draft map of CZMP for Mahe, the NH 66 was shown as the existing metal road since 1991. If the NH is taken as reference for deciding seaward side, the entire coastal villages of Valavil, Parakkal and Poozhithala will get covered under restricted zone as per CRZ 2011, whereby the entire coastal population will lose their livelihood. However the internal old beach road established well before 1991 by PWD (not shown in the CZMP map) may be taken as a reference for deciding the seaward side and the same may be marked in the map. Even if the internal old beach road is taken as reference, approximately 150 structures (list enclosed) are coming under the restricted zone in the seaward side. PPCC may initiate a proposal to exempt the structures (list enclosed) from CRZ notification, which would




prevent displacement of 160 families. Further it is stated that, in case of non exemption to the affected 150 dwelling units, there is no vacant space available in Mahe to accommodate the displaced families.

16. The Communist party in their representation addressed to the District Collector, represented that the proposed plan on implementation will create an embarrassing situation to the residents of the Valavil, Poozhiyil, Mundock, Manjakkal. The residential areas come under the proposed norm of 500 meters from sea and 100 meters from River. The present and future generation will have no other alternative with regard to their habitat. Implementation of the plan will have repercussion in the life of the people of Mahe. They request for not to implement the proposed plan in Mahe Region.

The District Collector -cum-District Magistrate, Puducherry informed the public to submit the views/objections in writing so that the same could be incorporate in the proposal.

Then, the public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks delivered by Shri. Siva Kumar, Inspector of Fisheries.




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