

Agenda notes for the 26th meeting of the Odisha Coastal Zone Management Authority (OCZMA) scheduled on 15.10.2015 at 10:00 am

A. Confirmation of the minutes of the 25th meeting of OCZMA.

The minutes of the 25th meeting of OCZMA were sent to all the members vide letter No 53 dated 06.08.2015. Since no response has been received, the minutes may be treated as confirmed.

B. Compliance of the 25th meeting of Odisha Coastal Zone Management Authority (OCZMA) held on 21.07.2015.

Sl. No.	Project / Project Proponent	Decision taken	Compliance
1	Construction of an Offshore Breakwater at Paradip Port by Paradip Port Trust	Based on the compliance submitted by the project proponent, Authority took decision to seek additional information from the proponent on: I. Impact of excavation / construction / dredging on flora and fauna at the project site. II. Waste Disposal Plan III. Modelling study to assess the possible impact on shoreline stability (coastal erosion) near the project area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision of the committee was communicated to the project proponent vide Letter No. 82 Dt. 26.08.2015. No additional information has been received so far from the project proponent.
2	Construction of Hotel at Puri for Peerless Hotels Ltd.	Dropped	The decision of the Authority was communicated to the project proponent vide Letter No.86 Dt. 31.08.2015.
3	CRZ Clearance for Reconstruction of holiday home cum guest house at Sipasurubuli	Authority took decision to seek clarification from the project proponent on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision of the committee was communicated to the

	Mouza, Puri by M/s Prabhukrupa Estates and Properties, Bhubaneswar	<p>I. Abstraction of groundwater</p> <p>II. Location of project site beyond Puri Municipality area</p> <p>The Authority also decided that H&UD Dept. would be requested to furnish a report especially with reference to applicability of the court orders on prevailing local town planning regulations in CRZ-II area of Puri for consideration of the proposal.</p>	<p>project proponent vide Letter No.85 Dt. 31.08.2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project proponent submitted the compliance. The decision of the committee was communicated to the H&UD Dept. vide letter no.91/OCZMA Dt. 07.09.2015 and reminder ommunicated vide letter no.98/OCZMA Dt. 06.10.2015. No reply received so far.
4	Reconstruction housing project at Agastinuagaon, Block-Chhatrapur, District-Ganjam Odisha Disaster Recovery Project (ODRP) by Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA).	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 71/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015
5	Change of site for construction of community resilient houses in Bhamarakudi village, Ganjam Block in Ganjam district under Odisha Disaster Recovery Project (ODRP) by Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA).	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project.	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 73/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015

6	Construction of Multipurpose Flood Shelter at Ekamania, Block-Aul, District Kendrapara under Chief Ministers Relief Fund (CMRF) by OSDMA.	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 78/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015
7	Construction of Multipurpose Flood Shelter at Badaanla, Block-Krushnaprasad, in Puri District under Chief Ministers Relief Fund (CMRF) by OSDMA.	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 80/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015
8	Construction of Multipurpose Cyclone Shelter at Gopalpur, Block-Rangeilunda, in Ganjam District under Chief Ministers' Relief Fund (CMRF) by OSDMA.	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 75/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015 with a recommendation to Berhampur Development Authority to take necessary action for grant of permission
9	Construction of Disaster Resilient Houses at Palibandha under Odisha Disaster Recovery Project (ODRP) by OSDMA.	Authority decided to seek clarification on the following issues: (i) the exact location of the project site (ii) distance of the project site from the HTL line. The Authority decided to form a committee comprising Dr P. Kumar, Scientist ORSAC, Dr A.K. Sahu, Ecologist, ICZMP, Sri Adikand Ojha, GIS Analyst, ICZMP and Ms Sasmita Das, Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision of the committee was communicated to the project proponent vide Letter No.83 Dt. 26.08.2015. In response to the communication of the Member Secretary, the Project proponent has submitted the compliance on the issues raised during 25th OCZMA meeting.

