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Public Hearing for Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) of Sindhudurg District

The Public Hearing for Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) of Sindhudurg District was conducted on Thursday, the 28th September, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. at New District Planning Meeting Hall, District Collector Office Premises, Sindhudurg

Following Officers were present during the Public Hearing Meeting: -

Sr. No.	Name of Officer/ Official	Name of Post
1)	Ms. K. Manjulekshmi	District Magistrate, Sindhudurg, Dist-Sindhudurg
2)	Dr. Y. B Sontakke	Joint Director (WPC), MPCB (HQ), Mumbai
3)	Smt. Shubhangi Sathe	Resident Dy. Collector, Sindhudurg
4)	Shri Jaykumar Phad	Dy. Collector, Election Wing, Sindhudurg
5)	Smt. Vaishali Rajmane	Sub Divisional Officer, Kanakawali
6)	Smt. Vandana Kharmale,	Sub Divisional Officer, Kudal
7)	Shri. Sushant Khandekar	Sub Divisional Officer, Sawantwadi
8)	Dr. Rupesh Mahale	Project Officer, (MCZMA), Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai
9)	Shri Ravindra Andhale	Regional Officer, MPCB, Kolhapur
10)	Mrs. Indira Gaikwad	Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Ratnagiri

The WebEx App., was made available for Online Public Hearing Meeting and Representative of the People Respected Shri Vinayak Raut, MLA; Shri Deepak Kesarkar, MLA; Shri Nitesh Rane, Ex. MLA and Shri Rajan Teli, were present online & Hon'ble Shri. Vaibhav Naik, MLA present for Public Hearing. Also, the Representatives of the People from Devgad, Malvan, Vengurla, Sawantwadi and Kudal Talukas and villagers were present for Online Public Hearing. Many officials from various departments were present for Virtual Public Hearing Meeting.

Introductory Remarks of Public Hearing is as follows: -

Ms. K. Manjulekshmi, District Magistrate, Sindhudurg and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Representatives of the People, Dignitaries, Government Officers & Officials and people of Sindhudurg District and informed that in all Five Panchayat Samitis, the Online Public Hearing Meeting is also in process. She informed that the suggestions, objections, views raised during this meeting regarding CRZ Notification and opinions expressed by the Experts, the positive steps for implementation of CRZ Notification will be included in the minutes of the meeting and the minutes of the meeting alongwith Final Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report will

be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEFCC, GoI), New Delhi for the consideration.

Ms. Indira Gaikwad, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Ratnagiri and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee with the permission of Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee while starting the proceedings of the meeting informed that MoEFCC, GoI, New Delhi has issued New Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification on 18th January, 2019. As per the said Notification, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, an Institute works under MoEFCC, Govt. of India has prepared a Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans, 2019 for the Sindhudurg District. Accordingly, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA), Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai has published the maps on their website on 22nd January, 2020 to invite suggestions, objections, views from the public. The public notice was published in local news Pudhari for Marathi and in national newspaper Indian Express for English on 29-08-2020.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA), Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai welcomed all and informed that National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, an authorized Institute of MoEFCC, Govt. of India has prepared a Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs), 2019 for the Sindhudurg District. The local people were appealed to raise their views, suggestions or objections and submit it, so that the Draft CZMPs can be modified accordingly. Further, the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting can be discussed and modifications can be made at Government level. Shri Mahale further informed that Maharashtra has got 720 k.m. long distance of sea shore. The provision of giving concessions is already considered for the residents staying on the sea shore and near the sea shore considering their safety and development have been given. He informed the future goal of Coastal Zone Management and gave the presentation in the public hearing meeting.

1) Shri Vaibhav Naik, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly:-

As the CRZ issue is very sensitive, the public hearing should be taken in the presence of people from all Sindhudurg District. Due to Corona-19 pandemic, most of the people from the district could not attend the meeting. Hence, it is demanded that this meeting should be stopped and after few days, the public hearing should be again called. Further, Malwan Nagar Palika Area is covered under CRZ (II). Hence, whether many of the households and residential areas which are in existence since many generations will be affected? The objections have been already submitted to Nagar Palika Office. The positive steps should be taken here. At Marine sanctuary, Malwan, the local people are carrying their traditional business since long. It is not considered. Due to this, the approach road towards Sindhudurg District will be closed. In Sindhudurg District, the power of granting permission to construct 1,000 square feet construction be given to District Collector or Competent Authority i.e. Sub Divisional Officer. Hence, the local people will be benefitted by public oriented plans such as Sanjay Gandhi Gharkul Scheme. The local people should be made aware the restrictions of 50 meters to 200 meters No Development Zone under CRZ Notification. The

information should be in local language Marathi and copies should be made available to local people at each Grampanchayat office or Revenue Office.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA), Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

Considering the public demand and developmental projects, the relaxation is already given in 2019 Notification. As per 2011 CRZ Notification, prior permission from Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai was mandatory for small construction projects also. But as per 2019 Notification, there is no requirement of prior permission is required from Environment Department for construction of houses of 300 square meters. The Local Administration is allowed to give permission. Thus, the process of sanctioning of construction projects are made easier. Also, the provision is made that Local Level sanction is made for the repairs and redevelopment of the houses.

Old Houses :-

Previously, as the process of permission to construct the houses was complicated, there were unauthorised constructions activities. But, the existing constructed schemes before January, 2019 will be regularised.

Shri Nitesh Rane, Hon'ble MLA:-

Basically, conducting Online Public Hearing Meeting is wrong. The public hearing meeting should be conducted at Taluka Level and suggestions, objections of the local people should be considered. The criteria fixed for Sindhudurg District is wrong. Malwan Nagar Palika Area is classified as CRZ (II), but Devgad Nagar Palika Area is classified as CRZ (IIIA). Why Devgad Nagar Palika Area is not classified as CRZ (II) and if it is so, then how the development of the Devgad will occur? This is not considered in CRZ Notification. Hence, again it is requested that public hearing be conducted at Taluka Level and if the Notification is not implemented properly, there will be misunderstanding and dissatisfaction amongst the people.

Shri Ranjit Desai:-

There are many difficulties in tele-Network in this District. Due to this, the Online DPDC Meetings and e-learning cannot be called, then how sensitive subject is taken for Online Meeting. Whether it will be recorded properly?

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar:-

Whether representatives of Chennai Institute who have prepared the maps are present at this moment? Also the introduction of Government Officers and Officials be given to the public.

District Magistrate, Sindhudurg & Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

As demand is made several times by Representatives of the Public and local people who are participating in the meeting, the Government Officers and

Officials present in Online and Virtual Public Hearing Meeting is informed to give their own introduction.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA):-

As per the directives of Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee, Shri Rupesh Mahale informed that officials of Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA), Officers and Officials of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dr. Narendra Toke, Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai are present. The Representatives of Chennai based National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), authorized Institute of MoEFCC, Govt. of India are present online.

Shri Sadashiv Aalave :-

Whether there is any authority to State Government or Central Government to allot a project work of Maharashtra State to the agency working in another State? Shri Aalve here expressed the opinion that this is clear violations of Constitution of India. He asked MCZMA authorities to inform the Consultant as per Eco Sensitive Zone and CRZ Notifications.

Shri Tukaram Sail, Sarpanch, Pandur Grampanchayat, Dist-Sindhudurg:-

Shri Tukaram Sail asked to give detailed explanation regarding the methodology adopted while preparing Draft CZMPs of Sindhudurg District by the Chennai based agency. He informed that the team or committee of the Chennai based agency did not visit Pandur village and carried out the survey. He said that Pandur village is 4.0 k.m. away from National High Way and 2.0 k.m. away from State High way. There is no Eco-Sensitive and Reserved Forest Zone in Pandur village. Still Pandur villages is classified in CRZ Notification. He asked whether the survey team have taken Panchanamas of local people? Whether suggestions or objections of the local people are registered? The information should be made available with documentary evidence.

Shri Amit Samant:-

Shri Amit Samant remarked that the representatives of Chennai Institute have carried the monitoring. The points, suggestions raised by the Representatives of the People should be considered. Though few relaxations are given to local people, the definition of the Local People should be explained and fixed. He further raised the issue that in Parula village, there were 32 wadis (small settlements). Now, there are four Grampanchayats. Hence he demanded that every citizen residing in the District should be considered as Local People/Person only.

There is some Hilly Areas / Mountainous Areas. Hence, there might have carried aerial mapping than on-the-spot survey. If on-the-spot survey is carried, then whether Panchanamas are carried? No present status is studied in Hilly Area and CRZ classification is carried, which is injustice to the local people. Though there is Hilly area, the present status of the area is not considered.

Shri Ranjit Desai :-

Shri Ranjit Desai remarked that there is no tele-network at District Head Quarters. Hence, as the voice is not coming clearly. He objected for the defective sound system. Though there is no creek and river, the area is covered under Draft CZMPs. This draft CZMP is defective.

He expressed dissatisfaction that draft CZMP is prepared without carrying any survey, no thought is given to standard of living of the people, their livelihood and geographical situation. Only 2-3% affected persons were able to participate in the Online meeting.

As most of the people should be given opportunity to raise their suggestions, objections, it is requested that the public hearing should be conducted at Taluka and then District level.

Today, the Online Public Hearing is planned to be conducted at various places. But due to Corona-19 pandemic, the people are unable to attend it and raise their objections. The meeting should be conducted again after Corona-19 pandemic. The suggestions, objections raised during the meeting will be transcribed in English and will be submitted to Government. The copy of the same should be made available to the public, so that in future there will be no time to seek redressal from the court. The public should be taken into confidence and without any tremor, the draft CZMP should be prepared.

Hon'ble Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee: -

She directed officials of the Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai to give answer to each question and do not give combined answers.

Shri Somnath Tomke :-

He opined that as per Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the CRZ Notification is issued. There are mainly three errors -

1) Confusion of implementation of Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP):-

- 1) All the Coastal States and Union Territories within the framework of scientific principles should prepare Coastal Zone Management Plan and it should be submitted to MoEFCC, New Delhi within one year. [CRZ Notification 1991, Para 3 (1) (2)].
- 2) As per CRZ Notification 2011, Paragraph 5 (2), MoEFCC, GoI approved Agency should prepare the CZMP;
- 3) The Coastal States and Union Territories can revise or update the Coastal Zone Management Plan, subject to CRZ-Notification 2019.

2) Coastal Hazardous Line :

With the help of World Bank under "Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project," an agreement was initiated by MoEFCC, GoI, New Delhi in May, 2010 for fixing of Coastal Hazardous Line within 4 to 5 years with the assistance of Survey of India. But out of 75,930 kilometers, the mapping of only 2,937 kilometers is carried upto 2014.

