

Minutes of the 153rd meeting of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) held on 19th March, 2021

The 153rd meeting of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) was held on 19th March, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Environment & CC).

In view of present pandemic situation of COVID-19, it was decided to deliberate the draft CZMPs, 2019 of Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban through Videoconferencing technology on Cisco Webx platform. List of members present in the meeting is at Annexure-I.

Confirmation of 152nd minutes:

The minutes of 152nd meeting held on 16.2.2021 were confirmed with following changes:

At Item no. 10 at page 13, in condition no. 3, words "MCGM" and "beautification of pond" and shall be read as "MIDC" and "project" respectively. Further at Item no. 14, at page 17, in condition no. 2, word "jetty" shall be read as "cycle track"

Discussion Item: Regarding draft CZMPs of the Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban Districts under CRZ Notification, 2019

The Authority noted that the MoEF&CC, New Delhi has published new CRZ Notification on 18th January, 2019 superseding the earlier CRZ Notification, 2011. As per the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2019, the CZMP of scale 1:25000 is required to be prepared by engaging any of the agencies identified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

The State Government engaged National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) Chennai which is one of the authorised agencies for the work of revision/updation of the CZMP vide Agreement dated 3rd July, 2019. NCSCM completed the work of draft revision/updation of the CZMP in 1:25000 scaled for Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban districts, as per the provisions for the CRZ Notification, 2019 and guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, New Delhi.


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The draft CZMPs were published on 16th January, 2020 and 22nd January, 2020 for inviting suggestions/objections. The Public Hearing as mandated by the CRZ Notification, 2019 was held on 4th & 5th March, 2020. The suggestions/objections of Mumbai City & Mumbai Suburban received were compiled and sent to NCSCM for examination.

The draft CZMPs were deliberated in the technical scrutiny committee meetings held on 20th Nov, 2020 and 10th March, 2021 respectively. Various suggestions / objections received on draft CZMPs were deliberated. Issues pertaining to Hazard line, classification of the tidally influenced water bodies such as creek, bay, estuary, classification of the CRZ III areas etc were discussed in detailed.

The Authority took note of the observations of the technical scrutiny committee meetings. The NCSCM, Chennai has sent the minutes of the Technical Scrutiny committee meeting held on 10th March, 2021. Technical Scrutiny committee has recommended draft CZMPs accompanying coastal land use maps of Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban for further presenting before NCZMA, New Delhi. The NCSCM, Chennai vide email dated 19.3.2021 & 21.3.2021 has sent the draft CZMPs accompanying coastal land use maps to MCZMA.

The Authority discussed the draft maps of Mumbai City & Mumbai Suburban. It was noted that draft CZMPs approved under CRZ Notification, 2011 has been updated in line with the provision of the CRZ Notification, 2019. The draft CZMPs shows the demarcation of the HTL, LTL, Hazard line along with various classifications of CRZ categories such as CRZ I, CRZ II, CRZ III and CRZ IV areas, and coastal land use maps indicates ESA areas i.e. CRZ IA with separate colour coding.

The Authority observed that certain information like fishing villages, fishing infrastructure facilities, etc is difficult to indicate clearly in 1:25000 scale CZMP. The Authority further discussed that the land use information



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pertaining to fishing villages, fishing infrastructure facilities, Highway/roads, other required information, tourism plan, if any etc could be superimposed on CZMPs in the scale of 1:4000 which is local level CZMPs to facilitate implementation of the CZMPs for local bodies. The technical scrutiny committee also recommended indicating certain information in 1:4000 scale.

The Authority also noted that Hon'ble Supreme Court is also monitoring the progress of CZMPs, under CRZ Notification, 2019.

In the light of above, the Authority after details discussions and deliberation decided that draft CZMPs (1:2500 scale) under CRZ Notification, 2019 accompanying coastal land use maps could be recommended to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval through State Government, with following conditions:

1. Land use information pertaining to fishing villages, fishing infrastructure facilities, Highway/ roads, other required information, tourism plan, if any etc could be superimposed on CZMPs in the scale of 1:4000 which is local level CZMPs to facilitate implementation of the CZMPs for local bodies.
2. Whenever there is a doubt or a likely disparity noticed in the CZMP, the concerned State or Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authority shall refer the matter to MoEFCC for a modification/rectification of the CZMP along with valid reasons for the same. The MoEFCC shall refer the matter to the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) for verification based on latest satellite imagery and ground truthing for possible modification/rectification in the CZMP, as per the guidelines of MoEF&CC, New Delhi.


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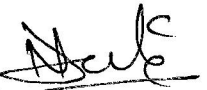

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Annexure I

List of members/officials present in the online meeting:

1. Mr. Bhushan Gagrani, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, GoM
2. Mrs. Neenu Somraj, DCF, Mangrove Cell, Member MCZMA
3. Mr. Padmakar Nandushekhar, Environment Advisor, MIDC, representative of Industries Department, Member MCZMA
4. Shri. Rajesh Padgoankar, Dy Ch.E. MCGM, Member MCZMA
5. Dr. Mahesh Shindikar, College of Engineering, Pune, Expert Member, MCZMA
6. Dr. A. K. Chaubey, NIO, Expert Member, MCZMA
7. Mr. Maruti Kudale, Ex Director, CWPRS, Expert Member, MCZMA
8. Mr. Narendra Toke, Director, Environment, Member Secretary, MCZMA


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