		Scientist, OCZMA to submit a report after making a site visit..	
10	Setting up of 5 MLD Hybrid Sea Water Desalination Plant at Matikhalo, Chhatrapur, Ganjam district Odisha by OSCOM, a unit of Indian Rare Earth Ltd. Gopalpur	It was decided to recommend the proposal to MoEF &CC, Govt. of India	The decision of the Authority was communicated to the project proponent vide memo No. 65 Dt. 25.08.2015 with a request to apply to MoEF online. (http://environmentclearance.nic.in/User/gridprintEC.aspx).
11	Pet Coke Evacuation Project for IOCL Paradip Refinery-Odisha –Above ground conveyer belt by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Paradeep	It was decided to recommend the proposal to MoEF &CC, Govt. of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision of the committee was communicated to the project proponent vide memo No. 57 Dt. 25.08.2015 with a request to apply to MoEF&CC online • The proponent submitted the recommended proposal to MoEF &CC online having proposal no. IA/OR/MIS/ 30869/ 2015 on 11th Sep 2015.
12	Construction of Residential Building at Gopalpur by Mrs. Subhadra Rath.	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 61/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015 with a recommendation to Berhampur Development Authority to take necessary action for grant of permission.

13	Construction of SHG Training Cum Meeting Hall of DRDA at Puri (within the DRDA Campus, Puri) by District Rural Development Agency, Puri.	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 58/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015 with a recommendation to PKDA to take necessary action for grant of permission.
14	Construction of Hotel Krishna International, Puri.	Dropped	The decision of the committee was communicated to the project proponent vide Letter No. 87 Dt. 31.8.2015
15	Construction of officer's Rest House of East Cost Railway at Puri.	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 68/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015 with a recommendation to PKDA to take necessary action for grant of permission..
16	Operation of Hovercraft from Puri Sea beach area to Chandrabhaga Beach and other water sports activities at Puri Beach by Sai Sagar Adventures, Bhubaneswar.	Deferred	
17	Operation of Hovercraft & other water sports activities (Para sailing/jet ski/ speed boat etc.) at Puri Sea Beach area by Puri Sea Farers.	Deferred	
18	Operation of water sports at Puri by Puri Aqua Sports (P) Ltd.	Deferred	

19	Installation of Portable Community Toilets for fishers near lake mouth of Chilika Lake by Chilika Development Authority (CDA), Bhubaneswar	It was decided to grant CRZ clearance to the proposed project	The CRZ clearance order was issued to the project proponent vide Letter No. 66/OCZMA, dt. 25.8.2015
20	CRZ Clearance for construction of Passenger Jetty and Waiting Hall at Gupti (Patsala River) in Kendrapara district.	Deferred	
21	CRZ Clearance for construction of Passenger Jetty and public rain shelter at Talachua (Dhamara River) in Kendrapara district.	Deferred	

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1	Status of Half yearly compliance report of the project accorded CRZ Clearance	The Authority decided to pursue the Project proponents to furnish half yearly compliance report in respect of the projects accorded CRZ clearance. Steps may also be taken to generate awareness among the proponents through Newspaper for timely submission of the reports.	Reminder communicated to the project proponents having pending half yearly compliance report in respect of the projects accorded CRZ clearance
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2	CRZ violation issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder communication to the District Magistrates • Note on the alleged violation issue • DO letters to the RDCs & In-house mechanism for verifying the violations 	Considering the fact that H&UD Dept is likely to move the Apex Court for a final decision in the matter, the Authority decided to wait for the final outcome of the case. Further course of action will be taken thereafter.
3	Levy of scrutiny fee /processing fee on project proposals located beyond CRZ area.	The Authority recommended that Government may be requested to consider imposing miscellaneous processing fee of Rs. 25,000/= for projects seeking NOC not involving CRZ clearance/ recommendation for clearance from the Authority.	Dept. of F & E, Govt. of Odisha has issued a resolution No. EE-2/2015, 14487/ F&E Dt. 14.08.2015 to levy a miscellaneous fee of Rs. 25,000/ for the projects beyond CRZ area seeking NOC but not involving CRZ clearance/recommendation.
4	Protection of Sweet Water Zone at Puri	The authority decided that a communication will be made to the Revenue Dept./ H & UD Dept requesting not to allow the identified area for any such use that will affect the concerned ground water level in Puri.	Decision of the Authority was communicated to the Revenue Dept. & H & UD Dept. Vide letter no. 92 dt. 07.09.2015.

C. PREVIOUS PROPOSALS

C.1. CRZ Clearance for Reconstruction of holiday home cum guest house at Sipasurubuli Mouza, Puri by M/s Prabhukrupa Estates and Properties, Bhubaneswar.

