

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT
PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Public Hearing on Coastal Zone Management Plan
(CZMP) for Yanam region prepared under the Coastal Regulation Zone
Notification, 2019, held on 12.04.2023 in the Municipal Kalyana
Mandapam, Yanam .**

Public Hearing for obtaining views/suggestion on the draft CZMP for Yanam region was conducted on 12.04.2023 under the Chairmanship of **Shri. E. Vallavan, I.A.S.**, District Collector – cum - District Magistrate, Puducherry.

Shri. R. Mounissamy, Regional Administrator, Yanam delivered the key note address emphasizing the importance of preparation of Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan for Yanam region.

Dr. N. Ramesh, Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) has outlined the procedure of Public Hearing and explained the method adopted for preparation of Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan for Yanam region by engaging the Government of India approved institute the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai.

Shri. E. Vallavan, I.A.S., District Magistrate -cum- District Collector, Puducherry, briefly explained on the importance of Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Yanam region as per the CRZ Notification, 2019. Subsequently he commenced the hearing by inviting the public to express their views, and suggestions, if any, by indicating their name and native after the technical presentation is completed.

Er. N. Srinivasa Rao, Scientific Officer, DSTE, Puducherry has made a presentation on draft CZMP for Yanam . He gave a detailed explanation about the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 2019 and various aspects of the CZMP- 2019 prepared for the Yanam region. At the outset he informed to the forum that draft CZMP 2019 has reduced the CRZ area to 50 m from the earlier limit of 100 m, from the High Tide Line of the tidal Influenced water bodies towards the landward side. The reduction of CRZ area distance from 100 meter to 50 meter w.r.t the area near the Tidal Influenced water bodies will benefit livelihood promotion and other developmental activities as permitted in the CRZ, Notification which will be definitely helpful to the traditional communities residing in the coastal areas of the Yanam region.

He has also stated that Yanam, being an Urban developed area coming under the Municipal limits and is categorized under CRZ-II. It was clarified that the construction activities are permitted only after Pre-existing Road / authorized structure which is in existence before 19.02.1991.

The views/ suggestions received from the public and the clarifications given by the PPCC officials are detailed below:

1. Shri. Namadi Apparao, Former, Regional Administrator, Yanam,
The draft CZMP prepared for the Yanam region as per the CRZ Notification, 2019 , How far it will be useful for Yanam Public?.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The provisions of CRZ Notification, 2019 is for Conservation of coastal ecosystem, promoting the developmental activities, eco-tourism, subject to fulfilling the provisions mentioned in the Notification. All the permitted activities will be allowed only as per Notification. It will also benefit the coastal communities.

2. Dr. Ramadoss, Kanakalapeta, Yanam

The CZMP presentation showed Yanam region falling under CRZ – II as per the CRZ Notification, 2019. I Already submitted my suggestion on CRZ Notification, 2019. The Yanam region is 14 km from the sea. CRZ Notification, 2019 has reduced the 50 m of CRZ area from the High Tide Line (HTL) in the river/tidal influenced area in Yanam region. How your authority calculate the salinity water for demarcation under CRZ . CRZ Notification shall permit all the Maritime developmental activities to be carried out in Yanam region. I appreciate that all the developmental activities in the CRZ area in Yanam region shall also focus to protect the Environment.

Clarification by District Collector - cum - District Magistrate

We will note all your Valuable suggestions and will be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting hall be forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination through GoP.

3. Shri. Thirukoti Nageswara Rao, Dariyalathippa President Society, Yanam.

All your presentation is in English, Most of people came here for the public Hearing does not know English. No Developmental activities shall be carried out on CRZ area in Yanam region.

Clarification by District Collector-cum- District Magistrate:

You can submit your views in Telugu we can explain to all your queries. However provide your suggestions only on Draft Coastal Zone Management

Plan for Yanam region. All the provisions in CRZ Notification, 2019 will be allowed in CRZ area for betterment of livelihood of local communities including fisher folk.

4. Thiru. Chinta Vengasteswarulu, President Boat Owners Association, Guriempet, Yanam.

The draft CZMP prepared under CRZ Notification, 2019 has reduced the 50 m from High Tide Line (HTL) in riverbank / Tidal influenced Water area etc.,

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The existing CZMP prepared under CRZ Notification, 2011 has 100 meters from HTL of riverbank / Tidal influenced Water bodies, the draft CZMP 2019 prepared under CRZ Notification, 2019 has reduced the CRZ area from 100 m to 50 m on land ward side as CRZ boundary it will be beneficial for local communities.

5. Shri. Seru Krishna, Fishermen Society, Yanam.

Since the livelihood of the fishermen depends on the sea, the fishermen traditionally living very near to the coast. I apprehend the proposed amendment it will affect the livelihood of the fishermen community. I request the GoP to take care of the welfare of the fishermen while enforcing the CRZ rules in Yanam.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: As per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2019 all the Developmental activities shall be regulated by the Government of Puducherry without affecting the Local Fishermen Livelihood in Yanam.