As per CRZ Notification, 2011 Paragraph 2 (3) and 5 (3), MoEFCC, GoI should fix Coastal Hazardous Line with the help of Survey of India

As per CRZ Notification, 2019 Annexure 4, Paragraph 2, Coastal Hazardous Line should be demarcated by Survey of India (SOI) and the map of it should be shared with NCSCM and respective Coastal State.

As per ICZM, 2014, only 3.86% work of Project mapping and demarcation of Coastal Hazard Line is completed

As per CRZ Notification, 2011, Coastal Zone Management Plan is prepared and approved, in which the CRZ Notification, 2019 is published on 22-01-2020.

As per both combined Notifications, the respective State Government and Union Territories should give the information of HTL, LTL, ESA, CVCA, Coastal Hazardous Line and Coastal Zones to authorized and approved Institute.

3) **MONITORING STATIONS:-**

1. The Analytical Report as published by Coastal Environmental Engineering upto 2020, it is clearly mentioned that Shore-Line changes have been observed by ResoJurceSat-LISS-IV-5.8 in Tiruanantapuram at Punthura, Valiyathura and Shangumugham sea shores. The observations were made from 2000 to 2018.
2. For getting information of Shore-Line changes, the data of Sea-Level Rise and Sea-Level-Fluctuation is to be collected by the Tide-Gauge Device. But on Indian Sea Shore, out of 28 Tide-Gauge Devices, 17 Tide-Gauge Devices are out of order. 05 (Five) Tide-Gauge Devices are showing Functional Gap since last 5-6 years. Out of remaining 6 Tide-Gauge Devices, the Tide-Gauge Device at Kolkatta is showing gap since last 10 years, Tide-Gauge at Sagar shows Negative reading and at present it is non-functional. Remaining 04 (Four) i.e. A- Kandla Zone (Gulf Region), D-Bangladesh (Deltaic Region) B- Mumbai (from 1978 till today) and C - Cochin, only B & C Tide - Gauges are giving correct reading. **(Report of 8th international conference on Asian & Pacific coast-2015-2016).**
3. The passivity of ICORN for HFR system is observed. As per the report of Current Science, Vol. 116, no.3, 10th February, 2019, 6 HFR are installed at Eastern Sea Shore out of 10 HFR. 2 HFR are installed at Andaman Nikobar Archipelago. Only 2 HFR are installed at Western Sea Shore - at Gulf of - Khambat, Gujarat. Since 2000, there is demand to install HFR at Konkan Sea Shore, nothing is materialised till date. ICORN has arranged

Academic Work-shop for High Frequency Radar Network from 24th to 25th January 2019, in which 120 souls participated.

Due to this, at present, whole Western Coastal Zone is facing ill-effects. Now it is requested that Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) should submit the objection regarding the inactivity of the scientific system to CCZMA and MoEFCC .

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

It is requested to give the suggestions in writing, so that Government can initiate further action.

Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble Member of Parliament :-

Just discussed the matter with Environment Secretary. It is informed to postpone the meeting. It should be conducted as per the directives of Central and State Government. The CRZ Notification should be transcribed in local language Marathi. The people's emotions and suggestions should be taken into consideration By re-studying the whole process. In any case, the emotions/feelings of the people should be respected. It is informed to Environment Secretary not to implement the CRZ Notification by disrespecting the views, suggestions of the people. The Notification and maps should be made available at village level in local language Marathi.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

1) The participants who are present in the meeting and joined in Online meeting in which there are Representatives of the people, officials and local people. They have objected on the working/operating system of the Chennai based Institute. This is to inform that National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management is an authorised Institute of Govt. of India and it is mentioned by the Institute that the study is carried as per the guidelines in the CRZ Notification.

: Project Officer further informed that the number of writing suggestions, objections and opinions have been received from the Aachara, Devbag villages of Malwan Taluka. The local people are very anxious to know that how CRZ made applicable to our area? What about the developemtn work? There are many misconceptions are spread among the people.

Shri Mahale, Project Officer informed that the relaxation have been given for the various developmental projects in CRZ Notification, 2019. Previously, State Government permission was required for the construction upto 1,000/- square meters. Now the power is vested with Local Authorities. The demand of the local people is considered.

2) It was very difficult to get permission for the old houses that are already existed. Hence, many local people if have not obtained the permissions, their houses will be regularised.

- 3) The distance criteria of 100 meter from the creek bank and 50 meters from the sea shore have been included in the Notification.

Objectives: -

- a) Protecting citizens from natural disasters.
- b) Maintaining the beauty of the coast.
- c) There are ecosystems such as mangroves that connect the beaches, and to protect them, the area where the waves reach is underlined as the CRZ.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar: -

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar remarked that the Government Officials and Environment Expert who are attending Online and Virtual Meeting should give their introduction: -

Hon'ble Chairman, Public Hearing Cpmmittee:-

As there is several times demand from the all participants, the Government Officials, Project Officials who are attending the Virutual and Online Meeting should give their introduction:-

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

As per the directives of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, the officers and officials of MCZMA, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ratnagiri, are present in the virtual public hearing meeting and Dr. Narendra Toke, Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai is available for Online Meeting.

Shri Ranjit Desai :-

There is no public participation in the meeting due to Corona-19 pandemic and non-availability of network. Hence, as suggested by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, this public hearing should be postponed.

Hon'ble Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee :-

As per discussion with Environment Secretary, this public hearing is conducted as per the guidelines of the MoEFCC, Govt. of India. Hence, the meeting cannot be postponed.

Shri Tukaram Sail, Sarpanch, Pandur :-

The CRZ Notification should be transcribed in local language Marathi and the copies of it should be made available at District and every Grampanchayat Office.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

The information in Marathi is made available on the official site of CZMP and if necessary, hard copies can be made available.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar -

The meeting of the District Mangroves Protection & Promotion Committee is not conducted in the last 26 months. The writing demand is also made. Hence, the CRZ Notification and draft CZMPs should be made available in local language Marathi to all Grampanchayat offices of the District. Due to this CZMP, nearly four lakh people are going to be affected. It is not at all considered.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee :-

Due to technical reasons, the Online Public Hearing Meeting is temporarily suspended and it will be resumed after 2.00 noon. Till then, the suggestions, objections be raised by Offline.

Shri Ranjit Desai :-

District Magistrate-Sindhudurg and Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee just announced that due to technical reasons, the online public hearing is temporarily suspended and there will be Offline public hearing meeting. It is informed that Online public hearing will be again started in the afternoon. Shri Ranjit Desai objected for this and remarked that suddenly how the Online public hearing can be temporarily suspended and why difference in Online and Offline public hearing? Both should be smoothly conducted. He boycotted the meeting and left the meeting hall.

Shri Somnath Tomke :-

CRZ Notification should be under the frame work of CZM Plans. It is most important as Measurement of fixed chronology of Sea-Level Rise, Sea-Level-Fluctuation, Shore-line Changes should be monitored through Monitoring Stations with scientific principles and HTL, LTL and Hazard Lines demarcation should be in a scientific way only.

But Shailesh Nayak Committee has not considered this in a scientific manner, though Shri Shailesh Nayak was Secretary of MoES.

Also, the demarcation of Hazard Lines is not done through Tide Gauges and Monitoring Stations by Survey of India and NSCCM under guidance of MoEFCC, GoI. Hence, CRZ Clearances, activities regulated in IMPs and NDZ area by MCZMA with accepting, sanctioning, evaluating or controlling the proposals, by MCZMA under so called CZM Plans are incomplete.

- 1) The guidelines as issued seems to be temporary in nature, it has no statutory and constitutional base. Hence, it is not mandatory to CZMP to implement it. Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, Writ Petition cannot be filed to implement it. The demarcation of Hazard Lines is the main core of CRZ Notification. Hence it should not be included in CRZ Notification, 2019 Annexure IV 2. It should be marked in CRZ Notification, 2011 Paragraph 1.0 (iii);
- 2) Shore-line Changes is an Important Parameter for preparation of 'Hazard line.' But this is to be noted that since 2000 several times, though it is demanded that Tide Gauges and Monitoring Stations should be installed at Konkan Coastal Zone to monitor Shore Line Changes and Sea Level Fluctuations, it is not established till to date. **(IGI Report Dated**

06.11.2017 on 'Geomorphology on Konkan & Goa; New Delhi). Hence, the statement "Citizens on the coast will not be vulnerable and damaged" made by officials of MCZMA is not at all acceptable to us.

- 3) Sir, Shailesh Nayak Committee, instead of suggesting modifications in CRZ-I and II, it has given Emphasis on relaxing, changing CRZ III (NDZ area). This relaxation is also approved by Union Cabinet on 28-12-2018. The key point here is that fixing of NDZ (No Development Zone), CRZ-III (I) from HTL upto 200 meters, there was no scientific base. No scientific approach while fixing NDZ and relaxing it. It should be just implemented was the main purpose in the Draft of CRZ, 2019 and for this, MCZMA is authorised to implement it.
- 4) Sir, Shri Shailesh Nayak was Secretary at MoES and under the Chairmanship of Shailesh Nayak, a Committee was constituted in June, 2014. The Shailesh Nayak Committee has submitted CRZ-2011 Notification Relaxation Report in January, 2015 to Union Cabinet and Union Cabinet has approved it on 28th Decemebr, 2018, in which as per CRZ-II, Increased FSI and as per CRZ-III, NDZ Relaxation is approved. There was no additional suggestion or point in it. If the Population Density is more than 2,161 square kilometer, then NDZ from HTL up to 50 meter and if the Population Density is below 2,161 square kilometer, then same as CRZ,2011 Notification, which is just copy and paste of CRZ, 2011 Notification.
- 5) The Shailesh Nayak Committee did not give serious thought to scientific principles which have been submitted in CRZ Notification, 2011 and CRZ Notification Draft 2019. It has not studied the guidelines of Indian Institute of Geomorphology Report published in 2017, the guidelines of NCSCM on IMPs and ESAs, due to which fisher folks were prohibited in Land-Use-Zone also. The restrictions have been imposed on fishermen activities in Land-Use-Zone also.
Sir, for preparation of Integrated Management Plan, the boundary of Sea-Shore Line and Hazard Lines should be fixed. Then only with the boundary line, Cadastral Map drawing can be carried by Local Bodies and an Agency approved by MCZMA as suggested by NCSCM. It means, after entry in 7/12, the map of Ownership of Fishermen is created. After taking the entries in IMPs, the map of ownership zone of fishermen is created. Then only the soreness of fishermen is noted.
- 6) So, the imaginary LTL, HTL and Hazard Line of Shailesh Nayak Committee and on which CRZ-IA, CRZ-IB, CRZ-II, CRZ-III and CRZ-IV draft is prepared and considered, further CRZ Notification, 2019 is published, it is totally wrong. Except IMPs and CVCAs, the CRZ Notification, 2011 should not be modified, this is request.