The proposal was initially placed in the 24th OCZMA meeting held on 12.11.2014 and was deferred due to lack of sufficient time for screening/ verification of documents. The proposal was placed in the 25th OCZMA meeting held on 21.07.2015 for consideration.

The proposed activity is a Holiday Home-cum Guest House, which can be used as accommodation for families that need to “live” rather than “stay” as they would in a hotel.

The total area acquired/ purchased for the project is 0.6097 Ac. (26558.50 sq feet. in Sipasurubuli Mauza of Puri District.

The proposed structure is a reconstruction of authorised building constructed with the approval of PKDA, vide letter Nos. 368 dt. 09.02.2007 and 1370/ PKDA dt. 01.05.2007. The approval of PKDA for Holiday home-cum-Guest House(s) was the construction of Basement+ G +2 upper floors in principle with specific permission to construct basement+ ground floor + one upper floor initially. On completion of the structure of the above building as per approved plan without deviation, permission for construction of second floor shall be granted was mentioned for both the cases.

However, the project proponent submitted a proposal for construction of Basement, Ground Floor and 7 upper floors having plinth area of 19910 sq ft, ground coverage of 75% and total built up area including Basement of 179190 sq ft within the plot area of 26558 sq feet. This proposal has been planned keeping in view the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, Cuttack dt. 20.02.2015 in O J C No. 2816 of 2000 which broadly says that the only country planning regulations available as on 19.02.1991 was Municipal Rule 1953 and accordingly FSI and FAR norms for building in the CRZ_II area should be regulated as per the said Regulations.

The proposed structure will be a reconstruction of a building in the name of Holiday Home-cum-Guest House which was approved by PKDA vide letter no. 368 dt. 09.02.2007 and no. 1370/PKDA dt. 01.05.2007). As these two plots are adjacent to each other, the proponent is planning to amalgamate the lands and reconstruct a structure with B+G+ 7 floor and 75% ground coverage which is in line with the Municipal law which existed prior to 19.2.1991. The total cost of the project is Rs. 26, 87, 85,000.

The proposed activity is to be taken up for a period of 24 months. The requirement of water during operational phase will be met from the ground water. Necessary permission for ground water is being obtained from Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Division, Puri for the project area.

The quantity of solid waste expected to be generated during operational phase will be handed over to an authorised solid waste collection agency. The liquid effluent generated will be treated by STP and treated water will be reused for toilet flush and green belt management.

As per the existing MoEF approved maps, the location of the project is coming under CRZ-II area of Puri (Sheet No. 26, Map No. CZMP.74E/2/NE in 1:25, 000 scales)

The project proponent has indicated that the proposed activity is permissible under:

Para 8 (i) (II) CRZ-II (i) & Para 8 (i) (II) CRZ-II (iii) of CRZ Notification, 2011,

The project proponent has enclosed the judicial report regarding the justification of the existing road before 1991 between Hans Co-Co Palm & Sterling Resort (Hon'ble High Court orders dt. 24. 1.12).

The project does not attract Environment Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006.

The Authority discussed the proposal in details and needs clarification on:

- 1. Abstraction of ground water***
- 2. Location of project site beyond Puri Municipality area***

The Authority decided that H&UD Dept. would be requested to furnish a report especially with reference to applicability of the court orders on prevailing local town planning regulations in CRZ-II area of Puri for consideration of the proposal.

In response to the communication of the Member Secretary, OCZMA, the Project proponent has submitted the compliance on above issues for consideration.

However, no report is received so far from the H & UD Dept. on applicability of the court orders on prevailing local town planning regulations in CRZ-II area of Puri for consideration of the proposal. As the decisions of the authority require clarification on above cited subject, again a request on above matter is being communicated to the H & UD Dept.

C.2. Construction of Disaster Resilient Houses at Palibandha under Odisha Disaster Recovery Project (ODRP) by OSDMA

The proposal for “Reconstruction of housing project at **Palibandha**, Block-Ganjam, and District- Ganjam under Odisha Disaster Recovery Project (ODRP)” was placed in the 25th meeting of OCZMA held on 21.07.2015.

The Members of the Authority discussed in detail and decided to seek clarification on the following issues:

- (i) the exact location of the project site
- (ii) distance of the project site from the HTL line

The Authority also decided to form a committee comprising Dr P. Kumar, Scientist ORSAC, Dr A.K. Sahu, Ecologist, ICZMP, Sri Adikand Ojha, GIS Analyst, ICZMP and Ms Sasmita Das, Junior Scientist, OCZMA to make a site visit and submit a report on the issues raised by the Authority for consideration of the proposal.

