

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ORISSA STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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The Eighth meeting of the Orissa State Coastal Zone Management Authority was held under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department in the N.S.A.P. Conference Hall of the Secretariat at 11.30 A.M. on 29th October, 2007. The list of the Members present in the meeting is as per ~~the~~ Annexure-I.

Shri B.K. Patnaik, Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. Forest and Environment Department and the Member Convenor of the authority welcomed the Members of the Authority and others such as representatives of various project proponents, to the meeting and explained the objectives of the meeting. Then he requested the Principal Secretary to Chair the meeting. Principal Secretary then invited Prof. N. Mohanty, Prof. Emeritus Geology to participate in the meeting as special invitee.

AGENDA

1.(a) Chairman invited representatives of C.D.A. to present their case before the Committee. Engg. representatives of C.D.A. presented the proposal of development of fish landing centre at Mirzapur village.

Initiating the discussion on the proposal ^{of construction of Jetti at} of Krushna-prasad Tehsil, Puri, Principal Secretary stated that as per Para 3(2)(ii) of CRZ Notification, construction of jetties is a permissible activity but it requires clearance of MoEF, Govt. of India.

The proposed piled landing centre at Mirzapur village requires 0.3 acres of land. The proposed project is located in CRZ-I category and the estimate cost of the project is Rs.5.74 lakhs. The project is not coming under any enviroental sensitive zone. The proponent has already obtained No Objection Certificate from State Pollution Control Board in favour of the

project. Since no alternative site is technically feasible and looking to the need of local fishermen for sustainable exploitation of fisheries ^{resources} in Chilika and after detail deliberation it was decided that the project may be recommended to the MoEF, Govt. of India for according necessary environmental clearance.

b) The proposal for reconstruction and extension of Obrei Palm Beach Hotel at Gopalpur on sea was considered. The proponent explained that the said hotel is in existence since 1948 and is not in use since 1999 ^{after super cyclone}. They intend to redesign and reconstruct the same by adding another floor to the existing structure. The location of the project is coming under the CRZ-II category and the estimate cost of the project is Rs.12.00 crore (apprx.). The proponent has committed that there shall be no construction on the seaward side of the existing structure and sewage from the hotel shall be treated and utilised for gardening purpose inside the premises. The F.S.I./F.A.R. of the proposed hotel shall be within the prevailing ~~the~~ norms of Berhampur Development Authority.

After deliberation the proponent was advised to construct S.T.P. for waste water treatment and composting for solid waste management. Considering tourism potential ^{of Gopalpur area}, OSCZMA decided to recommend the said proposal to MoEF, Govt. of India for Environmental Clearance as the approximate cost of the project is more than Rs.5.00 crores. (Para 3 (2) (v) of CRZ Notification).

(c) The proposal for construction of G+6 floor doppler weather radar station at Paradip by India Meteriological Department was placed for discussion.

The representatives of India Meteorological Deptt. stated that the installation of such type of Ultra Modern and Technically Developed doppler weather radar will be very much helpful for better forecasts of Cyclone track and warning of severe weather phenomenon. The height of the proposed station will be 25 meters. The land requirement of the project is 1.112 acres and the total cost of the project is Rs.5.20 crore. The location of the project comes under the CRZ-II category. Since cyclone forecasts and warning will save the human life from holocaust, OSCZMA decided to recommend the project to MoEF, Govt. of India for Environmental Clearance as per Para 3(2)(v) of CRZ Notification.

2. The recent beach erosion of shoreline at Puri and Gopalpur have become serious concern of the State Govt..Participating in the discussion, Shri Jagannath Bastia, President, Beach Protection Council of Orissa stated that Experts from National Institute of Oceano-graphy, Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai and Integrated Coastal and Marine of Area Management (ICMAM), Ministry of Earth Science, Chennai have visited the eroded sides of Puri and Gopalpur. ^{Sri Bastia} He alleged that the unusual behaviour of the sea is man made rather than natural one. Commenting on erosion of the coastal stretches of Orissa, Prof. M. Mohanty, Special Invitee stated that the erosion is caused due to natural phenomenon ^{because of} of the sea dynamics. Further, he pointed out that the natural sand dunes at Puri are being removed for construction purposes. Some constructions are also noticed on the sand dunes.

Institute of Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai is likely to submit the draft report on integrated coastal zone management plan for Puri-Konark Stretch - a MoEF sponsored project within a month. It was agreed to request the IOM to
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include the study on erosion at Puri in their final report.

For Gopalpur coast, ICMAM, Chennai has already undertaken a project on shore line management which would be completed in three years. However, it was decided to construct permanent coastal protection measures if any, after undertaking a detailed study on the cause of beach erosion by some reputed institution in this field. Further, it was decided to take all out efforts in coordination with Water Resources Department, Works Department and Tourism Department to check beach erosion in the State.

3. OSCZMA agreed, for undertaking ICZMP project at Chilika-Gopalpur Stretch and Paradip-Dhamra Stretch supported by World Bank.

4. The allegation against illegal construction/renovation of road at Puri urban area and some construction at Satapada near Chilika Lake were discussed. It was decided to depute a team of scientists to Satapada Area for an enquiry and thereafter further follow up action will be initiated. Principal Secretary suggested to intimate all the line Departments regarding enforcement of CRZ norms in their Developmental activities.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Approved.



CHAIRMAN