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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक(वन संरक्षण)/नोडल अधिकारी,

वन(संरक्षण) अधिनियम/सदस्य सचिव, अण्डमान तथा निकोबार तटवर्ती अंचल प्रबंध प्राधिकरण

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पोर्ट ब्लेयर/Port Blair, दिनांक/Dated 20th February, 2018

सेवा में/To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
(DP/MB/MA/BT/HL/SA/LA/ND)

विषय/Sub: **Approval for Allotment of Sea Sand from identified sand accreting sites in non eco-sensitive zones of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in Phase-II - Reg:-**

महोदय/Sir,

The Ministry has conveyed approval for sand extraction in Phase-II for Andaman and Nicobar Islands vide letter No. F. No. 19-130/2017 IA-III dated 26th December, 2017 based on the report submitted by Institute of Ocean Management (IOM), Chennai to Ministry, recommending extraction of sand from relatively less non-eco-sensitive and accreting zones in 17 identified beaches. The quantity of sand recommended for extraction in (Phase-II) during the year 2017-18 is **9572 Cum** from the identified locations in South Andaman, Havelock, Middle Andaman and Great Nicobar division.

Further, the total quantity of sand which was not lifted/collected by different division as per the allotment made in Phase-I are **3179.95 Cum**.

The issue of allotment of sea sand was discussed in the Andaman and Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority meeting held on 29/01/2018 and it has been decided by the authority to make allotment of sea sand immediately including the quantity of sand which was not lifted as allotted in Phase-I.

Further, the Authority opined that **500 cbm** of sand should be kept with Nodal Office for issuance of the same to the PRI's of different forest division as per their demands.

The allotment of sea sand to different forest division for allotment to the general public is given below:

Location wise sand extraction approved by MoEF&CC & allotment of sand to different Forest Division.

Table-1

S.No	Name of the Division	Location Name	Extractable sand availability approved by MoEF&CC (in Cum)	Allotment proposed for extraction to the division concerned (in Cum)	Allotment to other division (in Cum)
1	Middle Andaman	Lalaji Beach	494*	444	-

2	Havelock	1.Vijay Nagar Beach	220	613	-
		1.Bharatpur Beach	443		
Total			663#		
3	South Andaman	1.Badabalu Beach	260	404	-
		2.Kurmadera Beach	194		
		3.Mowvadera Beach	638		
	a. Rutland	1.Machidera Beach	102	771	-
		2.Photonallah Beach	1235		MB-600
		3.Lighthouse Beach	134		-
Total			2563#		
5	Great Nicobar	1.Laxman Beach	1565	5777	-
		2.B-Querry Beach	1200		
		3.Laxminagar Beach	1005		
		4.Gandhi Nagar Beach	843		
		5.Shastrri Nagar Beach	1239		
Total			5852#		
Grand Total			9572	8009	1213

Allotment of sand not lifted (Phase-I)

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	Location Name	Quantity of Sand not lifted	Allotment proposed for extraction to the division concerned (in Cum)	Allotment to other division (in Cum)
1.	Little Andaman	'0' Km Jetty	2001.1#	1926.1	-
		6.5 Km Netaji Nagar Site - I			
		6.5 Km Netaji Nagar Site - II			
2.	Middle Andaman	Long Island Site-I	272	272	-
3.	Diglipur	Diglipur Site-I	906.85#	831.85#	-
		Diglipur Site-II			

100 cbm from allotment to South Andaman Division, 75 cbm each from allotment to Diglipur, Little Andaman and Great Nicobar Division, 50 cbm each from allotment to Havelock, Middle Andaman and Mayabunder Division and 25 cbm from allotment to Baratang Division is kept with Nodal Office for distribution to PRI's of the respective Division.

