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IA-III Section (CRZ)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Procedure for Clearance of Permissible Activities as per the CRZ Notification, 2019 / ICRZ Notification, 2019 -regarding.

The Ministry issued the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2019 on 18th January, 2019 and the Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Notification, 2019 on 8th March, 2019 in supersession of the CRZ Notification, 2011 and the IPZ Notification, 2011 respectively. The Ministry specified the procedure for CRZ clearance as per the CRZ/ IPZ Notification, 2011 *vide* Office Memorandum dated 26th April, 2022. The Ministry has also rolled out a fully computerised PARIVESH portal for application, appraisal and approval of projects requiring various clearances at the State and Central level. Therefore, in order to remove redundancy and bring in greater clarity in delegation of powers as per the provisions of the CRZ / ICRZ Notification, 2019, the following procedure shall be followed henceforth for appraisal and approval of projects requiring CRZ or combined Environmental Clearance (EC) and CRZ clearances under the said notifications.

2. The procedure for clearance of permissible activities as per the CRZ Notification, 2019 and ICRZ Notification, 2019 shall be as under:-

(i). The project proponents shall apply on PARIVESH portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/) along with the following set of documents for seeking prior clearance under the CRZ / ICRZ Notification, 2019 to the concerned State or the Union Territory Coastal Zone Management Authority (CZMA):-

a. Project summary details as per Annexure-V to the notification.
b. Rapid Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report including marine and terrestrial component, as applicable, except for building construction projects or housing schemes.
c. Comprehensive EIA with cumulative studies for projects, (except for building construction projects or housing schemes with built-up area less than the threshold limit stipulated for attracting the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006) if located in low and medium eroding stretches, as per the CZMP to this notification.
d. Risk Assessment Report and Disaster Management Plan, except for building construction projects or housing schemes with built-up area less than the threshold limit stipulated for attracting the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.
e. CRZ map in 1:4000 scale, drawn up by any of the agencies identified by the Ministry using the demarcation of the HTL or LTL, as carried out by NCSCM.
f. Project layout superimposed on the CRZ map duly indicating the project boundaries and the CRZ category of the project location as per the approved CZMP under this notification.
g. The CRZ map normally covering 7 km radius around the project site also indicating the CRZ-I, II, III and IV areas including other notified ecologically sensitive areas.

h. "Consent to Establish" or No Objection Certificate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board or Union territory Pollution Control Committee for the projects involving treated discharge of industrial effluents and sewage, and in case prior consent of Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee is not obtained, the same shall be ensured by the proponent before the start of the construction activity of the project, following the clearance under this notification.

(ii). The concerned State / Union Territory Coastal Zone Management Authority (CZMA) shall examine the above documents in accordance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) / Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Plans or Integrated Islands Management Plan (IIMP) in accordance with the procedure laid down and make recommendations as per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2019 / ICRZ Notification, 2019, clearly specifying the permissibility, section / clause of the notification permitting the project / activity, to the concerned authority as under :-

S. No	Scenario as per the CRZ Notification, 2019	Clearance	Approving Authority	Procedure
Projects requiring only CRZ clearance				
1	(a). All development activities or projects in CRZ-I and CRZ-IV areas except those mentioned at S. No. 2(a) below. (b). All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance, except those mentioned at S. No. 2(a) and 2 (b) below. (c). Projects in CRZ –II and III, which also traverse through CRZ–I or CRZ-IV or both. (d). Construction of sewage treatment plants in CRZ-I for the purpose of treating the sewage from the municipal area of Greater Mumbai.	Standalone CRZ	Ministry	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Application in the Ministry; ↓ Recommendation of EAC (CRZ); ↓ Clearance by the Ministry
2	(a). Stand-alone jetties, Salt works, Slipways, Temporary structures and Erosion Control Measures (like Bunds, Seawall, Groynes, Breakwaters, Submerged reef, Sand nourishment, etc.) located in CRZ-I and CRZ – IV. (b) Permissible and regulated activities which fall purely in CRZ–II and CRZ-III areas.	Standalone CRZ	CZMA	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Clearance by the CZMA

	(c) All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance mentioned at S.No. 2(a) and 2 (b).			
3	Building and construction projects located in CRZ area, which is not attracting the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.	Standalone CRZ	State/UT Planning Authority	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Approval by Concerned State's or UT's Planning Authorities
4	Self-dwelling units up to a total built up area of 300 sq.mts.	Standalone CRZ	Local Authority	Application at concerned Local Authority by the PP; ↓ Approval by the Local Authority
Projects requiring CRZ clearance and also Environmental Clearance (EC) as per the EIA Notification, 2006				
5	(a) Any project located in CRZ area that requires EC under Category 'A'. (b) All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance that requires EC under Category 'B'.	Combined EC & CRZ	Ministry	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Application for EC+CRZ at concerned Sector of the IA Division of Ministry; ↓ Comments of CRZ Sector in the Ministry; ↓ Recommendation of Sectoral EAC for EC + CRZ; ↓ Clearance (Combined) by Ministry (EC+CRZ)
6	Any project located in CRZ area that requires EC under Category 'B', except construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance.	Combined EC & CRZ	SEIAA	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Application in the concerned SEIAA; ↓