Point No. (II)-

The Science which shows Inter relationship between Living World and surrounding conditions is called Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs). In CRZ-I, in which Bio-diversity, Mangroves Buffer and Turtle-nesting ground are

followed, it is called as Critically Vulnerable Coastal Areas (CVCAs)

1. As NCSCM, Chennai has not demarcated the Shore Line in the area, the IMPs in this area is not updated. Hence, as per CRZ-I B- the inter tidal 5.1.2. (xvi), Weather Radar, Monitoring Stations, Ocean Observation Platforms like HFR (High Frequency Radar), Movement & Associated activities regarding Dangers of Natural Hazards like 'Surface Rip Currents, RipTide Currents & Undertow Currents have not been monitored and vigilance cannot be kept as no scientific instruments were installed here.

2. The whole Konkan Sea Shore has Extremely dangerous and deadly natural Rip Currents, RipTide Currents & Undertow Currents which are dangerous. To this date, many tourists and local people have lost their lives. But till to date, not a single NGO, political party or any citizen have not raised objection to NCSCM or MCZMA and did not ask the reasons or did not demanded to install the scientific instruments. This is our tragedy.

Hence, High Frequency Radar (HFR) System should be installed by NCSCM with the help of MoES under CVCA's IMPs to monitor Surface Rip Currents and Tidal Currents at Western Coast. It is request to MCZMA.

3)It is requested to CZMA that in any case, the permission should not be given to Silica Sand Dredging and change in Active Sand Dunes from HTL upto 500.0 meter.

Sir, as suggested by Bhartiya Janata Party, District – Sindhudurg and from BJP, today online suggestions, objections on CRZ Notification, 2019 have been raised It is requested that suggestions, objections raised should be complied accordingly.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

He asked to give the suggestions in writing, hence the issues can be discussed at State Government level and decision will be taken.

Shri Somnath Tomke has given written suggestions.

Shri Prasad Walawalkar:-

He said that Devbaug is village of Walawalkars. It is informed that his Property Survey number is 61. In the draft CZMP, sea wall and High Tide Line (HTL) is shown at a level only. The sea wall and HTL are at Western Side, but it is shown at Eastern Side. Hence, total plot which should come under CRZ 3 (b), it falls under CRZ 1 (b), due to this, total property is affected. No construction or any other activities can be carried there. While preparing the draft, the ground level is not considered. If on-the-spot survey is carried, then present situation can come to know. In the draft, where the sea wall is shown, at present, there is Malwan-Devbag Road, which is in existence at present. There is no sea wall. The sea wall is at western side. Road is at eastern side. Shri Walawalkar said that the draft prepared by CZMP in which sea wall is shown on the place of road. He said that his plot is shown there. As my plot is shown there, it falls under CRZ 1(b) – Intertidal Zone. Hence, I cannot carry any construction there. There are many houses, which are in existence since

generations. If the survey is carried on the spot, the present status/situation can be known. Further if the map is studied which is available at Land Record, there is no sea wall. The Port Division while clarifying mentioned that erosion prevention wall/bandhara (Sea wall) is not constructed in the plot of Walawalkars, it is constructed on the government land. Hence, it can be said that remark mentioned is totally wrong. Without carrying survey, the draft is prepared and if the draft is approved, there will be many hurdles/difficulties. I, alongwith many other local people will suffer. Hence, the on-the-spot survey should be carried to verify the truth/present status and then only final decision should be taken accordingly.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

The objection should be given in writing. Afterwards, the Chennai Institute and at government level, the objection will be studied and as per your objection, the survey will be carried again at government level. It will be verified where the HTL is shown and if there are mistakes, it will be corrected.

Shri Prasad Walawalkar :-

Shri Walawalkar further asked whether signs of sea wall or road are with scale ratio, which is shown in the draft.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

Yes, the sea wall and road signs are shown as per scale ratio only.

Shri Prasad Walawalkar :-

If tourism plan is included in the CRZ, local people will be benefited through tourism activities.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

As per the recent Notification, many relaxations have been extended. As it livelihood of local people, Home Stay, providing tourism facilities temporarily – beach shacks, temporary foot path, changing rooms are permissible.

Shri Prasad Walawalkar:-

The modifications should be made in CZMP draft.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

The objections and suggestions should be given in writing.

Shri Prasad Walawalkar:-

While carrying survey, the local people should be taken into confidence. One sided survey should not be carried.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

Definitely, local people will be called and their suggestions, objections will be noted.

Shri Dinanath Vernekar :-

He said that he is resident of Ubha Danda, Tal – Vengurla. His land is adjacent to sea shore and at western side, there is plot of MIDC. As per new CRZ guidelines, the existing old houses will be regularized. Then which year is fixed/ear-marked for regularizing the houses.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

As per the Notification dated 6th January, 2011, those who have not obtained permission, these constructions as per the Notification dated 18th January, 2019, the constructions built before 2019 will be regularized.

Shri Dinanath Vernekar :-

We are sons of the soil of Sindhudurg district. We, the local people should get the information of CRZ Notification and Updated map. Hence, the copies of maps with marking of 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter should be made available at local Land Record Office. In Land Record Office, the maps are available as per survey number only, in which there is no information of half portion plots and part survey number. If the maps of CZMP is seen, nothing is mentioned regarding half portion plots and part survey number. The residents of Konkan region have not large land/plot like Western Maharashtra. In Konkan Region, plots have been divided into half portion plots. Hence, it is requested that on the maps, the number of half portion plots also be inserted. Secondly, the MTDC project is at western side of our property and it is declared as "Tourism Zone". If our area is included, we will also be benefited by tourism activities.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

It is requested that suggestions should be given in writing, then it will be discussed at Government level and further action will be initiated accordingly.

Shri Vasant Tandel – Chairman, Macchimar Sangatana :-

- a) The provisions in CRZ, 2011 are beneficial to our fishermen communities, hence, it should be kept as it is.
- b) The representations of the fishermen communities should be maintained.
- c) If there are any welfare schemes for the fishermen communities, the representatives of the fishermen communities should be taken into confidence.
- d) The houses of the fishermen communities / Macchimar should be regularized as per the Law.
- e) As per CRZ, 2019 Notification, Malwan, Devgad, Vengurla Talukas have been affected, in which Malwan and Vengurlas are most sensitive talukas. In Malwan Talukas, Tarkarli and Devbag and in Vengurla Talukas Navabag and Giripwadi are most sensitive areas. In some part, at one side there is sea, another side there is creek and inbetween there are human settlements. As per CRZ Notification,

50-meter; 100-meter and 200-meter distance is specified. But in many places, the human settlements are inside of the 50-meter distance from the sea. These human settlements have to face many difficulties for repairs to old houses and new construction.

Previously, the permission for construction used to get at Grampanchayat level. Now the power is discontinued, hence all fishermen communities are facing tremendous difficulties. Basically, the fishermen communities have very less land and their bastis/settlements are also sparse/thin. Most of the families cannot stay separately due to various marriage or other reasons. Now construction is not allowed. Hence, the positive steps should be taken for this. They should not be displaced. This is request.

f) The copy of the Notification should be made available in local language Marathi.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

The point of construction in "No Development Zone", this is to inform that as per the New Notification, now power is vested with Local Administration. The houses of fishing communities can be converted into Home Stay and they will be getting another source of income. The old houses can be regularized. The Marathi transcribed Notification is made pasted on the website of MCZMA and if it is required, copies can be made available.

Shri Jawadekar, Chief Officer, Malwan, Dist-Sindhudurg -

- 1) If we think of Devgad Nagar Palika Area, its geographical area is 31.0 square kilometers. All the area of Devgad Nagar Palika has been included in CRZ 3 (A). It should be transferred in CRZ (2);
- 2) There is no mangroves area in the Devgad Nagar Panchayat area.

3) Malwan Nagar Palika reg. -

No Development Zone (NDC) is reserved from HTL upto 200 meters. Hence, tourism, traditional Koli wadas/ traditional houses of fishermen and Fishermen settlements should not be affected, as basically these settlements are inbetween 50 meters from HTL since generations after generations. They should not be displaced.

4) In 1987, Coastal Sanctuary is declared. Hence, in Coastal Sanctuary area, which activities are allowed and which are prohibited should be included in the Notification.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

The above points be given in writing, it will be discussed at Government Level and necessary action will be taken at the earliest.

Shri Bhadule, Fisheries Officer :-

As per 2019 Notification, 50 meter distance from HTL is specified. For fisheries business development, there are various projects like Shrimp farm, Fish conservation, Crab and shell Farm.

But as per Coastal Aqua Culture Authority Act, 2005, there is no permission to establish any process from High Tide Line (HTL) upto 200 meters. As per new CRZ Notification, if they allowed distance of 50 meters from HTL, it will be beneficial to the fishermen communities for their business promotion.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

CRZ and Coastal Aqua Culture Authority are different. It is requested to give suggestions in writing. The Government will take further decision and it will be informed to you.

Shri Mane, Project Officer, MTDC :-

Mapping of the Space/Plot :-

Where there is Hill and after completion of sea, where there is mountain, it is demarcated. While demarcating, there are some objects of the CRZ, it means the sea shore should not be violated, protection of aquatic and sea creatures.

But at some places, there are high hills. The survey numbers are given there. The sea water does not come there. The places are useful for tourism. Here how the distance is calculated? Whether the distance is calculated from upside of the hill or just the hill is standing. It means whether distance is calculated like elevation step by step?

Secondly, while calculating the distance from HTL of the the High Rise Construction/Building, there will not be any natural calamities due to HTL, hence mapping of it should not be carried aerial, but other method should be implemented.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

Project Officer of the MCZMA informed that elevation distance is not considered while fixing the CRZ distance of 500-meters. The aerial distance is considered. The area is not at all prohibited as there is sea line. There are primarily three objects –

- a) Natural calamity:- People should be protected from natural calamity;
- b) Protection of means of subsistence with livelihood of the people;
- c) Protection of sea shore and protection of features of the place for which certain space should be protected;

The suggestions please be given in writing which will be processed by respective Government Department and necessary action will be taken.

