

**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 PUDUCHERRY REGION HELD ON 11.04.2018 AT 11.00 A.M. AT
KAMBAN KALAI ARANGAM, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE-CUM-DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PUDUCHERRY**

The Public Hearing was convened on 11.04.2018 at 11.00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satyendra Singh Dursawat, I.A.S., District Magistrate -cum- District Collector, Puducherry in the Chair.

Dr. R. Sagaya Alfred, Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment welcomed the gathering.

Dr. N. Ramesh, Environmental Engineer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment made the Power Point Presentation on the maps prepared by the Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, Chennai related to Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Plan for Puducherry Region.

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

The Views/Opinions/Suggestions of the public and clarification given by the DSTE/PPCC officials are detailed below:

1. Thiru. Mahalingam , Veerampattinam Puducherry

- Public hearing should be conducted in all the Coastal Villages.
- Requested the Government that please don't do treachery to fishing communities through this CZMP.
- This plan will affect the livelihoods of the fishing communities.

2. Thiru. C.H. Balamohanan, Alliance for Good Governance, Puducherry

- This PCZMP is not prepared the as per the guidelines of the CRZ Notification, 2011.
- The National Green Tribunal, Chennai has instructed the Government that the CZMP should be in line with the CRZ Notification, 2011.
- There are several incomplete data in the CZMP and the plan almost neglects the coastal communities.
- This CZMP plan has not included all the infrastructure, recreation facilities, etc., in the CRZ areas.



- Based on the CRZ Notification, 2011 it is requested to prepare the plan and then proceed with public hearing. Without consideration of the coastal communities this plan will not accomplish.
- It is noted that without utilizing the knowledge of the coastal communities', this plan was prepared by the Government.
- Prohibited and permissible activities and CRZ violations are not included in the CZMP and without these information's how people can accept the PCZMP.
- This CZMP public hearing should not be conducted without complying with the CRZ Notification, 2011 and hence, our NGO do not accept this public hearing.
- Several violations are noted in this draft CZMP.
- There is no Hazard line and contour map in this CZMP.
- The Government is hiding the violations in the CRZ Area.
- The procedure of CRZ Notification, 2011 has not been followed in the public hearing.
- It is requested to stop the public hearing immediately and the draft CZMP has to be re-modified.

3. Thiru. Selvamanikandan, President, Puducherry Environment and Mangroves Protection Society, Puducherry

- Unauthorized constructions of hotels and resorts are present in the CRZ areas which are violations under the CRZ Notification, 2011.
- Government buildings are also constructed within 20 meters from the HTL without obtaining CRZ clearance.
- Mangroves are disturbed due to construction activities carried out in the CRZ Area.

4. Thiru. Selvam, Verrampattinam, Puducherry

- Fishing communities are not polluting the sea and seashore.
- Sea shore area are not encroached by the fishing communities.
- Seashore area and marine resources are important for the coastal communities and it is their livelihood for the indigenous coastal communities.
- Sea is used as a Mega Waste dump yard. Peoples simply dump all the waste in the seashore and sea. It should be controlled and the livelihoods of the coastal environment should be protected.

5. Thiru. Raja, Thengaithittu, Puducherry

- Whether the Puducherry Port Department has obtained CRZ clearance from your Department to carry out the port activities.
- All the drainage waste / sewage water from Puducherry urban areas are disposed through various canals and it is surrounded around Thengaithittu lagoons.



- PCZMP related public hearing should be informed to all the coastal villages through the Village panchayats and also through pamphlets in local language.
- Government schemes and policies will always be supported but Government should consider the feelings of fishing communities.
- The public hearing is being conducted as an eye wash.

6. Thiru. Ashok, President, Solai Nagar South Fishing Panchayat, Puducherry

- CZMP public hearing will not reach all the public. Moreover, there are 1.5 Lakh of fishing communities people in Puducherry region. However, only about 300 hundred peoples are present in this public hearing.
- All the sewage water from Puducherry region is finally disposed to the sea. Whether the Government has any plan to restrict the untreated waste water that enters in to the sea?
- Whether the Government will implement the Beach promenade walkway project or not?
- The Government is doing only tourism development projects in CRZ areas for their revenue.
- Whether the Department will include our suggestions / objections before finalizing the final report.
- The public hearing is conducted only to fulfill the rules and not for the affected people in the coastal area.
- The public hearing shall be stopped immediately.
- The PCZMP is not for any benefits of fishermen welfare.
- Before preparing the draft CZMP government has to communicate with the local communities. Then only people will accept this plan.
- Unfortunately, the Government of Puducherry has already prepared the draft CZMP and asking for views / suggestions / objections, which is not correct.
- HTL and LTL demarcation in this map is totally wrong and there are several mistakes.
- This map has already been prepared by the Government of India without consideration of the Government of Puducherry.
- This CZMP will permit the Hospitals, Hotels, Resorts in CRZ area.
- CZMP will hamper the livelihoods of the fishing community by promoting private sector.
- How many hotels and resorts has obtained CRZ Clearance from State/ Central Government after 2011 at promenade beach in Puducherry.
- The State Government always follows the Central Government instruction instead of fishing communities' welfare.
- The present CZMP plan will totally affect the livelihoods of fishing communities.
- The objections against the CRZ, 2011 shall be communicated to the Government of Puducherry and Government of India.



