

KERALA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Sub:- Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (KCZMA) – CRZ Notification 2011 – Constitution of District Level Committee to enforce and monitor the provisions of the CRZ Notification – Functions of the District Level Committees – regarding.

Ref:- (1) Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 2011 issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF), Government of India, vide S.O. 19(E) dated 06-01-2011.

(2) S.O. 2843(E) dated 20-12-2011 of the MoEF, GoI.

(3) G.O.(Rt) No. 69/2013/S&TD dated 12.12.2013.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India as per the first reference cited above in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), with a view to ensure livelihood security to the fisher communities and other local communities, living in the coastal areas, to conserve and protect coastal stretches, its unique environment and its marine area and to promote development through sustainable manner based on scientific principles taking into account the dangers of natural hazards in the coastal areas, sea level rise due to global warming, have declared as per the reference first cited the coastal stretches of the country and the water area upto its territorial water limit, excluding the islands of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep and the marine areas surrounding these islands upto its territorial limit, as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ).

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections(1) and (3) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the Act), the Central Government have constituted the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority vide the notification second cited.

As per section (II) sub-section (iii) of the notification 2nd cited, the State Government or the Union Territory of Coastal Zone Management Authorities shall primarily be responsible for enforcing and monitoring of the CRZ notification and to assist in this task, the Sate Government and the Union Territory shall constitute District

Level Committees under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate concerned containing at least three representatives of local traditional coastal communities including the fisher folk.

In compliance with the requirements as per the notification, the State Government have constituted the District Level Committees in the ten (10) Coastal Districts of Kerala as per the order 3rd cited.

Pursuantly, the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (KCZMA) issues the following guidelines on the powers and functions of the District Level Committees:

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| 1. District Magistrate (District Collector) | : | Chairman |
| 2. Representative of Local Traditional Community | : | Member |
| 3. Representative of Local Traditional Community | : | Member |
| 4. Representative of Local Traditional Community | : | Member |
| 5. Deputy Director of Panchayats | : | Member |
| 6. Assistant Conservator of Forest | : | Member |
| 7. District Town Planner | : | Member Secretary |

Powers and functions of the District Level Committees

1. The District Level Committee shall assist the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority for enforcement and monitoring of the CRZ Notification, 2011, in matters pertaining to the respective districts.
2. The District Level Committee shall verify the complaints regarding CRZ violations in their respective jurisdiction, submit reports to the KCZMA for further action and take necessary actions as directed by the KCZMA from time to time.
3. The KCZMA may give directions to the District Level Committee for the effective implementation and monitoring of activities under the CRZ Notification 2011.
4. The District Level Committee shall submit reports about the action taken based on the directions/instructions received from the KCZMA, in all cases where such reports are due.
5. The committee shall have the powers to take measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment including preventing, abating and controlling of environmental pollution in the coastal areas of the District.

6. The committee shall take time bound steps for identification of violations of the provisions of the CRZ Notification and the approved CZMP thereunder, for action under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. The committee shall identify violations in CRZ-I areas (i.e. encroachment on Mangroves, beaches, intertidal areas and other ecologically sensitive areas), CRZ-II areas and CRZ-III areas, within their respective jurisdiction and initiate action under Section 19 of the Act, under the powers delegated to the District Collector under the Act in their respective jurisdiction.
8. The committee shall report the details of the identified violations including action taken thereon to the KCZMA.
9. The committee shall be responsible for removal of encroachments and unauthorized structures in coastal areas of CRZ-I, CRZ-II, CRZ-III and CRZ-IV, *Suo Moto* or as directed by the KCZMA or as per Court directions. The District Collector being the Chairman of the Committee shall exercise powers as vested in him to recover cost from unauthorized constructions, in case of demolition or removal by Government or Local Bodies.
10. The committee shall also identify the areas under its jurisdiction which need special conservation and protection measures and recommend to the KCZMA for further action. If required, the committee may consult or obtain opinion of experts, institutes, universities, etc, in the field in this regard.
11. The Member Secretary of the committee shall be the District Town Planning Officer, who shall maintain all records and make correspondence on behalf of the Committee.
12. The committee may also take on priority the issues/complaints of coastal communities including fishermen on matters related to coastal zone conservation and management and if necessary may report the matter to the KCZMA for appropriate further action.
13. The committee shall undertake review of cases involving violation of the provisions of the Act and the rules thereunder, or under any other Act, rules, orders or circulars as the case may be for the time being in force which are related to the CRZ, and if necessary, refer such cases, to the KCZMA with recommendations.
14. The committee shall take up cases *Suo Moto* or on the basis of complaints made by individuals or representative body or based on newspaper report or as directed by the KCZMA or any organization or any Member of the Committee. The

committee may refer cases to the KCZMA for appropriate action, if needed. The committee shall submit its action taken report on complaints to the KCZMA.