				Recommendation of SEAC for EC&CRZ; ↓ Clearance by SEIAA (EC&CRZ)
Special dispensation given to the Island areas, Municipal limits of Greater Mumbai and Critical Vulnerable Coastal Areas, not falling in the above categories shall be as specified in the Notification.				
(Refer clause 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 of the CRZ Notification, 2019)				

S. No	Scenario as per the ICRZ Notification, 2019	Clearance	Approving Authority	Procedure
Projects requiring only ICRZ clearance				
1	(a). All development activities or projects in ICRZ-I and ICRZ-IV areas except those mentioned at Para 2(a) below. (b). All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance, except those mentioned at S.No. 2(a) and 2(b) below. (c). Projects in ICRZ –II and III, which are also traversing through ICRZ–I or ICRZ-IV or both.	Standalone ICRZ	Ministry	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Application in the Ministry; ↓ Recommendation of EAC (CRZ); ↓ Clearance by the Ministry
2	(a). Stand-alone jetties, Salt works, Slipways, Temporary structures and Erosion Control Measures (like Bunds, Seawall, Groynes, Breakwaters, Submerged reef, Sand nourishment, etc.) located in ICRZ-I and ICRZ –IV. (b). Permissible and regulated activities which fall purely in ICRZ–II and ICRZ-III areas. (c). All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance mentioned at S.No. 2(a) and 2(b).	Standalone ICRZ	CZMA	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Clearance by the CZMA

3	Building and construction projects located in ICRZ area, which is not attracting the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.	Standalone ICRZ	State/UT Planning Authority	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Approval by Concerned UT's Planning Authorities
4	Self-dwelling units up to a total built up area of 300 sq.mts.	Standalone ICRZ	Local Authority	Application at concerned Local Authority by the PP; ↓ Approval by the Local Authority
Projects requiring ICRZ clearance and also Environmental Clearance (EC) as per the EIA Notification, 2006				
5	(a) Any project located in ICRZ area that requires EC under Category 'A' (b) All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance that requires EC under Category 'B'	Combined EC & ICRZ	Ministry	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Application for EC+CRZ at concerned Sector of the IA Division of Ministry; ↓ Comments of CRZ Sector in the Ministry; ↓ Recommendation of Sectoral EAC for EC + CRZ; ↓ Clearance (Combined) by Ministry (EC+CRZ)
6	Any project located in ICRZ area that requires EC under Category 'B', except all construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or National Defence or Strategic or Security importance	Combined EC & ICRZ	SEIAA	Application at CZMA by the PP; ↓ Recommendation of CZMA; ↓ Application in the concerned SEIAA; ↓ Recommendation of SEAC for EC&CRZ; ↓ Clearance by SEIAA (EC&CRZ)
(Refer clause 4, 6, 7 and 8 of the ICRZ Notification, 2019)				

3. The State / UT CZMA shall forward its recommendation on the permissible activities as per the CRZ Notification, 2019 / ICRZ Notification, 2019 to the concerned authorities, clearly mentioning the CRZ area in which the project is located / passing through, section / clause under which the activity is permissible, conditions if any, and along with all the statutory documents as mentioned in para 2(i) above.

4. In case, the CZMA desires to consider an activity which is not explicitly mentioned in the notification or not permissible, such recommendations shall be forwarded with detailed justification to the Ministry for consideration.

5. In case the Coastal Zone Management Authorities (CZMA) are not in existence due to delay in their reconstitution or any other reasons, then it shall be responsibility of the Department of Environment in the State Government or Union Territory Administration, for providing comments and recommendation to the proposals in terms of the provisions of the said notification, to the concerned authority, as the case may be.

6. The Category A projects requiring comments of the CRZ Sector shall be forwarded along with all the statutory documents as mentioned in para 2(i) before consideration of the project by the Sectoral EACs. The Sectoral EAC shall appraise the project for composite EC and CRZ clearance based on the comments of the CRZ Sector and CZMA recommendations. In case, the Sectoral EAC is same for appraisal of the projects for both EC and CRZ clearance, the comments of the CRZ sector need not be required.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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To

1. The Principal Secretary, Environment Department of Coastal State's / UT's.
2. The Chairman, SEIAA of Coastal State's / UT's.
3. The Chairman, SEAC of Coastal State's / UT's.
4. The Chairman, SCZMA / UTCZMA.
5. The Member Secretary, SCZMA / UTCZMA.
6. The Chairman, EAC's (MoEFCC).
7. The Director (IA-Policy) /The Director (PARIVESH / CPC), MoEFC.
8. The Member Secretary, All EAC (IA-Division), MoEFCC

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