The Divisional Forest Officer will make allotment subject to the following conditions:

1. The extraction of recommended quantity of sand should be done in a phased manner instead of removing of entire quantity of sand in a single lot. The care should be taken so that slope and morphology of the beach is not totally obliterated. The sand extraction should be carried out using manual method.
2. The area to be mined should be studied for atleast for one year during and after completion of sand extraction by collecting beach profile data in different season in order to ascertain that the beach continues to be accreting in nature. Thereafter, based on data obtained the decision to mine for subsequent years should be taken.
3. The total quantity of sand to be mined should be fixed taking into consideration Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 07th May 2002 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995.
4. The individuals be allotted sand from the identified sites as indicated above upto a maximum of 5 Cum or their actual requirement whichever is less. The priority should be given to the economically weaker sections followed by others.
5. The monitoring and reporting would be strictly done by the Divisional Forest Officers.
6. The entire process of collection of sand and transportation to the destination shall be regulated by the Divisional Forest Officers as per the following guidelines:
 - I. The total quantity of sand to be collected from identified sites in the division shall not exceed the upper limit of the quantity fixed, which is available for safe ecological collection.
 - II. The Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure that no collection of sand is carried out by the allottees from sites other than sites identified and demarcated on ground by the division.
 - III. Collection of sand from the identified sites shall be carried out manually and on the basis of the mining plan with adequate environmental safeguards to prevent any damage to the sensitive coastal eco-systems including corals, turtles, crocodile, birds nesting sites and protected areas.
 - IV. Collection of sand from the identified sites shall be carried out by the allottees only after obtaining permits from the Divisional Forest Officer concerned on payment of the royalty.
 - V. Transportation of sand from the collection sites(s) to the work sites(s) shall only be permitted after obtaining transit pass from the officer authorized by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned for the purpose.
 - VI. Transportation of sand through the route other than that specified in the transit pass shall not be allowed. However, re-transportation of sand from fixed unloading points to final destination shall be allowed after obtaining transit pass from the authorized officers of the division having jurisdiction over the loading/unloading points.
 - VII. Since the allotment of sand is permitted only to meet the bonafide requirements of the allottee, sale/transfer of the allotted quantity of sand for purpose other than the purpose for which it has been allotted, shall render the allottees liable to be debarred from collection of the balance quantity, if any, as also the allotments to be made in future. The Divisional Forest Officer concerned shall verify the authenticity of the documents prior to issuance of allotment order.
 - VIII. Sand profile during different monsoon seasons should be established by survey instruments of every 200 m interval for long beaches.
 - IX. The position of shoreline should also be established by GPS survey and their seasonal variation has to be documented.

- X. During and after extraction of the recommended sand profiling and shoreline monitoring should be continued and the impact of mining on the shoreline should be examined by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- XI. The mining activity and the environmental safeguard taken shall be monitored by a committee constituted by the Lt. Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration consisting of:
- 1) The Chief Secretary, A & Administration.
 - 2) The Secretary, Department of Environment.
 - 3) The Secretary, Department of Water Resources.
 - 4) The Secretary, Andaman Public Works Department.
 - 5) Representative from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bhubaneswar and
 - 6) Representative of Non Government Organization based at Andaman and Nicobar.

The return of collection of sand from each site shall be submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer's concerned on monthly basis in prescribed format by 05th of following month.

This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Jayshree Ardey Chauhan
20/02/2018

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अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक / Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
(तटवर्ती अंचल एवं वन संरक्षण / CZ & FC)

सदस्य सचिव, अण्डमान तथा निकोबार तटवर्ती अंचल प्रबंध प्राधिकरण
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प्रतिलिपि / Copy to:

1. SPS to the Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
2. SPS to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (ANI) and Principal Secretary (E&F) for kind information of the PCCF(ANI) and Principal Secretary (E&F).
3. SPS to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) for kind information.
4. Secretary, Environment, A & N Administration for kind information.
5. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (P&D)/(A&V) for kind information.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) for kind formation and necessary action.
7. The Chief Conservator of Forests (R&WP/D&U) for information.
8. The Conservator of Forests (HQ) for information and necessary action. He is requested to display the allotment of sea sand on the Notice Board of PCCF's office, Van Sadan, Haddo.
9. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (P&M)/(Silva)/(WL)/(MD) for information.
10. The Assistant Conservator of Forests (GIS Cell) for information and necessary action. He is directed to upload this allotment order on the website of the Department of Environment & Forest.
11. Spare copies.