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Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) of dated the 19th May, 2009]

Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

ORDER

New Delhi, the 19th May, 2009

S.O 1268.(E).- WHEREAS by an Order of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O.692(E), dated the 25th March, 2008, the Central Government constituted the National Coastal Zone Management Authority for a period upto the 31st December, 2008;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government is of the view that such an Authority must be reconstituted;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby reconstitutes the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) consisting of the following persons with effect from the date of publication of this Order to the 31st December, 2010, namely:-

1. Secretary - Chairperson
Ministry of Environment and Forests,
New Delhi.
2. Director, - Member
National Institute of Oceanography,
Goa.
3. Chief Town Planner, - Member
Town and Country Planning Organization
Chennai
4. Member or an Officer of an equivalent rank - Member
Central Groundwater Board,
New Delhi.
5. Joint Secretary (Tourism), or his representative - Member
Ministry of Tourism,
New Delhi.
6. Director General (Fisheries) - Member
Ministry of Agriculture,
New Delhi.

7. Member or an Officer of equivalent rank - Member
Central Water Commission,
New Delhi
8. A representative from Space Application Centre - Member
Ahmedabad.
9. Prof. S. Ramachandran, - Member
Vice Chancellor, University of Madras,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
10. Dr. M. Baba, - Member
Director,
Centre for Earth Science Studies, Akkulam,
Thiruvananthapuram – 695031.
11. Shri V. Vivekanandan, - Member
South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies.
Karamana, Trivandrum - 695 002.
12. Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, - Member Secretary
In-charge of Coastal Zone Management.

II. The Authority shall have the power to take the following measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling environmental pollution in coastal areas, namely:-

- (i) co-ordination of actions by the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities under the said Act and the rules made thereunder, or under any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act;
- (ii) examination of the proposals for changes and modifications in classification of coastal zone areas and in the coastal zone management plans received from the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities and making specific recommendations to the Central Government therefor;
- (iii) (a) review of cases involving violations of the provisions of the said Act and the rules made thereunder, or any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act and, if found necessary, issue directions under section 5 of the said Act;
- (b) review of cases under sub-paragraph (iii) (a) either *suo-moto*, or on the basis of complaint made by an individual or a representative body, or an organisation functioning in the field of environment;

- (iv) file complaints under section 19 of the said Act in cases of non-compliance of the directions issued by it under sub-paragraph (iii) (a); and
- (v) to take action under section 10 of the said Act to verify the facts concerning the issues arising from sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii).

III. The Authority shall provide technical assistance and guidance to the concerned State Government, Union territory Governments or Administrations, the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities, the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities, and other institutions or organisations as may be found necessary, in matters relating to the protection and improvement of the coastal environment.

IV. The Authority shall examine and accord its approval to area specific management plans, integrated coastal zone management plans and modifications thereof submitted by the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities.

V. The Authority shall put in place a general planning guideline to be adopted which will ordinarily obviate need for case-by-case examination, enabling it to accord approvals for the most part on the basis of the examination done by the State/Union Territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities.

VI. The Authority may advise the Central Government on policy, planning, research and development, setting up of centres of excellence and funding, in matters relating to coastal regulation zone management.

VII. The Authority shall deal with all environmental issues relating to coastal regulation zone which may be referred to it by the Central Government.

VIII. The Authority shall furnish report of its activities and the activities of the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities at least once in six months to the Central Government.

IX. The Authority shall place information regarding the agenda and minutes of its meetings in the public domain, including through Internet website www.envfor.nic.in, and shall create provision for displaying of status of proposals received from State and Union Territories.

X. The foregoing powers and functions of the Authority shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government.

XI. The Authority shall have its headquarters at New Delhi.

XII. Any matter specifically not falling within the scope and jurisdiction of the Authority as so re-constituted shall be dealt with by the statutory authorities concerned.