6. Shri. Elaprolu Vishnu Vardhna Rao, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Yanam.

Kanakalpeta to Savithri Nagar, Yanam region has got 20 km Gowthami Kothavari River and 26% of the Yanam region fall under CRZ as per the draft CZMP 2019. The proposed CRZ rules shall be helpful for the Sustainable Development of Yanam region. The revision CRZ restriction from 100 meters to 50 meters and permitting certain developmental activities in the draft CZMP is welcome procedure. I request the U.T Government to explore the possibilities to get financial support from Central Government in order to the implement the CRZ rule in an effective manner.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination.

7. Shri. Durga Prasad, Guerempeta, Yanam.

Presently many fishermen are facing health issues due to occupational hazards and financial problems. While enforcing the CRZ rules government shall also ensure providing social amenities i.e., Education, Employment, Health, Housing and Livelihood Security to of the fishermen communities.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination through GoP.

8. Shri. Gidla Chandra Rao, Former Municipal Chairman, Yanam.

Our village is very near to the Gothavari river, and the lands allotted to the Scheduled Caste Welfare Cooperative Society are situated adjacent to the river shore or Island. Due to the CRZ rules we are facing difficulties in carrying out developmental activities in our society and we are doing only cultivation activities in the said lands, The CRZ shall be benefited to all the fishermen & Coastal communities permitting new / existing Developments in the Yanam region.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination through GoP.

9. Shri, Chinta Venkateswarulu, President Boat Owner Associations, Guerempeta, Yanam.

Due to operation of the extraction of Natural Gas in Gothavari River basin, the movement of fishing boats are facing difficulties thus affecting the livelihood of the fishermen in the recent years. I request Government to arrange for periodical dredging by the natural gas company in order to allow the free movement of fishing boats.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination through GoP.

10. Shri. Kondamu ri Kusuma Nagendra Prasad, Yanam.

He has Objected the categorization of the Yanam under the CRZ-II under the CRZ , 2011 and 2019 and requested for reconsideration . He spoke about the flood bank protection for the protection of the river bank, since yanam region is prone for flooding during monsoon season which results in inundation of many areas in Yanam.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC .

11. Shri. Malladi Krishna Rao, Special Representative for Government of Puducherry at New Delhi.

Due to the implementation of the CRZ rules in the Yanam region from the recent years, people residing in coastal area facing much difficulties. The reduction of 50 m from the river bank as per the CRZ Notification, 2019 is helpful for the local communities for carrying out Developmental activities.

The CRZ rules shall be implemented in a manner that not only favour the developments considering the existing prior to 1991 but also considering subsequent developments happened till date, and shall be permitted or regularized in the interest of Yanam people. The CRZ rules shall be enforced for further development after implementation of final CZMP as per the CRZ Notification, 2019.

In all the Coastal villages of Yanam coastal permission shall not be denied for existing development for renovation or reconstructions. Efforts were taken for dredging of sea mouth by the Natural Gas extraction companies for smooth movements of fishing boats due to the deposit of the sand in river basin the navigation of fishing boats are facing difficulties in River Gothavari.

The Removal of Sand bars shall be permitted for traditional coastal communities with approval of Competent authority, as the Notification was recently issued by the Government of India permitting the removal of sand bars. I request the Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) to expedite the issue of the Clearance to the Yanam Fishermen Cooperative Society for removal of Sand bars at the earliest without insisting the necessary documents.

I request execution of the Developmental works like Construction of Flood Protection Wall considering the flood prone nature of the Yanam region.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in Minutes of the meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination through GoP.

12. Shri. Gollapalli Srinivas Ashok, M.L.A, Yanam Constituency, Yanam.

As Yanam is a coastal region, the draft CZMP relaxation of 100 meters to 50 meter from the Gothavari River will be helpful for the people of Yanam for taking up Livelihood, Housing and tourism projects. The CRZ , 2019 shall provide all the benefits to the Yanam Region and should not hinder developments.

So, I request for early redressal of the long pending issues of the removal of Sand bars by the Local traditional fishing communities as they are already facing the difficulties for safe movement of boats, hardship for their livelihoods due to the operation of the natural gas extraction companies.

Clarification by PPCC Officials: The views would be incorporated in Minutes of the Meeting and forwarded to the MoEF&CC for examination through GoP.


Dr. N. Ramesh, Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) summarized the proceedings of the Public Hearing.

Shri. E. Vallavan, I.A.S., District Collector -cum-District Magistrate, Puducherry, informed the public to submit the views/objections in writing to incorporate in the draft CZMP for Yanam region prepared under CRZ Notification 2011 and the same would be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI for consideration.

Shri. P. Vipin Babu, Scientist, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee extended vote of thanks.

List of Participants, News Paper Advertisements and the recorded Audio & video (DVD) of the entire proceedings are enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

The comments/ suggestion/ views on Draft CZMP, 2019 received during the public hearing are enclosed as **Annexure-II.**



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