In response to the communication of the Member Secretary, the Project proponent has submitted the compliance on the suggested issues as follows:

- i. The exact location of the site is 19⁰22' 57.08"N and 85⁰ 4' 18.53"E
- ii. The distance of the project site from the HTL line:
 - a) 280 m from sea
 - b) 70 m from creek, where the width of the creek is 30 m

Hence, the site is coming within CRZ-III (B) area (Basing on the HTL from sea)

The proponent has requested to consider the views of the technical experts specially engaged for this purpose.

OCZMA may discuss the proposal and if considered, may grant CRZ clearance to the aforesaid project under CRZ Notification, 2011.

C.3. Operation of Hovercraft from Puri Sea beach area to Chandrabhaga Beach and other water sports activities at Puri Beach by Sai Sagar Adventures, Bhubaneswar

The proposal for “Operation of Hovercraft from Puri Sea beach area to Chandrabhaga Beach and other water sports activities at Puri Beach” for CRZ approval was placed in the 25th meeting of OCZMA held on 21.07.2015 and was deferred.

As per project proponent, the objective of the proposal is to create a unique identity of the Golden beach at Puri by introducing various modern crafts for water sports activities. These crafts will operate with a safety and protected manner and to make the beaches of Puri as a premiere beach city for adventure tourism in national and international maps. In general, it will provide scope for leisure tourism and more specifically adventure tourism for the younger generation with private participation. It will also adopt modern techniques for rescue operation in Puri beaches, which have an inherent record of regular causality.

Operational area of hovercraft starts from Puri beach area towards Chandrabhaga beach and the average speed will be within 56 Km/h. and is expected to run 9 hr daily under fair weather condition.

For Para Sailing, a dry take-up and landing facilities with a maximum of 10-12 m. flight and 6 passengers per trip capacity will be provided and this activity will be restricted up to the wind speed of max. 15 mph. The Jet Ski at loading capacity is 3 persons / 240 Kg will be provided. For all above operations, necessary safety provisions like life jackets, Rib vests, crash helmet etc. will be provided during sorties.

The proponent has not suggested construction of any structure in the proposed CRZ area.

As per circular CSS/Misc. (37) / 2003 dt. 28.09.2004 from Government of India, Ministry of Shipping the operation of small vessels of less than 15 tonnes for short duration sailing and caring up to 12 passengers and other sports activities at the beaches on the coast, there is no obligation to register under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.

Mercantile Marine Department (Ref: Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department), Kolkata intimated that the water sports activities including operation of hovercraft with 3 nautical miles is carrying under the jurisdiction of the District Collector. Accordingly, Puri District Administration through District Tourist Officer (Letter No. 970 Dt. 10.10.2014) has agreed to allow the proposed water sports activities in the beach front of Puri.

As per the Government of Odisha, Industries Department Notification No. 6679 Dt. 20.11.2012 the 2nd special single window clearance committee (Dept. of Tourism & Culture, Government of Odisha Letter No. 5123/TSM Dt. 25.04.2015) has approved the proposal for operation of hovercraft and other water sports activities from Puri Sea beach to Chandrabhaga sea beach with necessary terms and conditions.

The proponent has submitted an EIA Report, which includes the impact analysis for the operation of different crafts to be engaged for water sports. But the impact on the biodiversity at the concerned Ecosystem (their habitat along the proposed coastal stretch) has not been studied. Hence, an EMP indicating the necessary mitigation measures for the protection of the ecosystem in the operational area is required to be done.

The proponent has also submitted a Disaster Management Plan (DMP) for the proposed water sports activity for both accidental eventualities and as well as during natural calamities.

However, the concerned district administration need to develop a common safety plan/ operational plan for coastal water sports/ leisure tourism for Puri/ other Odisha coastlines (both for CRZ-IV (A) and CRZ-I (B) in the line the state of Goa has developed.

Department of Tourism & Culture, Government of Odisha communicated the application of the proponent to consider for permission / clearance from OCZMA as water sports activity comes under the preview of OCZMA (as the activity will be in the CRZ-IV (A) area under CRZ Notification, 2011).

