

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**  
**PUDUCHERRY COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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**Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PCZMA held on 03.09.2025 at 4.00 P.M**  
**in the NIC, Studio – I, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry**

The 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) was held on 03.09.2025 at 4.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri. P. Jawahar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Science, Technology and Environment) / Chairman (PCZMA).

The following were present:

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| 1. | Shri. P. Jawahar, IAS<br>Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (S,T&E) /<br>Chairman (PCZMA).  | Chairman                      |
| 2. | The Director<br>Directorate of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare<br>Puducherry.   | Member                        |
| 3. | Chief Town Planner<br>Town and Country Planning Department, Puducherry.<br>Represented by Thiru. S. Candane, Town Planning Assistant<br>Town and Country Planning Department, Puducherry. | Member                        |
| 4. | Dr. Purvaja Ramachandran<br>Acting Director, Scientist – G<br>National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM)<br>Chennai.  | Expert Member<br>(Through VC) |
| 5. | Dr. Tune Usha<br>Scientist G<br>National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR)<br>Chennai.   | Expert Member<br>(Through VC) |
| 6. | Thiru. Ashok Panda<br>Co-convenor<br>Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)<br>Pondicherry Chapter, Puducherry.   | Member<br>(NGO)               |
| 7. | The Member Secretary<br>Puducherry Planning Authority, Puducherry.<br>Represented by Shri. J. Kadiravane<br>Junior Town Planner, Puducherry Planning Authority<br>Puducherry.             | Special Invitee               |
| 8. | Tmt. Smitha, R. IAS<br>Special Secretary (S,T&E)-cum-Director (DSTE)<br>Department of Science, Technology & Environment<br>Puducherry.  | Member Secretary              |

All the proposals were placed before the Authority for perusal and the decisions taken during the meeting are as follows:

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of PCZMA held on 26.12.2024.**

The Authority confirmed the Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of PCZMA held on 26.12.2024.

**2. Action Taken Report on the decisions taken during the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of PCZMA held on 26.12.2024.**

The Authority noted the actions taken during the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of PCZMA held on 26.12.2024 as follows:

- i. Action w.r.t. Agenda Item No. 1 – 9 were completed.
- ii. 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Agenda Item No. 20 held on 01.10.2024, w.r.t. OA No. 283 of 2024 is disposed of by the Hon'ble NGT (SB), Chennai on 07.08.2025. The tribunal has vacated the stay for the conduct of Public Hearings in Puducherry and Karaikal on the draft Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) prepared as per the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2019.

### 3. Cases for consideration for the issue of CRZ Recommendations / Clearances:

#### GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

**Agenda Item No. 1: CRZ clearance for the proposed Development of Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour at R.S. No. 199, T.S.No. 15, Ward – L, Block No. 7, Karukalacherry, Oduthurai Revenue Village, Karaikal Municipality, Karaikal by the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Government of Puducherry.**

**Parivesh 2.0 Proposal No.: IA/PY/CRZ/549607/2025**

The Authority heard the proposal and noted the following:

- (i) The proposed site falls under CRZ-IB, CRZ-II and IV-B as per the existing Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) prepared under Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2011.
- (ii) The proposal involves (1) The upgraded facility to accommodate 457 fishing vessels, including 209 FRP motorized crafts, 248 trawlers of varying sizes and 5 tuna boats. (2) Fish handling 29,647 TPA; (3) Auction Halls, (4) Tuna grading and packing facilities, (5) Net mending and Drying areas, (6) Ice plant (75T/day), (7) Fish processing units, (8) Fuel storage, (9) Maintenance dredging 2.32 Lakh Cu.m., (10) Repairing quay, (11) Boat repair sheds, (12) Fishermen amenities, (13) Effluent Treatment Plant, (14) Sewage Treatment Plant, (15) RC diaphragm wall, (16) Communication facilities, (17) Roads, Water, Electricity, Drainage and Sanitation, (18) Sea water OHT, (19) Fresh Water OHT, (20) Gear Head, (21) Boat parking, (22) Fishermen rest shed, (23) Compound wall, (24) Radio Communication Centre.
- (iii) The overall total water requirement is expected to be 141 KLD (101 KLD fresh water from local authority and 40 KLD from other sources including sea water). During the operation phase the total water requirement for washing is estimated as 107.2 KLD (Consisting of 25 KLD of fresh water and 82.2 KLD of seawater).
- (iv) Structures (Ice Plant, Fish Processing plant, STP/ETP) proposed in the CRZ I-B as per CRZ Map 1:4000 scale shall be planned/shifted in the Non-CRZ area for which commitment was given by the project proponent during the meeting.

The Authority after due deliberation **recommended the proposal** to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), subject to the conditions as stipulated by PCZMA.

1. The fish handling capacity of the fishing harbour as per DPR is 29,647 TPA. The Project Proponent shall obtain the requisite Environmental Clearance in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, if the capacity exceeds 30,000 TPA.
2. The maintenance dredging of 2.32 lakh m<sup>3</sup> carried out in the Mullaiyar and Arasalar Rivers shall be utilized for harbour reclamation (Approx. 1,70,300 m<sup>3</sup>) and the remaining dredged sand shall be used for beach nourishment / replenishment of the coast. Necessary environmental safeguards as proposed in the National Framework of Sediment Management published by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and in compliance with the O.M dated 12.07.2023 notified by the MoEF&CC shall be complied with.
3. Dredging shall not be carried out during the fish breeding and turtle nesting seasons.
4. Sensors for real-time water quality monitoring shall be installed in the water body to assess the pollutants and the same shall be connected to PPCC server.
5. The project proponent shall ensure that there shall be no adverse impact on the coastal ecosystem and marine organisms including mangroves. Wherever, mangrove area is likely to be affected minimum 3 times of the area affected shall be taken up for compensatory afforestation after obtaining necessary clearance from the Department of Forest and Wildlife.
6. The Building Plan parameters shall be in conformity with the existing local Town and Country Planning Regulations as modified from time to time, with the existing floor space index or floor area ratio as per 1991 level. The proponent shall obtain necessary Environmental Clearance from the competent authority if there is any increase in the built-up area over and above 20,000 Sq.m.