Shri Govind Keluskar (Traditional Fisherman) :-

If this Act is applicable from HTL upto 12 nautical miles, then whether it will affect the fishing activities?

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

This CRZ Notification protects the rights of the fishing communities. The Rights are intact and protected. There is no obstacles. Moreover, there will not be any obstacles for fish auction hall, small ports, fish net knitting place, ice factory,

fish processing center or allied projects. The interest of fishing business and sea is considered in CRZ.

Shrimati Durga Thigale, Mangroves Pratishtan:-

- 1) At Tondavali Survey No.63 – There is Forest Land. Here Marine Animal Transit Treatment Centre is proposed. Whether CRZ Notification is applicable here? This center is to give treatment to wounded turtle, other aquatic creatures. Hence it will be established.
- 2) Malwan Marine Sanctuary was under Regional Forest Division from 1987 to 2017. In 2017, it is transferred to Mangroves Cell. Now Mangroves Cell have considered the livelihood of the people and planned to prepare Management Plan.
- 3) Upto direct implementation of CRZ, if MCZMA and District Administration guides for pollution control and tourism rules, it will be beneficial.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

For Point No.1

CRZ (1) affected area means area between HTL and LTL.

Secondly, Sea-Shore Activity means development work which needs sea shore such as sea port, sea weed and permission is already given for such development work. But building of multi stored buildings are not permissible. But local people can develop temporary structure. Shri Mahale here remarked that this is really new point and suggested to give it in writing. The decision will be taken at Government level only.

Shri Amit Kamat:-

1) The Govt. of Maharashtra has declared Sindhudurg District as “Tourism District” in 2004. For this, a Study Team was constituted on 22-04-1997 by MTDC to make further study. As per the findings of the Study Team, Sindhudurg District was classified as T-1; T-2; T-3; T-4 and T-5. Here there is no permission for establishing the industries. Hence, in the Draft CZMP and map also, the Sindhudurg District should be ear-marked as Tourism District. Then as per CRZ Notification from HTL to 10 meters, the permission will get for temporary structure of tent, huts and permission for tourism.

2) In the Draft map, beach, rock, cliff are not shown. In this map, beach, rock belt is mentioned, but not shown in the map.

3) HTL is shown in Salt Pan and Prawns Farm, but no sea water comes there. The Farm Incharge has to lift the sea water by pump. This problem is at Shiroda-Velagar, Kolamb Creek area. Hence survey of this area should be carried.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra :-

He remarked that the suggestions raised are good and realistic. It is requested to give the suggestions in writing and decision will be taken at Government Level.

Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee informed that due to some reasons or technical difficulties, local people and Representatives of the People might not been able to raise their suggestions, objections. Hence for those people, the Virtual Public Hearing Meeting will be arranged tomorrow at Taluka Level Office. She thanked all for attending the meeting and raised suggestions, objections.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting are noted. It will be further proceeded by the Chennai Institute and Government and positive steps for protection of environment and public interest will be initiated.

He thanked all for attending the meeting.

MINUTES
DATED 29-09-2020
PANCHAYAT SAMITI, VENGURLA

As per the directives of District Magistrate, Sindhudurg and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee on 28-09-2020, the Virtual Public Hearing for Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) for Vengurla, Sawantwadi and Kudal Talukas (Three Talukas) was conducted on 29-09-2020 at Panchayat Samiti Hall, Vengurla, Dist – Sindhudurg.

Following Committee Members and Government Officers have attended the meeting: -

Sr.No.	Name of the Officer	Name of the Post
1)	Ms. Shubhangi Sathe	Additional District Magistrate - Sindhudurg
2)	Dr. Y. B. Sontakke	Joint Director, MPCB, Mumbai
3)	Shri Ravindra Andhale,	I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Kolhapur
4)	Shri. Sushant Khandekar	Sub Divisional Officer, Sawantwadi
5)	Shri. Lokare	Tahsildar, Vengurla
6)	Ms. Indira T. Gaikwad	Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Ratnagiri
7)	Shri Rajan Girap	Mayor, Vengurla
8)	Ms. Anushree Kambali	Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Vengurla
9)	Ms. Asmita Raul	Vice Mayor
10)	Ms. Uma Patil	B.D.O., Vengurla
11)	Shri. Amitkumar Sondage	Chief Officer, Vengurla
12)	Shri. Dipak Mane	Project Officer, MTDC Ratnagiri
13)	Shri Rupesh Mahale	Project Officer, (MCZMA), Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai

Dr. Y. B. Sontakke, Joint Director, MPCB, Mumbai welcome all and informed about the procedure of conducting public hearing meeting.

He informed that today this Virtual Public Hearing Meeting, is arranged for Vengurla, Kudal and Sawantwadi Talukas of Sindhudurg District for the Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans of Sindhudurg District. First, officials will give presentation regarding the draft CZMPs of Sindhudurg District. Then the participants will be allowed to raise their views, suggestions and objections. He appealed that perhaps all the suggestions may not be accepted. An opportunity is given to local people to raise their issues. We came here to hear you. This scheme is not at all obstructive and destructive. Due to this scheme, old, dilapidated houses can be repaired, new homes can be built. For the procedure of the public hearing, Public Hearing Committee is constitution under the chairmanship of District Magistrate-Sindhudurg. Shri Ravindra Andhale, I/c Regional Officer of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kolhapur is Member and Ms. Indira Gaikwad, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution

Control Board, Ratnagiri is Convener of the meeting. The presentation will be done by Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer. He requested Additional District Magistrate-Sindhudurg to start the proceedings.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee informed that today we are taking Virtual Public Hearing. First the presentation in Marathi of CZMPs, 2019 will be given. After the presentation, an opportunity will be given to all participants to raise their suggestions or objections.

Dr. Sontakke informed that this is draft Coastal Zone Management Plan. This is not at all final. He asked Shri Mahale to give the presentation.

At this moment, Shri Vengurlekar asked the Committee that the time allotted for Vengurla will be finished. Then whether our suggestions will be taken? Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the suggestions and objections will be noted.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai gave the presentation.

After the presentation, following participants have taken part during the discussions:-

Shri. Bhushan Nabar :-

Whether creeks, rivers, nallas are going to be considered in the presentation? Have you considered volume of salt water in it?

Shri. Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA):-

The information will be given in the Presentation.

Shri Rajan Girap, Mayor of Vengurla:-

Will it be possible to determine physically how much salt water enters in rivers, creeks and nalla during high tide?

Shri. Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority:-

As per the provisions in the Notification, geographical structure, Alkalinity of water and affected area of the waves that are considered. Alkalinity is counted. Alkalinity is assumed to be up to 5 parts per ton (PPT). However, according to the eco-system growing on mangroves and salt water, this area is increased. It is extended to the area of mangroves forest and similar eco-systems in the area. In this Creek, River and Nalla, 50 meters No Development Zone (NDZ) is specified.

Shri Rajan Girap, Mayor of Vengurla:-

The salinity is also depending upon the time of the inspection. For eg: If you inspect river during the months of January- February, river has more amount of fresh water, while in later months river has more amount of Salt water.

Shri. Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority: -

The width of river and nalla is considered for Creeks. The width of the creek or

50 meters, whichever is less will be considered as No Development Zone (NDZ).

Shri Rajan Girap, Mayor of Vengurla:-

Which is the Inspection method of mangroves? Because in some places, though there is no mangroves forest, it is shown without their actual presence.

Shri. Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority: -

With the help of High-Quality Satellite and previous maps, Chennai Institute has studied the area of mangroves. If mangroves aren't physically present on the area, then written suggestion should be given. It will be submitted to the Government for further action.

Shri Bhushan Nabar :-

According to Notification, salinity of the creek is 5 PPM in dry season. For this, whether samples of creek water have been collected?

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar:-

The CZMP maps have been prepared by the Chennai Institute. But their representative is not available. Also, It is necessary to inform by the Chennai Institute how the maps are prepared. After declaration of the Public Hearing, complaints have been submitted. But we did not get any answer. The Chennai Institute which has prepared Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan. But concerned Institute neither taking any workshop for CZMP, nor making available the Marathi copies of the CZMP and map upto Grampanchayat level. Till then, Public Hearing should not be arranged, this is suggestion.

Also, the date of Online Public Hearing is published one in advance in local newspaper. Then, the same time-schedule i.e. one month advance public notice should be published for Virtual/Physical Public Hearing Meeting also.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson, Public Hearing Committee:-

This point will be brought to the notice of the Government.

Shri Rajan Girap, Mayor of Vengurla:-

He asked to local people that - the representatives of the Chennai Institute is not present here. Then whether representatives appointed by the Government who are present here will be able to give answers?

Shri Bhushan Nabar :-

This is not according to the guidelines of government and courtesy, etiquettes. The representatives of the Chennai Institute were expected to attend the meeting to give answers to the questions raised by the local people.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar-

This public hearing proceedings should not be finished forcefully.

Shri Rajan Girap, Mayor of Vengurla:-

He asked all the local people whether you all say the same opinion?

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar :-

The Chennai Institute should provide the copy of the Notification in English, Hindi and Marathi. All the information should be made available one month in advance to all Grampanchayat offices. Also 15 days before the public hearing, the workshop should be conducted. How the inspection is carried by Chennai Institute? Whether they met the local villagers? While inspecting, if draft report is prepared, it should be submitted and should be informed to the public. This suggestion is made.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairman, Public Hearing Committee:-

Your objections and views will be submitted to the Government.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar:-

In 1996, Sindhudurga District has been declared as a "Tourism District." Hence, aggregation of Tourism Policy and CRZ Policy should be done. As per geographical and area/location point of view, Sindhudurga District should be given more relaxation in Rules. This is our realistic demand. We are studying which concessions should be given in the Rules? After completion of our study, the suggestions will be submitted to Government. The Notification as issued of CRZ should be made available in Marathi to all Grampanchayat offices. Afterwards, ten days time period for study and then training should be extended. Chennai Institute personnels should be called for the training. It is suggested.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee :-

Your demand is being noted and included in the minutes of meeting.

Shri Yogesh Shetye:-

Before ending we have to raise the objections. But how the objections should be raised for which we request to consider workshop about objections. The Grampanchayat offices got the late information about the public hearing.

Ms. Anushri Kambali, Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti:-

Everyone should have draft/ blueprints of the CZMP and map. I am with people about the same.

Shri Kishore Keluskar, Sarpanch Kelus:-

Next hearing after a month at Taluka level be conducted.

