

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS**  
**ORDER**

New Delhi, the 8th February, 2011

**S.O. 302(E).**—WHEREAS by an Order of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 1268(E), dated the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, the Central Government constituted the National Coastal Zone Management Authority for a period upto the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government is of the view that such an Authority must be reconstituted;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 said Act), the Central Government hereby reconstitutes the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) consisting of the following persons with effect from the date of publication of this Order to the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, namely:—

1. Secretary  
Ministry of Environment and Forests,  
New Delhi. - Chairman
2. Director,  
National Institute of Oceanography,  
Goa. - Member
3. Chief Town Planner,  
Town and Country Planning Organization,  
Government of Goa. - Member
4. Member or an Officer of an equivalent rank  
Central Groundwater Board,  
New Delhi. - Member
5. Joint Secretary (Tourism), or his representative  
Ministry of Tourism,  
New Delhi. - Member

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| 6.  | Director General (Fisheries)<br>Ministry of Agriculture,<br>New Delhi.   | - Member              |
| 7.  | Dr. Ramchandran Ramesh,<br>Institute of Ocean Management,<br>Anna University, Chennai.   | - Member              |
| 8.  | A representative from Space Application Centre<br>Ahmedabad.   | - Member              |
| 9.  | Prof. S. Ramachandran,<br>Vice Chancellor, University of Madras,<br>Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.  | - Member              |
| 10. | Dr. M. Baba,<br>Executive Director,<br>Advanced Training Centre for Earth system<br>Sciences & Climate, Indian Institute of Tropical<br>Meteorology, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pashan,<br>Pune- 411 008. | - Member              |
| 11. | Shri V. Vivekanandan,<br>South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies,<br>Karamana, Trivandrum - 695 002.  | - Member              |
| 12. | Joint Secretary/ Adviser,<br>In-charge of Coastal Zone Management.   | - Member<br>Secretary |

II. The Authority shall have the power to take the following measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling environmental pollution in coastal areas, namely:-

- (i) co-ordination of actions by the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities under the said Act and the rules made thereunder, or under any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act;
- (ii) examination of the proposals for changes and modifications in classification of coastal zone areas and in the coastal zone management plans received from the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities and making specific recommendations to the Central Government therefor;

- (iii) (a) review of cases involving violations of the provisions of the said Act and the rules made thereunder, or any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act and, if found necessary, issue directions under section 5 of the said Act;
- (b) review of cases under sub-paragraph (iii) (a) either *suo-moto*, or on the basis of complaint made by an individual or a representative body, or an organisation functioning in the field of environment;
- (iv) file complaints under section 19 of the said Act in cases of non-compliance of the directions issued by it under sub-paragraph (iii) (a); and
- (v) to take action under section 10 of the said Act to verify the facts concerning the issues arising from sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii).

III. The Authority shall provide technical assistance and guidance to the concerned State Government, Union territory Governments or Administrations, the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities, the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities, and other institutions or organisations as may be found necessary, in matters relating to the protection and improvement of the coastal environment.

IV. The Authority shall examine and accord its approval to area specific management plans, integrated coastal zone management plans and modifications thereof submitted by the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities.

V. The Authority shall put in place a general planning guideline to be adopted which will ordinarily obviate need for case-by-case examination, enabling it to accord approvals for the most part on the basis of the examination done by the State/Union Territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities.

VI. The Authority may advise the Central Government on policy, planning, research and development, setting up of centres of excellence and funding, in matters relating to coastal regulation zone management.

VII. The Authority shall deal with all environmental issues relating to coastal regulation zone which may be referred to it by the Central Government.

- VIII. The Authority shall furnish report of its activities and the activities of the State Coastal Zone Management Authorities and Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities at least once in six months to the Central Government.
- IX. The Authority shall place information regarding the agenda and minutes of its meetings in the public domain, including through Internet website [www.envfor.nic.in](http://www.envfor.nic.in), and shall create provision for displaying of status of proposals received from State and Union Territories.
- X. The foregoing powers and functions of the Authority shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government.
- XI. The Authority shall have its headquarters at New Delhi.
- XII. Any matter specifically not falling within the scope and jurisdiction of the Authority as so re-constituted shall be dealt with by the statutory authorities concerned.

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