15. The committee shall identify Ecologically Sensitive Areas in the CRZ and report to the KCZMA and assist the KCZMA to formulate area specific management plan.
16. The committee may seek the assistance of Police in removing encroachments, unauthorized and illegal structures from CRZ areas, in case of identified violations, after issue of notice for removing such violations or as per directions of the KCZMA.
17. The materials and assets forfeited or confiscated at the site of violation may be disposed of as per the provisions of law/rules/orders governing the matter.
18. An appeal against the decision of the District Level Committee shall lie to the KCZMA.
19. The committee shall provide all assistance and shall co-ordinate preparation of CZMP of the district and mapping of hazard line in the coastal areas as per the direction of the State and Central Governments.
20. The District Level Committees shall comply with any other condition/s as may be issued generally or specifically by the KCZMA.
21. The committee shall meet periodically, but not less than once in a calendar month.
22. The committee shall send minutes of the meeting immediately on conclusion of the meetings to the Member Secretary, KCZMA, Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram 695 004.
23. The committee shall specifically be responsible to ensure that all the coastal Grama Panchayat, Municipalities and Municipal Corporations within its jurisdiction have approval Coastal Zone Management Plan.
24. Notwithstanding any of the above, the KCZMA shall have powers to modify, alter and amend any of the above as and when required

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Dr. K.K. RAMACHANDRAN,
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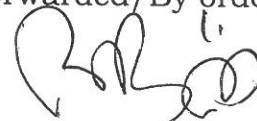
- 1) District Collectors, Thiruvananthapuram / Kollam / Alappuzha / Kottayam / Ernakulam / Thrissur / Malappuram / Kozhikode / Kannur / Kasargod. (with C/L)
- 2) All Members of the District Level Committee.
- 3) The Principal Secretary, Industries Department. (Member, KCZMA)
- 4) The Principal Secretary, Local Self Government. (Member, KCZMA)

- 5) The Principal Secretary, Environment Department. (Member, KCZMA)
- 6) The Principal Secretary, Revenue Department. (Member, KCZMA)
- 7) The Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department. (Member, KCZMA)
- 8) The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Trivandrum. (Member, KCZMA)
- 9) The Director, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Aakkulam, TVPM. (Member, KCZMA)
- 10) Dr. K.Padmakumar, Professor, Aquatic Biology, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram-695 581. (Member, KCZMA)
- 11) Dr. A. Ramachandran, Registrar, Industrial Fisheries, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala-682022. (Member, KCZMA)
- 12) Sri. Baby John, Director, Malabar Coastal Institute for Training Research and Action (MCITRA), 'Arpana', Paropady, Marykunnu.P.O, Kozhikode - 673 012. (Member, KCZMA).
- 13) Director of Panchayath, Thiruvananthapuram (Communicate copy of this G.O to Secretaries of all Coastal Panchyat).
- 14) Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram (Communicate copy of this G.O to Secretaries of all Corporations and all Coastal Municipalities).
- 15) Deputy Director of Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram/ Kollam/ Alappuzha/ Ernakulam /Kottayam/ Thrissur/Malappuram/ Kozhikode/ Kannur/Kasargod.
- 16) Director, PRD (for uploading to the Govt. Website)
- 17) The Member Secretary, KSCSTE, Sasthra Bhavan Pattom, TVM-4.

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2. Additional Secretary to the Chief Secretary (bring this to the kind attention of C.S).
3. P.A to Additional Chief Secretary (Environment).
4. P.A to Principal Secretary (LSGD).
5. P.A to Principal Secretary (Fisheries & Port).
6. P.A to Principal Secretary (Revenue).
7. P.A to Ex-Officio Principal Secretary Science & Technology.
8. P.A to Chairman, KCZMA.
9. P.A to Member Secretary, KCZMA (for information and to provide this G.O to KCZMA Website www.keralaczma.gov.in).
10. P.A to Joint Secretary, S&T Department.
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