The proponent has requested for operational area of hovercraft from Digabarini (190 47'42.1"N & 850 49 34.6"E) (Puri Sea beach area) to Chandrabhaga offshore area (190 51' 54.5" N & 860 06' 41.6"E) stretching a distance of 31 km within 03 nautical miles from the shoreline (shown in the CRZ map). The suggested operational area of hovercraft and other proposed water sports activities including Parasailing, speed boats and jet skies is coming under CRZ-IV (A) (the coastal water body) & CRZ-I (B) intertidal area. The total cost of the project is Rs. 4.88 Cr.

The proposed activity is directly related to water front but no construction is proposed for this purpose by the proponent. Hence, this proposed activity of operation of water sport craft / vessels can be considered as permissible under Para- 3 (i) (a) " those directly related to water front or directly needing foreshore facilities" of CRZ Notification, 2011.

The proponent has deposited no scrutiny fees.

The proposed activity will be operated in CRZ-I (B) i.e. intertidal area for boarding and landing purpose & CRZ-IV (A) area for operation of water sports crafts and the cost of the project is Rs.4.88 Cr. So a scrutiny fee of Rs. 25,000/- may be levied as per the Resolution No. EE-9/2004/7657/F&E dt. 29.11.2004.

Considering the operation of the proposed activity in CRZ-IV (A) and CRZ-I (B) intertidal area, Authority may take a decision regarding the scrutiny fees from water sports activity although no structure is suggested within the CRZ area.

The proposed project does not attract Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006.

The project proponent has submitted following documents.

- Form-I (Annexure – IV of CRZ Notification, 2011)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Study report
- Disaster Management Plan
- Clearance from Single Window Committee (Tourism & Culture dept. Govt., Odisha)
- Approval from Collector and District Magistrate, Puri
- Approval of Superintendent Of Police, Puri
- Approval from State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
- Project feasibility report of ICZMP, Odisha.
- Letter from Mercantile Marine Department, Ministry of Shipping Govt. of India.(Kolkata and Paradip office)
- Copy of letter issued by Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping Govt. of India.
- Area of operation highlighted in the CRZ Map (Sheet no. 26 map no-74E/13/SW & Sheet no. 27 map no-74E/13/SE & Sheet no. 28 map no-74I/01/SW) (1:25000 Scale) prepared by ORSAC and sponsored by F&E Dept., Govt. of Odisha.

OCZMA may discuss the proposal and if considered, may grant CRZ clearance to the aforesaid project under CRZ Notification, 2011.

C.4. Operation of Hovercraft & other water sports activities (Para sailing/jet ski/ speed boat etc.) at Puri Sea Beach area by Puri Sea Farers.

The proposal for “Operation of Hovercraft & other water sports activities (Para sailing/jet ski/ speed boat etc.) at Puri Sea Beach area” was placed in the 25th meeting of OCZMA held on 21.07.2015 and was deferred.

The objectives of the proposal are to augment tourist facility, promote adventure tourism and create income opportunity for the local community. The proposed operational area of Hovercraft & other water sports activities start from Puri Sea Beach i.e. Hotel Sterling Resorts to Chandrabhaga beach area. The operational area of hovercraft and other activities is coming under CRZ-IV (A) water body along coast) & CRZ-I (B) intertidal area. The total cost of the project is Rs.149.48 lakhs.

The proposed operational activity includes 2 nos. of Hovercraft of 3-4 seated capacity with a maximum speed of 35-45 mph, 1 speed boat of 3 to 6 seated capacity, one banana boat of 6 passengers per trip and one Jet Ski of 1 to 2 people capacity. The operation period will starts from morning to evening in fair weather condition.

For all the operations, necessary safety provisions like life jackets, crash helmet, first aid kits, and fire extinguisher for hovercraft, UHF/GPS for communication etc. will be provided.

The proponent has submitted a Rapid EIA Report, which includes the impact identification for different crafts. The proponent has not gone to the extent the impact on the biodiversity in the operational area. Hence, the proponent may be suggested to develop an Environmental Management Plan indicating the proper operational practices and necessary mitigation measures for the protection of the ecosystem in the operational area.

The proponent has also submitted a brief report on safety measures for the proposed water sports activity. However, the concerned District Administration need to develop a common safety/ operational plan for coastal water sports for their smooth operation in the line the state of Goa has developed.