The Villager :- Raise the question without mentioning the name

The grampanchayat offices have not been provided maps. We are not able to see available maps on the website on the mobile phone. Banners of maps should be hanged near the Talathi Office.

Sarpanch Grampanchayat, Parule:-

It is difficult to conduct Gram Sabha in Covid-19 background. Hence, providing information to villagers is difficult.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar:-

Goa Coastal Zone Authority has provided all the information about the Draft CZMPs and map to all Grampanchayat Offices and Nagarpalika Offices. We met Dr. Fernandes of Goa Coastal Zone Authority and he has provided us detailed

information about Goa. Like this, you should give us the detailed information as well.

Shri Yogesh Shetye:-

Yogesh Shetye has remarked that the information on all points be given and then only the public hearing should be cancelled. The survey numbers are not given on the map. In the map, name of village is mentioned at two different places.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar:-

Previously, the bed of the creek is supposed to be 100.0 meter. But now at some places, it has extended upto 200.0 meter. Hence few people have lost their land in the Creek. Will these people will get concession/relaxation? Some survey numbers/hissa number of the draft map are upto five acres. Hence, if 10% area of one survey number is prohibited, then whole survey number is calculated/considered. About this, only the expert who made the map can give answers.

Shri Digambar Shirodkar

There is no water at survey no.96, our house and farm land is on survey number 96. But it is classified under CRZ. We have given the objection.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee :-

If your objections are completed, we can listen to other talukas now.

Shri Bhushan Nabar

First you need to declare that public hearing is cancelled.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee :-

Let us listen the suggestions, objections of other talukas as we have already listened your suggestions, objections

Shri Bhushan Nabar:-

The Math village doesn't have Seashore, creek or river at the distance of 5 kms. Still whole Math village is counted under CRZ zone.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee :-

All the suggestions and objections are noted. It will included in the minutes of the meeting and will be submitted to Government for further necessary action.

Ms. Anushree Kambali, Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti:-

As informed by villagers, Shri Ram Wadi is shown at two different places.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee :-

She appealed that those who have raised the questions, objections may go outside the hall to give an opportunity to others to come inside the hall to raise their views.

Here, the participants who were inside the hall said that unless and until there is no announcement of cancellation of public hearing, we will not go outside the hall.

Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee announced that the Public Hearing conducted for Vengurla Taluka is now concluded.

The local people have started to shout and announced that they will not go outside the hall.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee announced that the Public hearing Meeting is over. The participants argued that we won't go outside.

Shri Nandan Vengurlekar:-

He remarked that in the background of Corona-19 pandemic, this public hearing is conducted. Hence, if any participants are affected due to Corona, it will be sole responsibility of the Government.

All the participants announced that until and unless the Panel Committee does not leave the meeting hall, we will not go outside the hall. All the panel members and government officers and officials left the conference hall.

The Committee left the podium. The villagers stopped all the committee members, officials and officers outside conference hall and asked to make announcement that public hearing should be conducted at Grampanchayat Level. Also, in each survey number, there are many sub parts. It should be included in the map and maps should be provided to local people.

Ms. Shubhangi Sathe, Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee informed that all the suggestions, objections, views raised during the meeting will be included in the minutes of the meeting and it will be submitted to Government for further action. The Public Hearing Committee left Vengurla to proceed Malwan for conducting further public hearing.

MINUTES

DATED 29/09/2020
MALWAN PANCHAYAT SAMITI

Environment Public Hearing for Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs)

Maharashtra state have 720-kilometre-long sea shore and for the promotion and development of terrain, CRZ Notification is issued on January, 2019 at Government level. Due to issuance of the CRZ Notification, the affected persons have been given an opportunity to raise their doubts, suggestions or objections by conducting public hearing. The public hearing was conducted on 28-09-2020 at District Level with the concerned officials of the Government. The Representatives of the People, most of the people have demanded that public hearing should be conducted at Taluka Level, so that most of the people can attend and raise their issues.

Hence, the Public Hearing for Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) is conducted for the Talukas of Kanakavali, Malwan and Devgad. The public hearing was conducted at Malwan Panchayat Samiti Hall under the Chairmanship of Additional District Magistrate – Sindhudurg on 29-09-2020 at 02.00 noon.

Following Officers/Officials and Representatives of the People were present: -

Sr.No.	Name of the Officer/Officials	Name of the Post
1	Ms. Shubhangi Sathe	Additional District Magistrate - Sindhudurg,
2	Dr. Y. B. Sontakke	Joint Director, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai
3	Shri Ravindra Andhale,	I/c Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kolhapur
4	Ms. Vandana Kharmale	Sub Divisional Officer-Kudal, Dist - Sindhudurg
5	Ms. Vaishali Rajmane	Sub Divisional Officer-Kanakavali, Dist - Sindhudurg
6	Ms. Indira Gaikwad,	Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ratnagiri
7	Shri. Dipak Mane	Project Officer, MTDC, Ratnagiri
8	Shri Ajay Patane,	Tahasildar, Malwan
9	Dr. Rupesh Mahale	Project Officer, (MCZMA), Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai

The time for Kankawali Taluka was given 02-23 afternoon. But nobody was present from Kankavali Taluka. Hence, at 3.00 afternoon, the public hearing meeting for Devgad Taluka was started.

Shri Mahale, Project Officer of MCZMA welcomed all Representatives of the People, Government Officers and officials and public. While informing the background of the public hearing meeting, he informed that CRZ Notification was first published in 1991 and it was mentioned in the Notification that it will be implemented to conserve and protect coastal stretches and to safeguard the livelihood of the fishing and local communities living in the coastal areas.

The objectives mentioned in 1991 and in the Notification of 2011 that it is aim to prevent natural calamities due to, increase in global warming and to achieve sustainable development.

Afterwards, on 18th January, 2019 a Notification is issued with draft map. The Chennai based agency has classified CRZ into four categories. The Zone between HTL and LTL is declared as CRZ. The parts of Malwan and Vengurla have developed as city. The increased population more than specified souls of 2,161 density per kilometer urban area is classified as CRZ-II and here 50 meters zone is declared as No Development Zone. In previous Notifications, it was specified as 150 meters, then 100 meters and now 50 meters. He appealed to raise suggestions, objections regarding the Notification.

Sr.No.	Name of the Person raised suggestion/ objection	Discussions	Answer given by the Expert
1)	Ramkrishna Juvatkar	It is requested that the points mentioned about the Creek in the Notification be explained.	The prohibited area of 50 meter is fixed as per the length of the creek attached to the sea at both side of the creek. Here most of the local people are asking about fishing activities. This is to inform that there are no restrictions on the fishing activities. The provisions are already made for redevelopment of old houses and construction of houses. Previously, the permission is used to take from Government, now Local Administration is given power. The dwelling houses which are constructed without permission can be regularized as per Notification.
2	Shri Sunil Parkar	Though, there is own land, the construction is	It was very difficult to get the permission at

		<p>not allowed or due to complaint from Occupier as it falls in CRZ, no permission is granted. If there is mangroves, the permission is rejected. There are nearly 10-12 Wadis/Settlements, where the well water became salty. Due to CRZ, no permission is given to build the barrage. Out of 26 villages from the Sindhudurg District, 17 villages are from Devgad Taluka are CRZ affected. After issuance of New Notification, if the provisions would have made available, then opposition for Online hearing would not have happened. All the villages of se shore should be given opportunity to raise their issues. On the opinion of MTDC Project Officer, Shri Parkar remarked that how the Government projects gets the permission in all level, while local people/individual have to face many hurdles for beach shacks and other tourist needed projects.</p>	<p>Mantralaya level for construction. Now power is vested at Local Administration. But it will not get before the sanction of draft CZMPs. The permission is give for Erosion Prevention Barrages. If there is mangroves, then as it is sensitive issue, the permission would not have given. But if the proposal is submitted, definitely further action will be taken. Here, Shri Dipak Mane, Project Officer, MTDC remarked that due to certain provisions in the Act, there are certain difficulties to get the sanction. He informed that the proposals submitted by MTDC got the approval. Hence, for getting the approval, the Act is suitable. He demanded that power of permission be granted to District Administration Level.</p>
3)	Shri Dharmaji Hadkar	<p>Under CRZ Notification, 200 to 500 meters distance are prescribed. But due to some natural reasons, the creek flow has increased and now it has entered in the human settlements/vastis. To prevent it, constructing Erosion Prevention Barrage also not allowed.</p>	<p>The maps are prepared by Chennai based Institute. But if proposal for Erosion Prevention Barrage is received, the permission is being granted.</p>

4)	Shri Sunil Parkar	The local people will not understand 500-800 meters distance from the sea and HTL and LTL. But due to sea water encroachment, many villages will be ruined. The crops used to cultivate twice in a year, now it is finished due to sea water encroachment. Though the mangroves are shown on the Google map, the maps available with concerned departments are different.	It is suggested to give the objections in writing.
5)	Shri Laxman Tari, Taramumbari	As the land have been shown in CRZ, the private lands also cannot be developed due to HTL and LTL. Hence, increased FSI compensation should be given to the affected local people. He asked whether online suggestions/objections will be acceptable? He further suggested that a person from one village is attending. Hence, Gram Sabha should be called and resolution should be sent for CZMPs.	If the survey number and area is given in writing, then further action can be initiated. The map is in draft form. The suggestions, objections are invited. After considering it, final map will be prepared, this is clearly informed by the Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee. Further it is informed that Online suggestions, objections will be considered, but meeting date should be informed. Member of the Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the provisions in the Act, 30 days' advance public notice was published in local and national news papers and Online meeting was conducted yesterday.
6)	Shri Sanjay Paradkar	Staying in CRZ and carrying business in CRZ is different. The Rules should be waived. The rules for government business and private business are considered differently. In the public	This subject falls under Tourism and alternatively to MTDC. Discussions are under process with Hon'ble Guardian Minister and meeting will be called under his Chairmanship. This is

		hearing, local people should get opportunity to raise the doubts. While allotting FSI, local people should be given priority. The family members have increased, it should be considered and FSI should be allotted.	informed by Shri Mane, Project Officer, MTDC.
7)	Shri Sunil Parkar	Due to Corona-19, many people are leaving their jobs from City and settling at native place. As CRZ Rules are problematic, CRZ Rules should be reviewed. CRZ maps are not available at rural level. Maps should be published. The settlements/vasti of Taramumbari falls within the 50 meters area.	Though Taramumbari area falls within 50 meters of CRZ, there is no difficulty for construction. The Marathi Notification is available at our site at mczma.gov.in . The additional FSI area as compensation will not get. Local people can create Home Stay. They can provide beach shack facilities, toilets and other tourism facilities by leaving 10 meters distance. There will not be any prohibition for fishing activities, fish drying places, fish auction places as per the Notification. There is only one condition that relaxation will be applicable after finalization of CZMP and Map. Hence, it is necessary that implementation should be started at the earliest.
8)	Shri Sanjay Paradkar	Though there are no survey numbers at places of Taramumbari, how the survey numbers have been written in the draft map, it should be explained. The hilly area near the sea should not be under CRZ. 500-meter range on the map and evident 500-meter range are different.	From HTL, after carrying aerial survey line is fixed. Previously, maps were of 2 scale. New maps are 1:2500 scale. While showing micro level scale HTL. 1:4000 will prepared. As local level delegation of power for permission will be implemented,

		Whether manual survey is carried? Maps are required for the construction, but on record, there are no maps. The detailed survey is essential here.	It is essential that maps should be made available.
9)	Vijayadurg Villager, raised question without mentioning the name	At our village, at one side, there is sea and at another side, there is creek. Our whole village falls under CRZ area from both side. This is should considered. If any whole settlement/wadi or village falls inbetween 100 meter or 50 meters, it should be reviewed. On-the-spot survey should be carried. There is hurdle for Home Stay. There should be Rule to upgrade the economic status of the district. While carrying aerial survey, geographical situation should be considered. In CRZ Area, if school and government building falls, it is destroyed. The guidelines should be waived.	The local people of Devgad Taluka who falls in CRZ area are requested to submit their suggestions in writing with date of meeting wise.

