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Minutes of the first meeting of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone
Management Authority held on 21st July 1999 in the chamber of
Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra
and Chairman of the Authority.

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The following were present :

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| 1) | Dr. Pramod Deo,
Secretary, Environment & Energy Department,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32. | Chairman |
| 2) | Shri J.K. Gharat,
Under Secretary (Representing Secretary,
Department of Revenue & Forests),
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32. | Member |
| 3) | Shri A.M. Abhyankar,
Desk Officer (Representing Secretary,
Urban Development Department),
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32. | Member |
| 4) | Shri K.H. Mehta,
Member-Secretary,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Mumbai-1. | Member-Secretary |

Shri S.D. Jadhav, Deputy Secretary, Environment Department and Shri A.B. Jain, Law Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board were also present to assist the Authority. Dr. Leela Bhosale, Dr. A.D. Diwan and Dr. R.P. Gupta, Members did not attend the meeting.

Secretary, Environment and Energy Department and Chairman of the Authority explained in brief the background and also the functions, powers and duties of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority. The copies of Coastal Regulation Zone

Notification dated 19-2-1991, 16-8-1994 and amendments thereto were circulated along with a note indicating the powers of the Authority to the Members present.

At the outset, the Chairman informed the members that the Environment Department receive complaints of violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification and therefore it is necessary to look into the complaints and after investigation take appropriate action against the defaulters. After going through the contents of the Notification on CRZ, the members observed that for regulating developmental activities along the coast, implementation will have to be done on the basis of various categories of coastal stretches stipulated in the Notification.

Since Urban Development Department is entrusted with the responsibility of preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Maharashtra, the representative of Urban Development Department was requested to brief on the status of preparation of CZMP for Maharashtra. Shri Abhyankar informed that pursuant to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition No. 664 of 1993, the Government of Maharashtra submitted CZMP for Maharashtra to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India on 22nd November 1995. Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, after examining the CZMP gave its conditional approval vide their letter dated 27th September 1996. One of the conditions was preparation of the maps on 1 : 25000 scale through Satellite Imagery for the purpose of delineating the H.T.L. and subsequent submission to the Chief Hydrographer, Govt. of India for the purpose of demarcation. Shri Anhyankar further informed the Authority that this work has not yet been assigned to any Agency. However, they have received a proposal which is being examined. He further informed that demarcation of H.T.L. would involve expenditure to the extent of Rs. 6.5 crores and a time period of about 3 years. He further informed that in respect of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, H.T.L. demarcation work has already been done. This has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India for the purpose of vetting in November 1998. The Chairman asked the representative of Urban Development Department to furnish details of CZMP, H.T.L. demarcated plans for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai or

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other areas which are submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India for information of the Members of the Authority. He was further requested to keep the Authority informed about other developments in this regard. The Members, while deliberating on the issue felt that in the absence of demarcation of H.T.L. which is a condition precedent, it will be difficult to exercise the powers vested with the Authority effectively. It was however, felt that some of the issues can be taken up in consultation with concerned District Collectors and Konkan Divisional Commissioner who can be invited as a Special Invitee in the subsequent meetings of the Authority.

The Chairman advised that until H.T.L. demarcation work is completed, it would be appropriate to prioritise the issues on the basis of areas which are ecologically and economically sensitive. He opined that the Environment Department, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Urban Development Department shall identify economically important stretches in the CRZ and for ecologically sensitive areas, a Committee of representatives from National Institute of Oceanography, Fisheries Department and Forest Department will have to be constituted. After getting report/recommendations from this Sub-Committee, further course of action can be decided.

The meeting was terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority held on 3rd April, 2000 in the chamber of Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra and Chairman of the Authority.

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The following were present :

Dr.Pramod Deo,
Principal Secretary,
Environment & Energy Department,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32

Chairman

Dr.A.D. Diwan,
Central Institute of Fisheries Education,
Versoa, Mumbai

Member

Shri K.H. Mehta,
Member Secretary,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Mumbai-1.

Member-Secretary

Shri S.D. Jadhav, Deputy Secretary, Environment Department and Shri A.B. Jain, Law Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board were also present to assist the Authority.

Principal Secretary, Department of Revenue, Govt. of Maharashtra, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra, Dr.Leela Bhosale, Department of Botany, Kolhapur University, Kolhapur, Members did not attend the meeting. Shri Abhyankar, Desk Officer, Urban Development Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra attended the meeting on behalf of Principal Secretary, Urban Development Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra.

The Chairman of the Authority explained that Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority is a quasi judicial Authority. He informed that the Members of the Authority must attend the meeting in person as proxies can not be allowed. He informed that for taking decision, presence of all the members is necessary, as the order issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India dated 26.11.1998 is silent on the point of quorum.

For want of quorum the meeting was ended without transacting any business with a vote of thanks to the Chair.