[F.No.J-17011/18/1996-IA-III]
J.M. Mauskar, Addl. Secretary

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The proposal is regarding the reconstitution of National Zone Management Authority (NCZMA), the tenure of which has expired on 31st December, 2008.

As suggested by PMO, necessary corrections have been incorporated in the draft Notification. Ministry of Law also vetted the revised draft from legal angle. The draft accordingly is placed on file (DFA).

As the elections for the Lok Sabha has already been declared, it is suggested that the concurrence of Election Commission may be obtained before the Notification.

A draft letter for the Election Commission is placed below for approval.

(Bharat Bhushan)
Director (IA-III)
31/03/2009

AS - On Tour.

Secretary (E&F)

F.No.J-17011/18/96-IA.III (pt)

-: 221 :-

FR is a communication dated 8th April, 2009 received from Election Commission of India in reference to our letter dated 1st April, 2009 regarding the reconstitution of National Coastal Zone Management Authority.

The Election Commission has informed in their letter that the proposal may be deferred till the completion of General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2009.

A draft letter, in this reference, is placed below for information to the PMO.

Submitted please.

(Bharat Bhushan)
Director (IA-III)
13/04/2009

Secretary (E&F)

**Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(IA-III Division)**

**Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.**

Subject: Reconstitution of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority.

Reference is invited to the PMO ID No.250/31/C/17/07-ES.II, dated 25.03.2009, regarding reconstitution of National Coastal Zone Management Authority.

This Ministry has requested the concurrence of Election Commission of India for gazetting the notification of reconstitution of NCZMA, vide letter of even number dated 1st April, 2009.

In response to our letter, the Election Commission of India conveyed that the proposal may be deferred till the completion of General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2009 (copy enclosed).

**(Bharat Bhushan)
Director**

Shri Amit Agrawal, Director, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi – 110 011.

MoEF U.O.No.J-17011/18/96-IA.III (pt)

Dated: 16th April, 2009.

F.No.J-17011/18/96-IA.III (pt)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
IA Division

**Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.**

Dated: 1st April, 2009.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Reconstitution of National Coastal Zone Management Authority – Concurrence – Requested.

The Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India has constituted National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA), under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 with a broad mandate of co-ordination with the State Governments and review of the CMZ Plans, reclassification, technical guidance etc. The tenure of NCZMA has expired on 31st December, 2008 and it is proper to reconstitute the Authority.

A Gazette Notification is to be issued regarding the reconstitution of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority by this Ministry. Accordingly, a draft Notification has been prepared which has been vetted by Ministry of Law (copy enclosed).

As the elections for Lok Sabha have already been declared, the concurrence of Election Commission may please be issued for gazetting the Notification.

Encl: As above.

(Bharat Bhushan)
Director
Telefax: 2436 0795

**The Secretary,
Election Commission,
Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road,
New Delhi.**

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The Constitution of NCZMA was approved by PMO on 2nd March, 2009. The draft notification has been vetted by the Law Ministry also. A communication was sent to Election Commission on 01-04-2009 for their concurrence for the issue of Notification, whereas the Election Commission informed that the proposal may be deferred till the completion of General Elections to the Lok Sabha 2009.

As the elections are over, the order for constitution of NCZMA can be issued. English and Hindi translation of the order is placed below at F/A & F/B.

The order is to be signed by an officer equivalent to Joint Secretary or above.

Submitted please.

(Bharat Bhushan)
Director (IA-III)

Secretary (E&F)

**Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(IA-III Division)**

**Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.**

**Subject: Reconstitution of the National Coastal Zone Management
Authority.**

Reference is invited to the PMO ID No.250/31/C/17/07-ES.II (vol-v), dated 26.05.2009, regarding reconstitution of National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA).

Please find enclosed herewith 5 copies of the Gazette Notification on the above mentioned subject for your information.

**(Bharat Bhushan)
Director**

Shri Amit Agrawal, Director, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi – 110 011.

MoEF U.O.No.J-17011/18/96-IA.III (pt)

Dated: 1st June, 2009.

