



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE  
PUDUCHERRY COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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**Hon'ble Lt. Governor visit to Yanam Region  
during 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**



**Inspection Report on Environmental and Pollution Control Issues  
brought to the notice of Hon'ble Lt. Governor**

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**Sub: DSTE- Hon'ble Lt. Governor visit to Yanam Region during 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Inspection Report on Environmental and Pollution Control Issues- Submitted.**

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Hon'ble Lt.Governor along with the Team Rajnivas visited Yanam region during 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to verify certain issues of public concerns which also includes environmental and pollution control issues of the region . As instructed, the Scientific Officer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DSTE), Puducherry accompanied the team.

Hon'ble Lt.Governor inspected the following sites/projects on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 related to the environmental and pollution control issues. Hon'ble Lt.Governor was accompanied by the HoD's of the Regional administration

**1. Municipal Solid Waste dumping Yard, Kanakalpet, Yanam:**

This yard is being maintained by the Yanam Municipality. Authorization under Solid Waste Management, Rules, 2016 was issued by the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee on 26.04.2019 to M/s. Yanam Municipality for collection, transportation and disposal of Solid Waste of quantity 16 MTD with certain conditions (Annexure-I). In spite of the condition that burning of solid waste is strictly prohibited , incidents of solid waste burning and causing problems to the public were reported in local press . As per the authorization condition, the Municipality shall obtain clearance from Yanam Planning Authority . During inspection no proper segregation of wastes is noticed.

**Inspection photos are enclosed**

**Hon'ble LG Observations and Instructions :** The Solid waste management needs to be addressed with a sense of urgency to comply with deadlines set by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

**Action to be taken by PPCC:** Direction will be issued immediately to Yanam Municipality seeking compliance report on the all the conditions of the authorization . Based on the compliance report suitable enforcement action will be taken if any violation of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules,2016 are noticed. The PPCC will ensure strict enforcement of Solid Waste Management Rules,2016 in Yanam region through periodical inspections and regular surveillance.

## **Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Dumping Yard, Kanakalapeta, Yanam**



## **2. Bio- Medical waste Management in Government General Hospital ,Yanam:**

All Health Care Facilities shall obtain authorization under the Bio- Medical Waste Management (BMWM) Rules,2016. In spite of the direction issued on 11.07.2017 (Annexure-II) and Public Notice published in The Hindu ( Visakhapatnam edition) dated 17.09.2019 (Annexure-III), the Govt.General Hospital is yet to apply to PPCC for grant of authorization and consents . However the hospital has furnished annual report for the year 2018 to the PPCC on 25.07.2019 under the BMWM Rules,2016. As per the report;

- i. the hospital is having 80 beds.
- ii. Total quantity of Bio Medical Waste generated – 204 Kgs/Month
- iii. Mode of disposal of Bio-medical waste – through authorized Common Bio- Medical waste Treatment Facility viz M/s EVB Technologies, Rajahmundry.
- iv. Total quantity of general solid waste – 60 kgs/month.
- v. Mode of disposal of general solid waste – At Municipal solid waste dumping yard, Kanakalapeta, Yanam.

But violating the BMWM Rules, during October 2019 the Bio- Medical Waste of Govt. hospital was disposed in the Municipal Solid Waste dumping yard at Kanakalapeta.This was reported in the local news papers.

As per the BMWM Rules, all the four categories of Bio- Medical wastes viz Yellow , Red, White, Blue are to be stored and disposed in Yellow , Red, White and Blue coloured storage containers/disposal plastic bags respectively. The general solid waste is to be stored and disposed in Black colour container/plastic bag .

During inspection it was observed that the Hospital is not practicing colour coding norms in storage and disposal of Bio- Medical Waste. It is using single colour containers/ bags only for storage and disposal of all categories of wastes. No proper segregation and storage of Bio-Medical Waste is noticed. The Deputy Director ,GH submitted to the Hon'ble Lt.Governor that due to non- availability of colored bags, black colour bags were used and mistakenly Bio-Medical waste was dumped in the Municipal dumping yard and it was cleared immediately.