- We will support and accept the CZMP only, if it envisages protection of the coastal environment and the livelihood of the coastal communities.

7. Thiru.Kothandapani, Periyakalapet, Puducherry

- The CZMP plan is to facilitate Hotel/Resorts and private industries in CRZ area.
- Already many resorts in Puducherry has encroached and established within the 0-200 meters in CRZ- III area.
- The draft CZMP is to satisfy the private entrepreneurs and not for the benefit of coastal communities.
- We will not support any proposal, amendment which hampers the livelihood of the coastal communities.
- We totally object this CZMP.

8. Thiru. Ganagasabai, Narambai, Puducherry

- The 500 meters from HTL is not sufficient. It shall be extended upto 1 kilo meters from HTL.
- Before issuing the CRZ clearance for any project in coastal areas the Government should get appropriate views from local communities.
- Three representatives from fishing communities has to be nominated for the Regional Coastal Zone Management Committee as per the Government order issued by the Government of Puducherry.
- There is prohibition for construction of building in the NDZ area. However in Puducherry Region this is not being followed / implemented.
- All the components of CZMP to be explained to the public. After that the Government shall conduct the public hearing.

9. Thiru. Dhandapani, Ariyankuppam, Puducherry

- The Ariyankuppam river is totally contaminated by the sewage water/drainage water from the local areas. It will affect the Mangrove biodiversity and the surrounding environment as well.
- The Chunnambar river is polluted by bio-medical waste.
- The Government shall ensure to save the river from pollution as it will be helpful for those who depend on the river for their livelihoods.

10. Thiru. Viswanathan, Veerampattinam, Puducherry

- The slide describing CRZ - III in the presentation made by DST&E officials shows that there is no houses or any construction between 200 to 500 meters line from HTL. There is not such coastal area in Puducherry where houses are not located within 200 - 500 meters. In reality, from Veerambattinam to Murthikuppam houses are within 150 to 200 meters; From Vambakeerapalayam to Solainagar houses



are located with 5 meters and from Solai Nagar to Kanagachettikulam houses are located within 50 meters from HTL. This is not reflected in the draft CZMP with intention to shift the fishermen community out of CRZ area.

- The Karaikal fishing communities of 13 fishing villages of Karaikal have not accepted this plan during CZMP public hearing conducted at Karaikal region. In Puducherry we have come to this public hearing to see what is happening here.
- The Government is trying to promote the private entrepreneurs and resorts in CRZ area instead of promoting welfare of local communities.
- When the fishermen community requested the Government to modify the Thengaithittu Fishing Harbour entrance by extending the breakwaters and deepening the mouth for welfare of fishermen the Government officials cited that there is ban on dumping rocks in the sea by Pollution Control Committee and National Green Tribunal. But how permission was obtained for dumping of rocks in front of the Chief Secretariat? Why such approval is not obtained for fishing harbour entrance modification?
- Since the entire fishermen community and public in coastal villages have not accepted this CZMP, on behalf of the entire fishermen community and its various bodies we are not accepting the Puducherry CZMP and boycotting this public hearing and walking out.

After this, a group of people walked out of the hall. The hearing then continued and opinion of other public sitting in the hall was obtained and recorded as follows:

11. Sunina Mandine, PondyCAN, Puducherry

- We also object this public hearing.
- The draft CZMP prepared by the Puducherry Government was wrong and it does not comply with NGT Order.
- The draft CZMP should be re-done.
- In 2012 National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management has been assigned to prepare Shoreline Management Plan for Puducherry which is also not successfully carried out. Subsequently our NGO has submitted written submission to MoEF&CC, GoI regarding opposition of Shoreline Management Plan.
- This CZMP plan is also fully based on the Shoreline Management Plan prepared by NCSCM, Chennai.
- This CZMP is not clear to anyone.
- With what data and information the CZMP was prepared.
- There was no reply from NCSCM pertaining to the Complaint against shoreline Management Plan till date.
- Every single state in India is not accepting the Shore line Management Plan prepared by NCSCM due to insufficient, inadequate, and incomplete data.



- The CZMP plan should help the local communities.
- There is no management plan and also several mistakes in this CZMP.
- The draft CZMP is totally incomplete.
- Proper plan should be made and then only the public hearing has to be conducted.
- The public hearing has to be stopped immediately.

