

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
(Department of Environment, Forests & Wildlist)

N O T I F I C A T I O N

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Notification under section 3(i) and section 3(2)(v) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rule 5(3)(d) of the Environment (Protection) Rules 1986 declaring Coastal Stretches as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and Regulating activities in the CRZ.

S.O.114(E) : Whereas a Notification under Section 3(i) and Section 3(2)(v) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, inviting objections against the declaration of Coastal Stretches as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and imposing restrictions on industries; operations and processes in the CRZ was published vide S.O.No.944 (E) dated 15th December, 1990.

And whereas all objections received have been duly considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Clauses(d) of sub-rule (3) of Rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rule, 1986, and all other powers vesting in its behalf, the Central Government, hereby declares the coastal stretches of seas, bays, estuaries, creeks, rivers and backwaters which are influenced by tidal action (in the landward side) upto 500 metres from the High Tide Line (HTL) and the land between the Low Tide-line (LTL) and the HTL as Coastal Regulation Zone; and imposes with effect from the date of this Notification, the following restrictions on the setting up and expansion of industries, operations or processes etc., in the said Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) For purposes of this Notification, the High Tide line (HTL) will be defined as the line upto which the highest high tide reaches at spring tides.

Note : The distance from the High Tide Line (HTL) to which the proposed regulations will apply in the case of rivers, creeks and backwaters may be modified on a case by case basis for reasons to be recorded while preparing the Coastal Zone Management Plans (referred to below); However, this distance shall not be less than 100 meters or the width of the Creek, river or backwater whichever ever is less.

Prohibited Activities :

The following activities are declared as prohibited within the Coastal Regulation Zone namely;

- i) Setting up of new industries and expansion of existing industries, except those directly related to water front or directly needing foreshore facilities;
- ii) Manufacture or handling or storage or disposal of hazardous substances as specified in the Notifications of the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests No.S.O. 594(E) dated 28th July 1989, S.O.966(E) dated 27th November 1989 and GSS 1037(E) dated 5th December 1989;
- iii) Setting up and expansion of fish processing Units including warehousing (excluding hatchery and natural fish drying in permitted areas);

- iv) Setting up and expansion of units/mechanism for disposal of waste and effluents except facilities required for discharging treated into the water course with approval under the effluent water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974; and except for storm water drains;
- v) Discharge of untreated wastes and effluents from industries, cities or towns and other human settlements, schemes shall be implemented by the concerned authorities for phasing out the existing practices, if any, within a reasonable time period not exceeding three years from the date of this notification;
- vi) dumping of city or town waste for the purposes of landfilling or otherwise; the existing practice, if any, shall be phased out within a reasonable time not exceeding three years from the date of this Notification;
- vii) dumping of ash or any wastes from thermal power stations;
- viii) Land reclamation, bunding or disturbing the natural course of sea water with similar obstructions, except those required for control of coastal erosion and maintenance or clearing of waterways, channels and ports and for prevention of sandbars and also except for tidal regulators, storm water drains and structures for prevention of salinity ingress and for sweet water recharge;
- ix) Mining of sand, rocks and other substrata materials, except those rare minerals not available outside the CRZ areas;
- x) Harvesting or drawal of ground water and construction of mechanisms therefor within 200 m of HTL; in the 200 m to 500 m zone it shall be permitted only when done manually through ordinary wells for drinking, horticulture, agriculture and fisheries;
- xi) Construction activities in ecologically sensitive areas as specified in Annexure-I of this Notification;
- xii) Any construction activity between the Low Tide Line and High Tide Line except facilities for discharging effluents and waste water into the sea, facilities for cooling water for cooling purposes, oil, gas and similar pipelines and facilities essential for activities permitted under this Notification; and

4. Procedure for monitoring and enforcement:

The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Government of State or Union Territory and such other authorities at the State or Union Territory levels, as may be designated for this purpose, shall be responsible for monitoring and enforcement of the provisions of this notification within their respective jurisdictions.

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