**Inspection photos are enclosed**

**Hon'ble LG Observations and Instructions:** The complaints of Bio- medical waste disposal as examined by the official of Dept.of Science, Technology and Environment are to be corrected. Implementation and Corrective measures will have to be closely monitored by Regional Administrator, Yanam and Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry.

**Action to be taken by PPCC :** Show Cause Notice will be issued immediately to Govt. hospital for not applying for authorization , consents and improper storage and disposal of Bio-Medical waste. Based on the reply suitable enforcement action will be taken. The PPCC will ensure strict enforcement of BMWM Rules,2016 in Yanam region through periodical inspections and regular surveillance.



## Bio - Medical Waste Storage area at Government General Hospital, Yanam



### **3. Tourist Amenities Project at Island No.5 , Yanam by Tourism Department , Puducherry:**

The Department of Tourism, Puducherry vide letter dated 10.06.2016 (Annexure-IV) has applied to the Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) of DSTE, Puducherry for seeking clearance under CRZ to the Tourist Amenities Project at island No.5 in Yanam region. Along with the CRZ clearance application the Tourism Department enclosed Project Report (Annexure-V) prepared by the PWD, Puducherry and NOC (Annexure-VI) issued for the Project on 17.04.2015 by the Department of Forests and Wildlife, Puducherry. The Project cost is Rs.5.39 Crores.

The Project proposal was examined in the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the PCZMA held on 13.06.2016. The Authority heard the proposal and discussed the subject in detail. After due deliberation, the Authority resolved to accord CRZ Clearance for the proposal, subject to certain conditions (Annexure-VII) .

Accordingly, CRZ Clearance (Annexure-VIII) was issued on 18.07.2016 to the Tourism Department by the PCZMA with the following conditions;

- i) The activities should not cause any adverse impact on the nearby mangroves.
- ii) Only eco-friendly construction materials like bamboo, wood, etc. shall be used for all construction.
- iii) There should not be any ground water extraction in CRZ areas.
- iv) No untreated waste water shall be discharged in the Coastal Regulation Zone.
- v) Proper arrangements shall be made for disposal of solid wastes and there shall not be any dumping of solid waste in CRZ areas.
- vi) The project proponent shall submit bi-annual report on the project progress to PCZMA.
- vii) All activities should be conformity with the provisions of CRZ Notications,2011.

Based on public complaints alleging the construction of permanent structures in Tourism amenities project at Island No.5, the PCZMA requested the Director , Department of Tourism, Puducherry to provide point wise compliance status of the CRZ clearance vide letter dated 13.12.2018.(Annexure-IX) Due to non- furnishing of compliance report, the Tourism Department was again requested by the PCZMA for compliance status vide letter dated 20.09.2019.(Annexure-X).The reply is still awaited.

Similarly the PCZMA requested for the status report from the Regional Administrator, Yanam/ Chairman, Regional Coastal Zone Management Committee vide letters dated 13.12.2018 and 20.09.2019 respectively. (Annexure-XI & XII) .The reply is still awaited.

During the present inspection of the Tourist Amenities Project at island No.5, Yanam on 15.10.2019, permanent structures constructed with Cement brick work , Plain and Reinforced Cement Concrete are noticed in violation of PCZMA Clearance dated 18.07 2016 which permitted only the use of eco-friendly construction materials like bamboo, wood etc. for all the construction. The Walk Way floor slabs are found in displaced/damaged condition.

**Inspection photos are enclosed**

**Hon'ble LG observations and Instructions :** The environmental laws were found to have been violated in construction work on the Island no E 5 , and an amount of 5 Crores seems to have been lost. As brick and mortar construction was done when specifically barred by Coastal Zone authority( Agencies which violated shall have to explain). The Hon'ble High Court ordered enquiry will help to identify more and correct the system.

**Action to be taken by PCZMA:** No action is proposed presently as the matter is sub judice.

**Hon'ble LG post visit Press Release issued by the HLG Secretariat on 16.10.2019 is placed as Annexure – XIII.**

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**Tourist Amenities Project at Island No. 5 , Yanam  
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