

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF YANAM REGION COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH REFERENCE TO THE CRZ NOTIFICATION 2011 HELD ON 28.03.2018 AT 10:00 A.M. IN MUNICIPAL KALYANA MANDAPAM, VISHNALAYAM STREET, YANAM.**

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

Present:

The hearing was attended by about 150 people of Yanam and the following officials:

01. Sri D.Subramanieswarao, Regional Administrator, Yanam.
02. Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Scientific Officer, DSTE/PPCC.
03. Sri L.Xavier Kennedy, Junior Scientific Assistant, DSTE/PPCC.
04. The Commissioner, Yanam Municipality, Yanam.
05. The Superintendent of Police, Yanam.
06. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Yanam.
07. The Junior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, Yanam.
08. The Assistant Director, Fisheries Department, Yanam.

At the outset, the Regional Administrator, Yanam has welcomed the dignitaries on the Dias, the general public and briefed the gathering about the public hearing in connection with preparation of Yanam Regional Coastal Zone Management Plan with reference to the CRZ Notification 2011 and invited the suggestions/objections from the participants on the draft Plan. He informed the gathering that CRZ Notification is meant to conserve and protect the environment, coastal area and marine waters.

The District Collector, Puducherry informed the gathering that though the Notification was introduced in the year 2011, the Govt. of India decided to include Yanam also in the CRZ Notification based on the draft Plan prepared by Institute of Remote Sensing (IRS) and Anna University. He has requested the public to submit their views/objections in writing to incorporate the same in the report to be submitted to Government of India and requested to extend their cooperation for smooth conduct of public hearing.

The Scientific Officer, Thiru.Srinivasa Rao, DSTE explained the gathering about the salient features of CRZMP Notification by power point presentation and that the CRZ areas are classified as CRZ-I, II, III, IV and V. He informed that under CRZ-I the areas that are ecologically sensitive viz. mangroves, corals, sand dunes, mudflats, salt marshes, turtle nesting grounds, nesting grounds of birds etc. will be covered. Under CRZ-II, the areas that have been developed upto or close to the shoreline will be covered. Under CRZ-III, the areas that are relatively undisturbed and those do not belong to either CRZ-I or II will be covered. Under CRZ-IV, the area from the low tide line to twelve nautical miles on the seaward side and the water area of the tidal influenced by water body will be covered. Under CRZ-V, CRZ areas Greater Mumbai, Kerala, Goa and critically vulnerable coastal areas such as Sunderbans in West Bengal will be covered.

As such, he finally informed that CRZ-I, II, III and IV are applicable to Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe region. Regarding Yanam region he informed that CRZ-I, II and IV only are applicable since the entire stretches of Gowthami Godavari river and Coringa river in the Yanam region are influenced by the tidal effects from the sea based on the Salinity Concentration (5 ppt) Criteria of the CRZ Notification 2011.