Afterwards, the people affected by CRZ from Malwan Talukas were given an opportunity to raise their objections, views, suggestions.

The residents of Malwan requested to introduce the officers who are attending the meeting and panel members of Public Hearing Committee. They have protested that in Online Public Hearing for District level, when Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble Member of Parliament requested to give introduction, his request is rejected.

The residents of Malwan asked about the representatives of the Chennai Institute who have prepared the maps as per the Notification dated 18th January, 2019. Further they remarked that this CRZ policy has become question of life and death of the coastal people and here just within one hour the Committee is winding the procedures of the meeting.

They have remarked that it is informed that due to Covid-19 pandemic, as social distancing has to be followed, batchwise local people will be allowed in

the hall. But as many thousand people will be affected due to CRZ, this meeting could have arranged on the open ground and every affected person could have given an opportunity to express his views.

Hence, as long as every affected person is not given an opportunity at a time in the meeting to raise his suggestion, objection and as Chennai based Institute representative are not attending the meeting to give answers, until then the proceedings of the meeting should not be conducted. This is demand of all the Malwan people. They have demanded to cancel the meeting.

Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the directives of the Central Government, the proceedings of the public hearing are in process. This meeting cannot be cancelled.

Shri Kandalgaonkar, Mayor, Malwan informed that citizens of Malwan are not against the CRZ policy, but as the procedure is totally wrong, they are opposing it. He informed that 2,100 people submitted their objections in writing and hence Shri Kandalgaonkar demanded that such public hearing should be arranged that the views, suggestions, objections of all should be listened first by the Panel Members.

All the participants have demanded such type of Public Hearing should be conducted; hence we boycott this hearing.

All the participants from Malwan left the meeting hall.

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DATED 30-09-2020

ONLINE PUBLIC HEARING AT DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE-SINDHUDURG HALL

The Online Public Hearing Committee was conducted on 30-09-2020 at 11.00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate, Sindhudurg.

Following were the panel members for the Public Hearing Meeting: -

Sr.no.	Name of the Officer	Post
1	Ms. K. Manjulekshmi	District Magistrate, Sindhudurg, Dist – Sindhudurg
2	Shri Mangesh Joshi	Addl. District Collector, Sindhudurg
3	Ms. Shubhangi Sathe	Resident Dy. Collector, Sindhudurg
4	Shri Jaykrishna Phad	Dy. Collector, Election Division, Sindhudurg
5	Ms. Vaishali Rajmane	Sub Divisional Officer, Kanakwali
6	Ms. Vandana Kharmale	Sub Divisional Officer, Kudal
7	Dr. Rupesh Mahale	Project Officer, (MCZMA), Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai
8	Shri Ravindra Andhale	I/c Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kolhapur
9	Ms. Indira Gaikwad	Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Ratnagiri

Hon'ble Guardian Minister of Sindhudurg District Shri Udayji Samant, Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Vaibhav Naik, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly; Shri Deepak Kesarkar, Ex. MLA; Shri Rajan Teli, District President, BJP and Representatives of the People from Panchayat Samitis - Vengurla, Malwan, Sawantwadi, Kudal, Devgad, Respected Mayor and journalists have participated in the Online Public Hearing.

District Magistrate, Sindhudurg and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that on 28-09-2020 Online public hearing was arranged and process of meeting was also started. But due to some technical reasons, many people were unable to raise their suggestions, objections. But who have attended the Virtual Public Hearing were able to raise their suggestions, objections. Hence, for Representatives of the People, this Online Public Hearing is arranged today i.e. on 30-09-2020 at 11.00 a.m.

She welcomed Hon'ble Guardian Minister Shri Udayji Samant, Shri Vinayak Raut; Hon'ble MP; Shri Vaibhav Naik, Hon'ble MLA; , Shri Deepak Kesarkar, Ex. MLA; and Sabhapati of Vengurla, Malwan, Sawantwadi, Kudal and Devgad Panchayat Samiti, Representatives of the People, Mayor Shri Rajan Teli, District President of BJP and asked Shri Rupesh Mahale to give presentation. She informed that the representative of Chennai Institute Dr. Ashok Shindikar is also present online. After the presentation, there will be question and answer session.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer welcome all and informed that Dr. Manik and Dr. Badri from National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management

(NCSCM), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, an authorized Institute of MoEFCC, Govt. of India has prepared a Draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs), 2019 for the Sindhudurg District will be available online. Also Dr. Shindikar from NCSCM, Chennai is available to give answers.

Shri Mahale while informing the background of CRZ Notification he informed that CRZ Notification was first published in 1991 and it was mentioned in the Notification that it will be implemented to conserve and protect coastal stretches and to safeguard the livelihood of the fishing and local communities living in the coastal areas.

The objectives mentioned in 1991 and in the Notification of 2011 that it is aim to prevent natural calamities, increase in global warming and to achieve sustainable development.

Afterwards new Notification is issued on 18th January, 2019 and as per it, draft map is prepared. As per the 1991 Notification, 500 meters distance was specified as No Development Zone (NDC). In 2011 Notification, the distance of 100 meters from HTL is prohibited. Now as per 2019 Notification, the distance criteria is 50 meters. Thus, the Notification of 2019 is beneficial. As per New Notification, the power of granting permission to the area of 300 square meters homes have been given to Local Level. Now there is no need to go to State Government Level. Further old houses, dilapidated houses are allowed to redevelop. Also, the fisher folks which requires some conveniences and basic amenities requires to people will get the permission in No Development Zone (NDC) also. The relaxation is given as informed.

Shri Mahale requested Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) to raise any suggestions.

Shri Vinayak Raut Hon'ble Member of Parliament, :-

Shri Vinayak Raut remarked that detailed explanation is given for New CRZ. Moreover, we were expecting the same thing. I personally requested Hon'ble District Collector to remove the misunderstanding of the local people. What are the benefits and loss should be informed. Because of this meeting, misunderstanding is removed. Very good information is given. When the subject was with Central Government, I have requested Hon'ble Environment Minister, Govt. of India that while finalising new CRZ maps, the representatives of local people and all grampanchayat offices should be taken into confidence. Certain rules of CRZ will have to be relaxed. When the background of 1991, 2011 and 2019 Notifications of CRZ is concerned, I am giving opinion that fortunately people have got opportunity to raise their views. In the notifications, there are some errors. Yesterday why there was a public eruption/cry? The large land of Sindhudurg District has been affected due to various criteria. It is declared as Tourism District. There is Eco-Sensitive Zone. Nearly 40,000 hector area is forest land. Large area is covered for various religious places. 80% area of the Sindhudurg District is affected due to one or another criteria. Hence, there is no development. So emotions of the people were serious. There was no mistake of common people, they are not made aware regarding the Rule properly. Now, we have already requested Central Government that while finalising the maps, the maps which were approved in 2011 should be made available. But it is observed that in 2014, the Chennai

Institute prepared the maps through Google image only. After 2014, many changes occurred, e.g. District Administration is allowed to sanction the house construction of 300 square meters. In 2014, the maps were prepared by satellite and google only. At the time, due to increase in High Tide Line (HTL), agriculture fields were affected due to salty water. Then to protect the agriculture fields and horticulture, the barrages were built. The barrages are not mentioned in the previous map e.g. At Masure village, one "spring" is there and all villagers used to drink potable water of it. From 2011 to 2014, the half portion of the spring was affected due to entering the salty water. After construction of barrage, the salty water entrance is arrested. But the spring where it originates, the 50 meters HTL is specified under CRZ.

This is done in many places at Devgad and Vengurla. The Government has built the barrages to prevent the loss of agriculture fields and horticulture from sea/salty water. Unfortunately, the map is not rectified.

Second issue/point is that if the population is more than 2,161 for one square kilometer, there is relaxation in distance criteria of 50 meters. In Malwan Taluqas, we may get only two villages only, one is Davbag and another at its vicinity. It is observed that in Konkan area, the villages and human settlements are scattered. Hence, the population criteria should be removed. In our Konkan region, the small village will have the population of 300, 400 or 500. Hence, the population of 2,161 for one square kilometer should be removed.

There are traditional fishermen, traditional villages and koliwadass (homes of fishermen) which have been notified in 1991. These villages should be given relaxation/concession for distance criteria of 50 meters.

Now, cities have also began to grow. If there is Vengurla Municipal Council area or Devgad Nagar Panchayat area or Banda of Terekhol Creek, it should be given relaxation for tourism purposes.

Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Vinayak Raut further remarked that it is informed in the presentation that basic amenities provided to fishermen communities will be intact/undisturbed. But, for Home Stay, Beach Sacks, bio-toilets are erected at sea shore of Devbag, Taramumbri, Tambaldeg. The jetty/ramp is required to fishermen. Under CRZ, it is prevented and not allowed to build ramp/jetty. As informed in the presentation, it should be clarified that how much distance criteria from sea is prescribed for basic amenities to be given to fishermen. For promotion of tourism, pipeline drainage system should be allowed with the permission of District Collector. In the CRZ Notification, it is categorized as I, II, III and IV. I again request here the Central Government that while implementing CRZ, utmost care should be taken to avoid any ill-effects. The public hearing is important for it.

