

# **MAHARASHTRA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

No. MCZMA-2009/ CR-50/ TC-3  
**Environment Department,  
Government of Maharashtra  
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032  
Dated the, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010**

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

WHEREAS Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) vide Gazette SO 114 (E) dated 19.2.1991 issued Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification to conserve and protect coastal environment imposing restrictions on industries, area development projects, operations and processes in the CRZ areas.

WHEREAS Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) has also constituted Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the writ petition 664 of 1993 to:

- (a) Take measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment.
- (b) Examination of proposals from CRZ point of view and give their recommendations.
- (c) Examination of proposals for changes or modification in classification of CRZ areas.
- (d) Enquire in to cases of alleged violation of the provisions of CRZ Notification, 1991 and take appropriate, decision under Environment Protection Act, 1986.
- (e) To identify ecologically, economically and highly vulnerable areas of the coastal zone and formulate area specific management plan.
- (f) Implementation of court orders related to CRZ regulations.

WHEREAS MoEF vide Notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2002 also directed that MCZMA shall have bank account in a Nationalised bank and it shall have its headquarters in Mumbai.

WHEREAS Hon'ble Supreme Court's order given in case of writ petition (C) No. 914 of 1991, D/-28-8-1996 and as per the directives given in Article 21 of Constitution of India "Environmental protection- precautionary principle and the polluter pays principle are part of the environmental law of the country".

WHEREAS as per the order of Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai given in case of 3246/2004 and 87/2006 for initiate conservation and protection measures to protect the Coastal ecosystem of Maharashtra.

AND WHEREAS Ministry of Environment and Forests vide its letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 indicated that the "Processing Fee also be charged, if necessary"

AND WHEREAS the Government of Gujarat and the Government of Tamilnadu etc. are charging processing fees in various slabs for the proposals in Coastal Regulation Zone.

WHEREAS Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority in its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and 56<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, considered the proposal of levying processing fees/ coastal conservation fund for the proposals planned in the Coastal Regulation Zone areas and the same was sent to National Coastal Zone Management Authority and Ministry of Environment & Forests for consideration.

AND WHEREAS, the issue was discussed in National Coastal Zone Management Authority in its 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at New Delhi.

AND WHEREAS the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority in its 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> meeting decided to levy "Coastal Conservation Fund" on proposals/ activities planned in Coastal Regulation Zone to carry out the functions of Coastal Zone Management Authority and to identify ecologically, economically and highly vulnerable areas of the Coastal zone and formulate area, district management and conservation plans and to undertake and strengthen Coastal Protection and Conservation programme through various agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to generate funds for all above said activities, manpower and carry out day-to-day function of the MCZMA it is decided to charge Coastal Conservation Fund on the proposals/ activities planned in Coastal Regulation Zone of Maharashtra in slabs as follows:

Investment cost	Charges
Rs. 1 to 5 crores:	Rs. 1.00 Lakh
Rs. 5 to 50 crores:	Rs. 2.00 Lakhs
Rs. 50 crores onwards:	Rs. 5.00 Lakhs

This will be applicable from 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority.

All Project Proponents are required to submit Demand Draft on the name of Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority payable at Mumbai as per the slab along with prescribed application formats. Applications without requisite Demand Draft will be considered incomplete.



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Chairman, MCZMA