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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
IA-III Section (CRZ)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification on the permissibility of construction of desalination plant within CRZ-III (200 to 500 meters) as per CRZ Notification, 2011 – reg.

The Ministry is in receipt of a request to clarify the permissibility of construction of desalination plant within CRZ-III (200 to 500 meters) as per CRZ Notification, 2011. As Para 8 III A (iii) (h) and 8 III B (v) of the Notification state that foreshore facilities for desalination plants and associated facilities are permissible in CRZ-III (NDZ) and CRZ-III (Area between 200mts to 500mts), but, does not explicitly state that the construction of desalination plant within these areas is permissible.


2. In this regard, attention is drawn to Para 3(i)(c), of CRZ Notification, 2011, which states that setting up of new industries and expansion of existing industries are prohibited within CRZ, except for facilities for generating power by non-conventional energy sources and setting up of desalination plants in the areas not classified as CRZ-I(i) based on an impact assessment study including social impacts.

3. In addition to the above, Para 8 I (ii) (e) and Para 8 II (v) of the Notification permit desalination plants to be setup in CRZ-I(ii) ie. Intertidal areas (area between HTL and LTL) and CRZ-II areas respectively.

4. Moreover, construction of desalination plants and its associated facilities are permissible in CRZ-IB, CRZ-II, CRZ-III (NDZ) and CRZ-III (Area between 200mts to 500mts) as per CRZ Notification 2019.

5. In view of above, the Ministry hereby clarifies that construction of desalination plants and its associated facilities may be considered as a permissible activity in CRZ-III (NDZ) and CRZ-III (area between 200 to 500 m) as per provisions of CRZ Notification 2011, as amended from time to time.

6. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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