He said that while preparing the CRZ map, it should be noted that tourism should be promoted as only Sindhudurg District is declared as "Tourism District." Here Tourism is only livelihood of the local people, hence tourism should be promoted. The implementation of CRZ Notification should not be hurdle to tourism. We have confidence that the Administration will take this positively.

There is vast difference in the survey numbers of revenue villages. The report of Chennai Institute of 2011 and now/at present, there is vast difference in

the survey numbers of revenue village. The local villagers are in tense. They feel that their ancestral livelihood and settlements will be drown/ruined. Hence the survey numbers of 2011 and present should be verified.

Hon'ble Member of Parliament congratulated District Magistrate and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee for making available the platform to inform benefit and losses. As suggested by our Hon'ble Minister Shri Adityaji Thakare, this meeting is arranged. Whatever suggestions and objections will be received be taken seriously to make positive approach.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

It is requested Shri Deepak Kesarkar to give suggestions.

Hon'ble Shri Deepak Kesarkar:-

Sindhudurg is only district which is declared as Tourism District in Maharashtra. Here 'Eco-Sensitive Zone,' CRZ, T-1, T-2 mapping is done. Here there is no industry. The restrictions are imposed on the height of the building throughout the District.

Hence, Sindhudurg is "Special District." Hence, mapping is necessary. After the Notification, no large-scale industry is established in the Sindhudurg District, due to which there is no creation of job opportunities. The job opportunities will get through Tourism Industry/activities only. Hence, there is large scale of migration from this district to other districts. Here one example can be given that in Ganesh Festival season, large scale of floating population increases in Sindhudurg district. Hence, population norms for Sindhudurg District should be relaxed.

Shri Deepak Kesarkar further informed that if population of grampanchayat area is 600 – 700 souls, the population at outside the grampanchayat area might be 600 to 2000 souls. There is no Gaonthan in Sindhudurg district. Hence, there is population density.

In Maharashtra, hospitality home stay in the Open houses/Open space in the big houses are more. Hence, floating population of tourists should also be considered.

Hence, Floating population tourist should also be counted. Then only we can come to know tourism potential of the respective village. Sindhudurg District should be considered as special case. The West Coast is studied like this. I am telling this in English as Institute representatives can know this. There are several Districts, so all those tourism district divided into various tourism zones. The height of building is also restricted. Because of this restrictions, there is migration to Mumbai in search of jobs. No more industries because it is tourism district Highest no. of migrant in Sindhudurg about 5 lakh in one week during Ganesh festival from Mumbai to Sindhudurg. This population should be considered while recommendations are being made. My first request is no. of beaches are limited & one of the facts that report doesn't mention about sand dunes several plateaus in the District. Those dunes are not shown in these maps. This is a geographical feature of Ratnagiri & Sindhudurg i.e. there is immediate hill on the coast of sea. So it cannot be compared with any other part. Part of Goa upto Kerala is flat coast. These Cliffs are around 70% covered by the Coastal area. Height of cliffs is more than 30 meters. So, if you take aerial distance, then it would be injustice. Because the tourist will come to this district to look blue sea. If you are established hotel up to 200 meters. Then, it would become an injustice

because of particular geography of this district. So, my request is that all these features should be mentioned in the plan.

This is to inform all that Sindhudurg is only District, where sea shore is not flat. Yesterday, we had meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra. I have requested him that population density rule for Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg should be waived. But, as Sindhudurg is Tourism District, the request should be made to Environment Minister, Govt. of India. Also this team who have come now should take the survey of bay mouth. The effect which was in 2014, is not in existence now. At some places, Government gives permission to sand dredging for canal. Hence, due to directives of Government only sand dunes have come into existence. These are tourist places. Hence tidal effect of the creek is finished and we prescribed the norms. The tidal effects can be observed where there are mangroves. But at present, the situation is different. We have to test upto the spot, where the sea water goes. There are small nallas. It has been shown under tidal effects. There are very small villages and they have built their own homes. Hence, tidal effects should be tested.

Secondly, this is to note that wherever there are salt pans, water is given by pumps. If it is classified as CRZ, then opportunities of fishing will be finished. Hence again testing should be carried. Otherwise there will be heavy loss of fishing.

* It is informed at the beginning only that livelihood of the fishermen communities should be protected. In the First Act, there is provision that the fishermen community can use existing FSI. The permission for it should be granted. The implementation is not seen. The explanation for it should be given. The tourist cannot stay in the small home of the fishermen. Why the permissions at local level cannot be granted to fishing communities? It should be explained. They should get permission from Town Planning and District Administration. They will get extra sources of income.

Secondly, it should be explained whether in Beach Shack Policy, tents are allowed. It is informed in the presentation about basic infrastructure. In the specified NDC, the basic infrastructure is allowed. But here it is important that Regional Town Planning is needed. After completion of beaches, lands, rocky cliffs, then District should be given relaxation as a Special Case. Then only we will get the justice.

* The barrages built on salty land have totally broken. The barrages are built to protect rice fields. The creek water wherever it comes inside, it is specified as mangroves status. But there no specific mentioned of Rice Fields. Otherwise, many people will be deprived from the agriculture. The rules which are specified for mangroves, crabs are being reared there. The relaxation can be given. The land on which mangroves are there, they will get new source of their livelihood. There will be 30-40% manmade mangroves. It is through Social Forestry in this this and it is successful. It should be mentioned in your report.

Wherever salty water entered, the mangroves have produced there. Here few people are there who work on aqua-culture. Their difficulties should also be solved.

Due to CRZ, there are difficulties. The sand marks have been created. Hence, tidal effect of the year 2014 should not be considered. The situation which is at present in the year 2020 should be considered. The mangroves which are in existence, don't leave it there. Mangroves are part of the tourism. We have Women Savings Group (Mahila Bachat Gat) here and they have been given

Battery Operated Boats. They arrange tour. Here we can walk also. Nature can be interpreted. Mangroves can be saved and promoted. If there is one tree, it should not be called as mangroves. It is produced due to accidental reaching of salty water. It should not be included.

Now explanation regarding Beach Sacks Policy and basic amenities to the fishermen should be explained.

Shri Deepak Kesarkar further informed that in this region the boats are coming from outside and fishing is carried by purse seine net. Hence, I have requested Hon'ble Chief Minister to purchase the speed boats which are built at Shri Lanka and be given to Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg Districts, which is already agreed by Hon'ble Chief Minister. I request to give all basic amenities to the fishing communities. Dhanyawad.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

He remarked that Respected Kesarkarsaheb has given detailed information. The explanation will be given by Dr. Shindikar, Dr. Manik.

He requested Respected Rajan Teli to give suggestions.

Shri Rajan Teli Hon'ble ExMLA:-

He said that the issues raised by Respected Raut and Kesarkar Sir will be answered by Dr. Shindikar. The basic amenities to fishing communities/Kolies such as Fish Drying Space, Space for Knitting of fishing net and other amenities have been permitted in NDC (No Development Zone). Now all proposals are started to submit to MCZMA.

Secondly, after finalization of Notification, the power will be given to Local Administration for sanction of 300 square meter homes.

Thirdly, after issuance of Notification Beach Sacks can be done from HTL upto 10 meters distance. Only one condition is prescribed there of showing of tourism plan. Hence, whatever development work are pending, it can be taken in hand. For repairs of Barrage of Salt land, Dr. Shindikar gave answer.

Dr. Shindikar :-

He mentioned that Hon'ble Representatives of the Public gave studied suggestions. This is total Coastal Strip. District Sindhudurg is subject of the study. The common man has to go to Mumbai for petty reasons. This should have to be finished this point very nicely explained. This proposal needs an immediate action, so that local people's trouble should be minimised.

Dr, Shindikar further informed that at one side degradation of environment has to be prevented, second side there is issue of livelihood of the people. protected. Here the example of Masure village is important. In Maharashtra, there is Neche Class Mangroves. In English, it is called as acrostica. It is found only in Sindhudurg District. This subject we have to study and solve.

In Sindhudurg District, there are many natural places and strength of these places are they are only in Sindhudurg District. The plant named Sundari finds only in Sindhudurg District at Nivti village. It does not get at other places. While

developing salty land, the rice cultivation should be carried. Unfortunately, as there is no proper planning, the salty water came there.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer MCZMA :-

It is informed that Guardian Minister Shri Udayji Samant participated on the meeting. He is welcomed.

Dr. Shindikar –

Dr. Shindikar thanks Guardian Minister and remarked that as proper care is not taken, salty water came inside and there is increase of marshy land.

Hence CRZ-I is classified. But as per suggestion the village Masure and at other places, there will be testing. As emotions and feelings expressed as after 2011, there will be testing. But unless and until Notification is not finalized, old rules will be applicable.

Some area falls under CRZ-3, but it is shown as CRZ-I. As there is no information that previous constructed homes will be sanctioned, there are misunderstanding. This is to inform that the constructions which commissioned before 1991 will be given sanction and basic amenities to fishermen will be given. There are relaxation to traditional cultures and ethics. There will not any hurdle to crab rearing. This should be note by all. I request through this medium that CRZ are should be called as "CRZ Impact Area" and not as "CRZ Affected Area". If affected area is called, naturally it is think as crisis. Further to inform that Central Government has adopted this CRZ Plan throughout country. Some changes might have given in the description of small villages. To rectify it, this public hearing is arranged. This discussion is under process. People are hearing silently and studied comments have been given. It will beneficial. Here Administration should come forward for taking further decision. Local people desire change. They should raise their suggestions. He informed that he will transcribe the report in English and will submit it to Government.

Shri Rajan Teli Hon'ble ExMLA:-

Shri Rajan Teli remarked that very good information is given Shri Shindikar. He said that he desires to raise 2-3 suggestions. Sindhudurg is only district which is declared as Tourism Department. The sea shores are not shown in the map. The exact information of hilly area is not mentioned. The large land is in possession of the Forest Department. Hence, here any industry cannot come. There is only one way i.e. Tourism. Hence, special concessions should be given to this district. It is suggested that a Workshop should be arranged for Coastal located Grampanchayats. If this workshop is arranged at Collector Office, then all will get guidance.

Shri Vaibhav Naik Hon'ble MLA:-

He said that whatever points, suggestions raised by Hon'ble MP Vinayak Raut and Respected Kesarkar, Ex-MLA, the same points were raised by me on Monday, the 28th September, 2020.

