MINUTES OF THE 200th MEETING OF EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO COASTAL REGULATION ZONE HELD ON 15th OCTOBER, 2018 AT INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, NEW DELHI.

The 200th Meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee for projects related to Coastal Regulation Zone was held on 15.10.2018 at Brahamputra Conference Hall, Vayu Wing, 1st Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi. The members present were:

1. Dr. Deepak Arun Apte - Chairman
2. Dr. V. K. Jain - Member
3. Dr. N. K. Verma - Member
4. Dr. Manoranjan Hota - Member
5. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh - Member
6. Shri. N. K. Gupta - Member
7. Smt. Bindu Manghat - Member

Dr. M.V. Ramana Murthy, Shri T. P. Singh, Shri Prabhakar Singh, Shri Narendra Surana, Dr. Mohan Singh Panwar, Dr. Anuradha Shukla and Shri Sanjay Singh were absent.

Also in attendance: Shri W. Bharat Singh, Addl. Director, MoEFCC and Dr. Bhawana Kapkoti Negi, Technical Officer, MoEFCC. The deliberations held and the decisions taken are as under:

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The committee was informed that in the minutes of the 188th meeting held on 13.04.2018, item no. 3.5 at point no. (i) the plot area has been inadvertently mentioned as 2170 sq.m instead of 12170 sq.m. The committee agreed that the typographical error may be corrected and necessary amendment of the clearance if already issued, may be done mentioning the total plot area as 12170 sq.m.

The Committee was also informed that in the minutes of the 198th meeting held on 17.09.2018, at item no. 3.4 pertaining to CIDCO, at para no. 4 there has been few typographical errors viz: (i) the figures 6.65 ha is to be read as 16.65 ha and the figure 3.35 ha is to be read as 13.6 ha.; (ii) the figures 2.23 ha is to be read as 2.65 ha and the figure 1.91 ha is to be read as 2.23 ha. The Committee agreed that these typographical errors may be rectified as mentioned above. The Committee having noted that the minutes of the 198th meeting are otherwise in order confirmed the same.

3.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS:

3.1 Proposal for construction of training walls for permanent stability of Bar mouth at Pulicat Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu by Fisheries Department, Tamil Nadu [F.No.11-24/2018-I.A.III]- CRZ Clearance reg.

The proposal of Fisheries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu is for a construction of training walls for permanent stability of bar mouth for free flow of vessels in
Pulicat Lake, at Pulicat Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu. The project proponent made a presentation and provided the following information:

i) The length of north training wall will be 160 m and south training wall will be 150 m. Depth will be 4.5 m.

ii) Capital dredging is involved and the width of the dredging between North and South Training Walls will be 30-50 m, and depth of about 3 m.

iii) The project also involves construction of two short groins located in adjacent to the North side of the training wall, average length of 50 m and 4 m width.

iv) The project area falls in CRZ-I and CRZ-IV as per the CRZ demarcation map.

v) The CRZ map indicating HTL, LTL demarcation in 1:4000 scale with the proposed site superimposed on the map has been prepared by Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Chennai.

vi) A small area will be utilised temporarily for construction of sheds for the workers and materials. Water supply and sanitation facilities will be provided for them.

vii) During construction phase construction materials will be transported by well-maintained vehicles to control noise, vibration and emissions.

viii) The benefit of the project can be described that continues access of the vessel for fishermen to do traditional fishing in all the seasons. It will also increase fishing activity in the lake and support fishermen livelihood thereby increase social and economical status.

ix) The total cost of the project is about Rs 27.0 crores.

x) TN CZMA has recommended the project vide its letter No P1/2045/2017, dated 08.12.2017.

2. The Committee was informed that the proposal is a ‘B’ Category to be dealt by SEIAA but since SEIAA of Tamil Nadu is not in existence, the same has been taken up at the Centre.

3. The Committee was informed by one its member that there is an unresolved dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu with the South Zone Council of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Committee observed that the project in all likelihood may alter the entire flow regime of the Pulicat Lake and the ecological consequence of opening the mouth leading to massive sea water ingress may change the entire regime of the lake. The Committee observed that since capital dredging is involved, the project entails Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006, in addition to CRZ Clearance and therefore the CRZ Committee has no jurisdiction. The Committee further noted that Pulicat lake is a national as well as internationally important wetland (identified as an Important Bird Area by BNHS and BirdLife International) hosting large congregations of bird and any un-scientific interventions like opening of mouth may have severe impacts on the lagoon ecology. In the absence of a detailed marine EIA study the proposal is pre-mature for consideration either by SEIAA or by Infra-II Sector in the Ministry.

