

Proceedings of the hearing pertaining to suggestions and objections received from the applicants of Daman District with respect to CRZ Draft Notification Dated 04/03/2014 of Daman on 21.11.2015 chaired by the Development Commissioner and Secretary (Environment and Forests)/ Chairman DDCZMA Shri Sandeep Kumar, IAS:

1. The CF, DD and DNH Shri Debendra Dalai, IFS welcomed the Chairman DDCZMA and the audience who had come to attend the hearing pertaining to suggestions and objections received from the applicants of Daman District .He stressed on the fact that the hearing is being held in response to the Draft CZMP of Daman Dtd 04/03/2014, primarily for the purpose of getting a better understanding of the suggestions/objections already filed by the applicants of Daman District, so, as to reach to a pragmatic solution to the issues for the holistic development of Daman District taking adequate care for the protection of the coastline . It was also to develop a generalised opinion on CRZ issues and to come out with a fruitful and meaningful conclusion.
The Chairman welcomed the audience and started with the proceedings.
2. At the outset the Development Commissioner and Secretary (Environment and Forests) /Chairman DDCZMA briefed the public about the 2014 Draft CZMP Notification pertaining to Daman. He stated that the validity for CZMP of 1996 which is based on 1991 CRZ Notification has been extended till January, 2016 and that CRZ-I, CRZ-II, CRZ-III and CRZ-IV have been already defined by the Government of India. He broadly reiterated details of Government of India's CRZ-I, CRZ-II, CRZ-III and CRZ-IV to the public. He mentioned that CZMP and the map are both currently in the draft stage.
3. The following suggestions were made during the hearing:
 - a. Shri Vishal Tandel, requested to reduce or completely remove the stipulated distance of 200 mts with respect to forts. It was suggested that this distance could at best be kept upto 100 meters. Members of Engineer's Association added that as per para 7 of CRZ Notification, 2011 of Government of India, CRZ -I is described as those areas which are ecologically sensitive and the geomorphologic features of which play a role in maintaining the integrity of the coast. It was commented that areas surrounding forts and the fort itself

does not fall under the purview of the above mentioned description of CRZ-I A.

- b. With respect to the riverine system in Daman wherein the setback distance is set at 100 meters or width of creek / river, it was suggested by the Engineer's Association that the same be relaxed or removed altogether.
- c. Shri Vishal Tandel stressed that the mangroves were not actually present along the entire stretch of the river. Rather they were attached to the river in patches sporadically. It was therefore suggested that only those locations where mangroves and mudflats were associated with the river should be considered for CRZ-I. The remaining areas could be considered for CRZ-II and CRZ-III.
- d. It was requested by Shri J. M. Dali that the creeks and estuaries be excluded from CRZ-I altogether.
- e. The Engineer's Association suggested that only the actual width of mangrove should be considered for CRZ-I and applicability of CRZ-I should not be beyond the outer border of the mangrove patches towards landward side.
- f. Considering the increase in population which has reached almost to 2 lakh today, the pressure on the land has always been on the increase. Based on this, a point was raised by Shri Vasu Patel, Shri Dali and Shri B. M. Machhi that for development to occur, even the Panchayat land which is proposed under CRZ-III with 60 meters NO DEVELOPMENT ZONE, be considered under CRZ-II. Maximum amount of available land should therefore be rationally put forward for developmental activities. In cases where the 60 meters NO DEVELOPMENT ZONE is not possible, it could be further reduced to half i.e. 30 meters. It was added further that there should be synchronization of Town Planning Map with the CRZ categories.
- g. One opinion from the public was that at least the Census Towns like Kachigam, Kadaiya, Marwad, Bhimpore etc which are on riverine and sea coasts should be considered for CRZ-II.

- h. Shri Vasu Patel also referred to certain areas in Maharashtra like the *Gaothans* which are reclassified from the existing CRZ-III to CRZ-II. Similar relaxation could also be taken up in Daman.
- i. Shri Vasu Patel also stated that as on today, out of the total 72 Sq. kms land available in Daman, only 32.85 % area is available for developmental activities. Increasing further pressure by CRZ norms on this small extent of land would restrict the development in the times to come. Therefore the entire CRZ-III area could be converted to CRZ-II.
4. Before the conclusion of the hearing, Conservator of Forests, Daman & Diu and DNH commented that the Government of India is demarcating HTL for the entire coastline of the country. This HTL of Daman will be synchronised with the adjoining States and only then a discrete HTL will be available for physical demarcation on ground.
5. The Development Commissioner and Secretary (Environment and Forests) / Chairman DDCZMA assured that considering all the suggestions and objections of people and the legal frame work of the CRZ Notification at the same time, a best CZM Plan would be structured and submitted to the GOI for approval.

The proceedings ended with thanks to the chair.



(Pradeep Wahule, IFS)

Deputy Conservator of Forests,

MS, DDCZMA

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1. The Development Commissioner and Secretary (Env & Forests)/Chairman, DDCZMA for his kind perusal please.
2. The Conservator of Forests, DD & DNH for information please.
3. To all participants.

Enclosed: List of Participants at Annexure-I

List of Participants:

1. Shri K R Patel
2. Shri Bipinchandra Patel
3. Shri Vijay Desai
4. Shri Umesh
5. Dr. Hitendra Patel
6. Shri Naresh Tandel
7. Shri Rajesh Tandel
8. Shri Vishal
9. Shri Vijay Patel
10. Sanjiv Kamli
11. Shri Bharatbhai Tank
12. Shri Paresh
13. Shri B M Machhi
14. Shri Bakul Desai
15. Shri Premabhai
16. Shri Bhagwanbhai Damania
17. Shri Ganesh Tandel
18. Shri Budhiabhai Tank
19. Dr. Jignesh Kapadia
20. Shri Gajanand Patel
21. Shri Tandel Dharmendra
22. Shri Prakash
23. Shri Vasubhai Patel
24. Shri Sanjay Dalal
25. Shri Ishwar Patel
26. Shri Ramesh
27. Shri Deepesh
28. Shri Manoj Bagan
29. Shri Shailesh
30. Miss Komal Dave
31. Shri Jitesh
32. Shri Jayanti
33. Shri Ishwar
34. Shri J M Dali
35. Shri Daman Muslim Association
36. Shri Mahesh Ranchor
37. Shri Pramod Damania
38. Shri Suhail Nayani

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