Department of Tourism & Culture, Government of Odisha communicated the application of the proponent to consider for permission / clearance from OCZMA as water sports activity comes under the preview of OCZMA (as the activity will be in the CRZ-IV (A) area under CRZ Notification, 2011).

The proposed activity is in fact directly related to water front but no construction is proposed for this purpose by the proponent. Hence, this proposed activity of operation of water sport craft / vessels can be considered as permissible under Para- 3 (i) (a) “ those directly related to water front or directly needing foreshore facilities” of CRZ Notification, 2011.

The proponent has deposited no scrutiny fees.

The proposed activity will be operated in CRZ-I(B) i.e. intertidal area for boarding and landing purpose & CRZ-IV (A) area (sea water body) for operation of water sports crafts and the cost of the project is Rs.149.48 lakhs. So a scrutiny fee of Rs. 25,000/- may be levied as per the Resolution No. EE-9/2004/7657/F&E dt. 29.11.2004.

Considering the operation of the proposed activity in CRZ-IV (A) and CRZ-I (B) intertidal area, Authority may take a decision regarding the scrutiny fees from water sports activity although no structure is suggested within the CRZ area.

The proposed project does not attract Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006.

The project proponent has submitted following documents.

- Form-I (Annexure – IV of CRZ Notification, 2011)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Study report & form
- Disaster Management Plan
- Detailed project report
- Approval from DIC, Puri
- NOC from Superintendent of Police, Puri
- NOC from State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
- Letter of Directorate of Port & Inland Water Transports
- Letter from the Mercantile Marine Department, Kolkata (letter no. Regn/M/20/04-IV dt. 02.12.2014), Ministry of Shipping Govt. of India.

- Area of operation highlighted in the CRZ Map (Sheet no. 26 map no-74E/13/SW & Sheet no. 27 map no-74E/13/SE & Sheet no. 28 map no-74I/01/SW) (1:25000 Scale) proposed by ORSAC and sponsored by F&E Dept., Govt. of Odisha.
- Google map showing 7 km radius of the operation area.

OCZMA may discuss the proposal and if considered, may grant CRZ clearance to the aforesaid project under CRZ Notification, 2011.

C.5. Operation of water sports at Puri by Puri Aqua Sports (P) Ltd.

The proposal for “Operation of water sports at Puri” for CRZ clearance was placed in the 25th meeting of OCZMA held on 21.07.2015 and was deferred.

The objective of the project is to provide adventures tourism facility to the tourists visiting to Puri beach and generate employment for the local community.

For the operation of the water sport activities the proponent selected 2 sites i.e (i) Digabarini to sea hawk Hotel and (ii) Mayfair Hotel to Victoria. The operation of water sports activities falls within CRZ-IV (A) (Coastal sea water body) & CRZ-I (B) (intertidal area). The total cost of the project is Rs. 1 cr.

The proposed activity includes operation of 3 nos. of Parasailing, 2 nos. of 7 seated each of Banana Boats, 5 nos. of motor riders, 2 nos. of bigger inflatable boats (one is 6 seated and another is 8 seated and another small inflatable booms of 2 seated capacity).

For all the operation, necessary safety provision like life jackets, Rib vests, crash helmet, first aid kits, and fire extinguisher UHF/GPS for communication etc. will be provided by the proponent.

No structure is suggested under the proposed project.

The project proponent has not submitted specific EIA report and Disaster management Plan (EMP), except brief information in the project profile.

However, the concerned district administration(s) need to develop EMP and a common safety plan/ operational plan for coastal water sports for their smooth operation as in the line the state of Goa has developed.

Department of Tourism & Culture, Government of Odisha communicated the application of the proponent to consider for permission / clearance from OCZMA as water sports activity comes under the preview of OCZMA (as the activity will be in the CRZ-IV (A) area under CRZ Notification, 2011).

The proponent has deposited no scrutiny fees.

The proposed activity will be operated in CRZ-I(B) i.e. intertidal area for boarding and landing purpose & CRZ-IV (A) area (sea water body) for operation of water sports crafts and the cost

of the project is Rs. 1 cr. So a scrutiny fee of Rs. 25,000/- may be levied as per the Resolution No. EE-9/2004/7657/F&E dt. 29.11.2004.

Considering the operation of the proposed activity in CRZ-IV (A) and CRZ-I (B) intertidal area, Authority may take a decision regarding the scrutiny fees from water sports activity although no structure is suggested within the CRZ area.