12. Thiru. Sivalingam, Velrampet, Puducherry

- First I thank the Government for getting views, suggestions, objection from the public.
- People was not strong in believing the Government due to non-compliances of the earlier assurances and they feel that it is not going to change anything.
- The Government should create awareness programmes to protect CRZ area.
- The Government is always doing good things to the public.
- The fishing community is a very strong and good community. They know the do's and don'ts in CRZ area. So the CZMP shall be for the welfare of the fishing community.
- CZMP plan has to help in strengthening the fishing community.

13. Thiru. Ragunath, Alliance for Good Governance, Puducherry

- This is not a plan. It is a map.
- There is no plan in this CZMP.
- This CZMP has not mentioned, roads, hospitals, residences etc.,
- The conduct of the public hearing is not accepted and the public hearing shall be conducted on another day.
- Puducherry is small state compared to other states.
- There was problem in demarcation of HTL and LTL.
- The HTL & LTL demarcation in Puducherry region should be done with participation of local communities'.
- The HTL & LTL demarcation should to be reworked and also the entire CZMP has to be re-modified.

14. Thiru. Arumugam, Puducherry

- There are several differences in demarcation of HTL and LTL in the CZMP of Puducherry region compared to the Tamil Nadu Government CZMP map.
- HTL and LTL demarcation has been done through the satellite signal only.
- Government has to carry out the HTL and LTL demarcation through ground level survey.
- There are many differences in satellite data and ground level data.



15. Thiru. Chandraseker, Pudukuppam, Puducherry

- The Government shall ensure that this CZMP should not disturb the coastal communities before it is implemented.
- Many buildings are constructed within 50 meters in CRZ areas.
- Government shall ensure that this CZMP should not affect Agriculture in CRZ -III areas.

16. Thiru. Joyalukdumni, Puducherry

- The Government shall restrict the developments in CRZ area for local communities through this CZMP.
- The Government shall focus on preventing untreated waste water that enters into the CRZ area.

17. Thiru. Elangovan, MSSRF Puducherry

- The Government shall also include the solid waste management system in this CZMP.

18. Thiru. Dr. Balla, Ecological Research Institute, Puducherry

- The CZMP map is in 1:25000 scale and the map should be prepared in 1:3960 according to CRZ Notification, 2011.
- The existing land use, violations are not represented in the CZMP.
- The NCSCM Shore line Management data has been utilized for preparation of this CZMP map.
- Whether the HTL and LTL demarcation has been carried out physically or through satellite?
- The CZMP preparation shall be in co-ordination with local communities and NGOs.

19. Thiru. Dr. Subramanian, French Institute, Puducherry

- The cadastral village maps should be prepared first, with consultation of local communities and then maps on 1:25000 scale has to be prepared.
- Public will have an idea and can give their suggestions / view / objections only if the cadastral village maps are prepared because, cadastral village maps only will show all the features in the CRZ area.

Response from Dr. N.Ramesh, Environmental Engineer, DSTE

- Hazard line will be marked by the Survey of India, Government of India and it will be incorporated in the CZMP.
- The present CZMP is prepared by the Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, Chennai after incorporating the HTL and LTL and ESA authenticated by NCSCM.



- As per the CRZ Notification, 2011 public hearing has to be conducted in 1:25000 scale maps and the Government of Puducherry has followed all procedures for the conduct of the public hearing as per the Notification.

Reply from Dr. Satyendra Singh Dursawat, I.A.S. District Collector, Puducherry

- All the suggestions / objections / views received from the public is recorded and communicated to 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.
- The Hazard line is being prepared by Survey of India, once it is provided to us that will be incorporated in the prepared CZMP.
- Necessary advertisement was given in two dailies viz., English and Vernacular language as per the mandate in the CRZ Notification, 2011.
- All the appropriate suggestions received from the public will be incorporated in the draft CZMP before submitting to MoEF&CC, Government of India for final approval.

About 300 people participated in the Public Hearing and only 28 people signed in the attendance sheet. However, their specified suggestion, views, objections during the Public Hearing were recorded.

Then, the Environmental Engineer of Department of Science, Technology and Environment 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.


In addition to the above, the following individuals/organization have submitted their objections/views in writing to the District Collector, Puducherry for consideration:

1. Thiru. A.H. Balamohan Alliance for Good Governance, Puducherry.
2. Perunthalaivar N.jeevarathinam Peravai, MettuTheru, Padmini Street, Puducherry.
3. Puducherry Fisherman Peoples Association, Vambakeerapalayam, Puducherry.
4. Thiru. A. Viswanathan, Veerampattinam, Puducherry.



Copy of list of public who has attended the Public Hearing, News paper advertisement copy, Written submission received from the public/ NGOs and the recorded video (DVD) of the entire proceedings are enclosed.




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