7. The project proponent shall not construct any tube well for extraction of water in the CRZ area. Extraction of groundwater in the CRZ area is a prohibited activity under CRZ Notification, 2011.
8. The project proponent shall make necessary arrangement for sourcing of water through public supply or private suppliers authorized by Puducherry State Ground Water Authority.
9. The intake of 82.2 KLD of water from the Mullaiyar river for the fish washing activity shall be subject to necessary treatment as per the DPR.
10. A Project Management Consultant shall be constituted to oversee the Operation and Maintenance of Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour.
11. The Project proponent shall comply with the conditions stipulated in the Consent to Establish issued vide dated 01.09.2025 by the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.
12. The project proponent shall provide Wastewater Treatment Plant of adequate capacity to treat the sewage 60 KLD and trade effluent 82.2 KLD generated from the Harbour and related activities.
13. No untreated waste water shall be discharged in the Coastal Regulation Zone.
14. Shoreline changes due to the project shall be monitored continuously through National Institutions.
15. The Ice Plant, Fish Processing unit and Sewage, Effluent Treatment Plants shall be established / located in the Non-CRZ area as per the undertaking submitted by the applicant.
16. Proper arrangements shall be made for disposal of solid wastes in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and there shall not be any dumping of solid waste in CRZ areas. The Project proponent shall provide insitu organic waste treatment / organic waste convertor or composter for the treatment of 160 kg/day bio degradable waste. The Non bio degradable waste shall be disposed to authorized person / entity.
17. The Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste generated during the different phase of construction shall comply with the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016 and its amendments.
18. The Hazardous waste generated shall be properly collected and handled as per the provisions of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016. The project proponent shall obtain necessary authorization from PPCC.
19. The project proponent shall undertake 15% green belt development as per DPR.
20. Project proponent shall prepare and implement necessary oil spill mitigation plan in the Harbour area.
21. The project proponent shall strictly adhere to the recommendation of the EIA/EMP, Disaster Management Plan prepared for the above said project.
22. Environmental Monitoring shall be regularly conducted once in 6 months in the inner channels and navigational channel through NABL certified Laboratories and the analytical report shall be submitted to PPCC.
23. The Project proponent shall follow the Guidelines issued by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on Setting up Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbour.
24. The project proponent shall obtain necessary clearances from concerned Departments/Authorities as applicable before executing the project.
25. The project proponent shall submit bi-annual report on the project progress to PCZMA. This is for strict compliance.
26. All activities shall be in conformity with the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011.
27. The validity of CRZ clearance is only for ten years from the date of issue of the clearance for commencement of construction and operation.

**Agenda Item No. 2: CRZ clearance for the establishment of Institute of Driving, Training and Research (IDTR) at R.S. No. 77 & 78, T.S. No. 1/1A, 1/1B, 1/1C, 1/2, 1/3, 2/1 & 2/2A, Ward – F, Block No. 13, Thengaithittu Revenue Village, Puducherry Municipality, Puducherry by the Transport Department, Government of Puducherry.**

**Parivesh 2.0 Proposal No.: IA/PY/CRZ/545652/2025**

The Authority heard the proposal and noted that the proposed site falls under CRZ-IA and CRZ-II as per the existing Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) prepared under Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2011 and complies with Clause 8. II. CRZ – II (i) of the CRZ Notification, 2011, i.e., a pre-existing Fishing harbour road laid before 1991 is in existence at the present site, the authority noted that the proposed construction is on the landward side of the existing road.

The Authority after due deliberation **recommended the proposal** to the Puducherry Planning Authority (PPA), subject to the condition that no construction of buildings shall be carried out in CRZ-IA along with other conditions as stipulated by PCZMA.

**All other Agenda Items from No. 3 to 12 under Residential Projects and Agenda Item No. 13 under Commercial and Other Projects were deferred to the ensuing PCZMA Meeting.**

### **GENERAL AGENDA**

**Agenda Item No. 14: Ratification of Coastal protection measures projects by the Public Works Department, Government of Puducherry.**

The Authority noted the following:

- i. The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) had issued Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for construction of Groynes for coastal protection measures at Pillaichavady, Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry by the Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Puducherry (GoP) on 02.06.2025 which was recommended and forwarded by the Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA).
- ii. The SEIAA had issued CRZ clearance for coastal protection measures on sea erosion for Pillaichavady (North), Chinnakalpet, Periyakalpet and Ganapathychettikulam in Puducherry by the PWD, GoP on 02.06.2025 which was recommended and forwarded by the Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DSTE), GoP.

The Authority heard and ratified the proposals for the CRZ clearances issued.

**Agenda Item No. 15: Ratification of 15% yearly revision of the consolidated pay to Coastal Management Consultant, PCZMA.**

The Authority noted the following:

- i. Blanket approval for enhancement of pay for contractual (outsourcing) staff as decided in the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PCZMA shall not be implemented.
- ii. All enhancement of pay proposals shall be given with the approval of the Chairman (PCZMA) subject to the availability of funds.

The Authority heard and ratified the proposal of revision of consolidated pay of Rs. 26,700/- exclusive of Service Charge @ 10% and GST @ 18% from 01.10.2024 to the Coastal Management Consultant (CMC), PCZMA.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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