The proposed activity is in fact directly related to water front but no construction is proposed for this purpose by the proponent. Hence, this operation of water sport craft / vessels can be considered as permissible under Para- 3 (i) (a) “those directly related to water front or directly needing foreshore facilities” of CRZ Notification, 2011.

The proposed project does not attract Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006.

The project proponent has submitted following documents.

- Form-I (Annexure – IV of CRZ Notification, 2011)
- Disaster Management Plan
- Project Profile
- Approval from DIC, Puri
- Area of operation highlighted in the CRZ Maps (Sheet no. 26 map no-74E/13/SW & Sheet no. 27 map no-74E/13/SE) (1:25000 Scale) proposed by ORSAC and sponsored by F&E Dept., Govt. of Odisha.

OCZMA may discuss the proposal and if considered, may grant CRZ clearance to the aforesaid project under CRZ Notification, 2011.

D. REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

D.1. CRZ Clearance for construction of Passenger Jetty and Waiting Hall at Gupti (Patsala River) in Kendrapara district.

The Executive Engineer, Port & IWT had submitted a proposal for “construction of Passenger Jetty and Waiting Hall at Gupti (Patsala River) in Kendrapara district” for CRZ clearance with an objective to give facilities to the people of coastal belt those who are using water way for their lively hood in day to day life. It was placed before the Authority in its 21st OCZMA meeting held on 17.01.2014.

After deliberation, the Authority decided that it can't consider the proposal in its present form and advised to resubmit the proposal. Considering the suggestion of the authority the project proponent re-submitted the proposal and in the 22nd meeting of OCZMA dt. 28.04.2015, the authority approved the proposal subject to the condition that CRZ clearance will be issued only after getting NOC from DFO, Mangrove Forest Division, Rajnagar, as it is within the boundary of the Bhitarkanika sanctuary.

The proponent submitted necessary documents for obtaining NOC from National Board of Wildlife Clearance (NBWC). The DFO, Rajnagar initiated the process and communicated the documents to the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and forwarded to the PCCF (WL) and WLW, Odisha for further action vide letter no. 1563 dated 16.03.2015 & 1564 dated 16.03.2015 respectively. No response has been received as yet.

In the meantime Shri Sanjay Rastogi, Commissioner-cum-secretary to Govt. (Commerce and Transport Dept.) has requested to the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt, Forest & Environment Dept. Govt. of Odisha not to insist for obtaining NBW Clearance to accord CRZ clearance for the project at Gupti, as this is a small project to provide facilities to the public for safe boarding of the passengers of Boats/launches plying in those locality.

The Authority may consider the matter.

D.2. CRZ Clearance for construction of Passenger Jetty and public rain shelter at Talachua (Dhamara River) in Kendrapara district.

The Executive Engineer, Port & IWT was submitted a proposal for “construction of Passenger Jetty and public rain shelter at Talachua (Dhamara River) in Kendrapara district” for CRZ clearance with an objective to give facilities to the people of coastal belt those who are using water way for their lively hood in day to day life. It was discussed by the Authority in its 21st OCZMA meeting on 17.01.2014.

After deliberation, the Authority decided that it can't consider the proposal in its present form and advised to resubmit the proposal. Considering the suggestion of the authority, the project proponent re-submitted the proposal for consideration and in the 22nd meeting of OCZMA dt. 28.04.2015, the authority approved the proposal as the proposed site is located along the bank of Dhamara river.

While considering the case of Gupti), the DFO, MFD, Rajnagar also insisted NOC from National Board of Wildlife Clearance (NBWC) for Talachua indicating that it is also located within the boundary of Bhitarkanika sanctuary. Accordingly, the proponent submitted necessary documents and DFO, MFD, Rajnagar initiated the process and communicated to the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and forwarded to the PCCF (WL) and WLW, Odisha for further action vide letter no. 1563 dated 16.03.2015 & 1564 dated 16.03.2015 respectively. No response has been received as yet.

In the meantime, Shri Sanjay Rastogi, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.(Commerce and Transport Dept.) has also requested to the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt, Forest & Environment Dept. Govt. of Odisha, not to insist for obtaining NBW Clearance to accord CRZ clearance for the project at Talachua as it is a small project to provide facilities to the public for safe boarding of the passengers of Boats/launches plying in those locality.

The Authority may consider the matter.