4. The Committee finally agreed that the project proponent may approach the concerned sector with upfront details of inter-state issue and with requisite documents and procedural requirements under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006. Accordingly, the proposal was dropped.
3.2 Proposal for Bitumen Storage and handling at Deendayal Port Trust (Formerly Kandla Port Trust), Gandhidham, Kutch, Gujarat by M/s Aadesh Brine Pvt. Ltd. [F.No. 11-25/2018-IA.III]- CRZ Clearance reg.

The proposal of Aadesh Brine Pvt. Ltd. is for Bitumen Storage and handling at Deendayal Port Trust (Formerly Kandla Port Trust), in Gandhidham, Kutch District, in Gujarat. The project proponent made a presentation and provided the following information:

i) The site is located at Kandla Port at approximate Latitude 23° 01’ 39.77” N and longitude 70° 13’ 10.08” E in Gandhidham Taluka, in Kutch District, Gujarat.

ii) The total area of the project site is 2795 sq.m.

iii) The site has existing storage tank which was previously used by Deendayal Port Trust for handling of Ballast water. Ballast water tank operation continued till 2004 and later stopped. The same will be dismantled and proposed storage tanks for Bitumen installed.

iv) The proposed activity involves laying of pipeline falls in CRZ-I(A) and installation of Bitumen storage tanks in CRZ-III as per map prepared by IRS, Anna University, Chennai.

v) The CRZ map indicating HTL, LTL demarcation in 1:4000 scale with the proposed site superimposed on the map has been prepared by Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Chennai.

vi) Total water consumption will be about 5.2 KLD and will be sourced from tankers.

vii) Waste water will be send to M/s Saurashtra Enviro Projects Private Limited (SEPPL) for treatment.

viii) Total waste water generation from the unit will be 5 KLD including domestic sewage (2.0 KLD) and oily wash water (3.0 KLD).

ix) The power sourced from Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited (PGVCL), which is 475 KV. Two diesel Generator sets (600 KVA & 60 KVA) will provide at site for back up power.

x) Disposal of hazardous/incinerable waste (i.e., used oil, pig waste, ETP sludge and waste oil) will be treated in ETP at site for primary treatment and then send to M/s Saurashtra Enviro Projects Private Limited for treatment.

xi) The expected cost of the project is about Rs. 15.0 crores.

xii) GCZMA has recommended the project vide its letter No.ENV-10-2018-38-E, dated 10.08.2018.

2. The Committee noted that bitumen storage is not amongst the items of petroleum and chemical products listed in Annexure-II of the CRZ Notification, 2011, which are permitted for storage in the CRZ areas except CRZ-I(A). The Committee also noted that the project proponent has not submitted statutorily required documents as prescribed in para no.4.2 of the extant CRZ regulations, in particular Risk Assessment Report and Management Plan.

3. In view of the above, the Committee declined to appraise the proposal and decided that the proposal be delisted from the pending list and file closed. The Committee agreed that the project proponent may apply afresh once enabling provision for its consideration under the CRZ Notification, 2011 is in place.
RECONSIDERATION

3.3 Proposed Construction of Resort on Plot Bearinggut No.31/1,30/2/3(C+E), Mauje Chandranagar, Tal: Dapoli, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra by M/s Dajikaka Gadgil- [F. No. 11-17/2018-IA.III]- reg.

3.4 Proposed Resort on Plot Bearing No.79/1A,79/1B,79/1C (3),79/2,88/43,88/44, Mauje Karde, Tal. Dapoli, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra by M/s Dajikaka Gadgil - [F. No. 11-18/2015-IA.III]- reg.

3.5 Proposed Resort on Plot Bearing Gut No. 31/3, 35/1B,109/19,110/1, Mauje Chandranagar, Tal: Dapoli, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra by M/s Dajikaka Gadgil - [F. No. 11-19/2015-IA.III]- reg.

The above three items are re-considered in sequel as the issue for which the proposal were required to be brought back before the Committee are same and belong to the same project proponent.

2. These proposals were recommended for CRZ Clearances by the Committee in its 194th Meeting held on 27.07.2018 with a note that water balance diagrams/charts/tables be submitted to the Ministry. The same was received only on 24.09.2018 and while processing the file it was observed that there are glaring mismatch in the information provided such as water requirement indicated, the capacity of STP and water re-use / recycling etc.

3. In view of the above, the matter was taken up and the Committee endorsed the observation/information provided by the Secretariat in the Ministry. The project proponent made a presentation on the limited issues. The Committee noted that the discrepancies in the water requirement, STP capacity and water balance and now revised by the project proponent are submitted to the Ministry. The Committee observed that in so far as its earlier recommendation for CRZ Clearance of the three proposals are concerned, it stand by its recommendations and the Ministry may now proceed with further action for its consideration for CRZ clearance. The Committee however added that the project proponent shall install MBBR system of STP in all the three proposals.

There being no other agenda item, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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