The local people are opposing Marine Sanctuary. If The permissions have been given at local level, the people will be benefitted. As raised by Respected Kesarkarsaheb, tourism should be allowed in the Creek area.

After raining, the water goes in the small small creeks and mangroves are produced. If we see the map of 10 years back, 5 years back and map of today,

there is difference. As no barrages are constructed, the mangroves are growing. Hence, the survey should be carried on-the-spot. The Revenue Department and CRZ officials should go jointly on the various spots and area should be earmarked.

Shri Rupesh Mahale :-

He said that as he has to give information to Chennai representatives, he is conveying it in English –

1. Confusion about survey numbers, some have been wrongly mentioned, missed location and wrongly shown.
2. Hon'ble MLA Kesarkar Sir – Requesting re-survey of beaches & river
3. Geographical features -Plateau, Cliffs shown in draft CZMP
4. Mangroves shown in place of rice fields.

Dr. Manik, Chennai Representative: -

- 1) Good afternoon. Briefed the notifications 2011 & 2019. How to update CZMP confusion in survey no?

Dr. Manik answered that said that the maps provided by Maharashtra Govt. shall rectify with the survey no.

- 2) Re- survey of creek & river

It is answered that there is difference in 2011 & 2019 then if it changed then we look into & we make changes, represent to Central Govt. and correct it land use feature is missing. We prepare the land use-geographical feature, agriculture, field.

- 3) Dr. Manik informed that CRZ prepared as per guidelines. Geographical features taken into account while preparation of CZMP. Typically. in Maharashtra & Goa Mangroves increased in agricultural fields. We have to demarcate. Mangroves grown in private fields, there will be no buffer. If there is 1000 sq mtr mangroves then there will be 50 mtr buffer zone. 2011 Notification data base is being used, satellite images & high-resolution images that data base is used in present CZMP. Obviously there may be some changes. Where there are changes required we will rectify & will send to authority for consideration.

Shri. Rupesh Mahale :-

There are Aqua-culture, these ponds are not natural & it is inter tidal zone.

Dr. Manik:-

We will check it and we will change that particular map and will send to authority for consideration.

Shri Vinayak Raut Hon'ble MP:-

Govt. of India is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Under PMMSY, Fisheries, Fish Production, Prawns Farming are covered. This total scheme (PMMSY) is of 20,000 crores. Maharashtra will be

highly benefited. Hence, we cannot say now where these activities will run. So there should not be any disturbance at Prawns and Crab farming.

Secondly, as informed by Shri Vaibhav Naik, Hon'ble MLA, were will be "Coastal Sanctuary" located? The villages alongwith the sea shore are in tense. In the year 2011 and 2014, where there were coconut trees garden and Phophali (Areca Palm) trees garden, mangroves have been shown. The government officials promised to rectify the same. There are few places i.e. at Devbhag, creek is at one side and sea is at another side. There is hardly 100 meter distance. Also at Talashi and Devghad Talukas, there is Mithvamb and Velagar at Vengurla. What will be decision regarding these villages? Fishing Tourism Activity is carried there. What are plans regarding the villages which are on confluence. There are islands, there is public settlements at Khot and Masukar. If it is to be redeveloped, what will be your planning?

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

The above points were informed in English

Dr. Manik :-

CRZ doesn't hamper aquaculture & fish farming not at all. Those are existing, will run and if it is making in CRZ area, there is problem.

Shri Vinayak Raut Hon'ble MP:-

Prime Minister Scheme for aquaculture is upcoming and wheter it will be implemented?

Dr. Manik :-

Aquaculture & Salt pan is a part of inter tidal zone. There is no connection of sea water.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

The explanation regarding Marine sanctuary is expected from local people.

Dr. Shindikar :-

This is important point. When 'Protected' is declared, then people come into tense. They have question in mind that whether they will be prohibited for entrance?

So Critically Vulnerable Coastal Areas (CVCA) is highly sensitive part, which is studied through biological diversity, hence it is protected. This is big gift by the nature. This is a big point for it to happen globally. But at the same time, public opinion/emotions are also important.

As per CRZ-I, it is prohibited, it means there is no development schemes. But this is inform here that in this area, how environmental friendly development schemes can be implemented, this should be thought. The interest of local people will not be neglected. Also the basic amenities to local people in CRZ-I e.g. pipeline, electricity supplying wires or tele-communication wires, road, bridge/pool for local people can be implemented.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

Here the question arise that CVCA (Critically Vulnerable Coastal Areas) is shown at Karli Creek of Malwan. The Coral Iceland is shown near the Sindhudurg Fort.

Dr. Shindikar :-

The activities which are totally depending upon salt water, it will have no prohibition. This is purposefully desires to inform.

Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble MP:-

The local fishermen of Malwan to follow the Rule to protect bio-diversity. But LED fishing, which comes from other States if totally prohibited/banned, then only this aim will be fulfilled. The Government should think seriously about this. If the workshop is arranged, the people will understand. As Chennai Institute promised to rectify it, we should take the opportunity of benefit.

Shri Vaibhav Naik, Hon'ble MLA -

The residential colonies of fishermen is not shown in the map.

Dr. Shindikar :-

As per the directives of the Government the information of Koliwadadas /r residential houses of Koli/Fishermen, their traditional residential places have been marked. Facilities will be given to mention the same.

Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble MP:-

Local Administration should take the action.

Dr. Shindikar:-

The construction before 1991 and roads, it has no prohibition. The construction should not be towards sea side. It can be towards land side.

Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble MP:-

Devbag is a village. There is at one side creek and other side, there is sea. Like these places, the Committee should visit and survey.

Shri Vaibhav Naik Hon'ble MLA:-

Please give information regarding CVCA.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

Few areas of Malwan and Karli Creek near the Devbhag are CVCA (Critically Vulnerable Coastal Areas). The mangroves in Karli Creek are CVCA mangroves. The Panchayat Samiti of Devgad, Kanakawali, Malwan, Sawantwadi and Vengurla are requested to raise their suggestions, objections if any.

Shri Deepak Kesarkar :-

Cliffs and beaches, rocky area etc. are shown in landuse features are not shown. Whether particular features mentioned to be given exemption?

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

Dr. Manik, please take this as one more point for consideration.

Dr. Manik :-

Survey number & villages will look in to this.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

In the prohibited area of Devbag Talashi, old constructions to be repaired and basic amenities are permissible now.

Panchayat Samiti, Devgad :- Raised question without mentioning name

Yesterday, the questions were raised. Considering present situation of Devgad Taluka, Devbag, Tara Mumbari, Tambaldeg, Mith Mumbari these villages have one side creek and other side there is sea. It is requested to CRZ and other governments officials to visit personally and take into confidence local people.

Secondly, HTL and LTL which were 15 years back and now, there is big difference. E.g. Since last two years, large land part at Tambaldeg due to sea water encroachments is totally goes into the sea water. Now the situation is different. Hence, people should be made aware personally by visiting and carrying survey. Their misunderstanding should be removed.

Second point – Mangroves –

There are nine villages on sea shore and 18 villages at creek are CRZ affected. Here the sweet water is totally converted into salty water. The permission is required for construction of barrages. At many places, there is no bandhara. The sea water enters into the human habitations and homes. Hence, the people have to dependent upon tap water.

Hence the visit and survey should be carried at village level and local people be shown HTL and LTL and their misunderstanding should be removed. Many rules have been relaxed, hence congratulations to Central Government.

Mayor, Devgad :- Raised question without mentioning name

The Nagar Panchayat (Municipal Council) is established in 2016. It is classified under CRZ-III. It should be classified as CRZ-II. The traditional fishermen should be allowed to construct their homes and relaxation should be given to provide them basic amenities.

Panchayat Samiti, Devgad :- Raised question without mentioning name

One more point on HTL and LTL. If aerial distance and actual distance is taken, there is difference. Secodly, the Government gives permission to Beach Shacks and Home Stay with certain terms and conditions. But now 25- 30% working personnels came back here as their jobs have gone due to Covid-19 or other things. Hence, it is requested to Local Representatives that efforts should be made for promotion of business activities.

Sabhapati, Devgad Nagar Panchayat Samiti:-

Most of the objections raised during the hearing. Almost all points discussed. Shri. Baba Mondkar will present additional information.

Shri Baba Mondkar, President, TPTS Institute, Tarkarli:-

A request is made. Due to demand of the people, yesterday the public hearing was conducted at Vengurla and Malwan. Now the people's representatives

raised few suggestions. The points should be taken as discussions. The maps are prepared by Chennai Institute as per the map of 2011. But after nine years, the many changes have occurred in the society. Here in Malwan, the changes are occurred in every inch. Hence, it should not be made applicable to Malwan. The google survey is not at all carried by right approach.

So the public hearing should not be arranged, and it will be injustice to us.

The Chennai Representatives who have prepared maps does not know local language. From Vijaydurg to Redi, there is 123 kilometer sea shore. This is not only sea shore. How here bio-diversity is produced, it should be studied.

The name of this district Sindhudurg is given from the Sindhudurg Fort. Due to bio-diversity, the Malwan sea shore has become highly sensitive.

The fishermen pray Sea as their Parents. Hence, bio-diversity of Malwan sea shore is gift to us and it is preserved and protectec by the local fishermen. With the protection of bio-diversity, local fishermen carried fishing. Hence, the Scuba Diving is carried at Goa side only. The corals are here since last many thousand years. It has been protected by the local villagers/fishermen. Many thousands people are coming here to watch the coral.

While preparation of maps, tender is to be given in which there are terms and conditions. Then the people staying on the sea shore should be considered first. If my suggestions are wrong, then it should not be taken.

Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble MP:-

The Chennai Officials promised to rectify the same.

Shri Babaa Mondkar :-

Upto which period the suggestions should be submitted.

Sabhapati, Sawantwadi Panchayat Samiti :-

Thanks for the information. This (accepted suggestions) should be given in local language Marathi. One copy of it be made available to CRZ affected villages. Here total 18 villages are affected. Out of 18, there are 08 villages, where there is no river and flowing water. Hence, these villages should be exempted.

Shri Bharat Naik, Sarpanch, Satarda :-

Due to sand dredging, the river bed is changed. By giving draft, the common people have been cheated. After requesting several times, the request is not at all considered and public hearing is arranged. Hence, opinion/emotions of the people should be considered and then the decision should be taken.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

The Marathi Notification is available at the website of MCZMA.

Sabhapati Madam :-

The survey should be carried in the area. If Sarpanch is available, then survey should be carried with them.

Shri Vinayak Raut, Hon'ble MP -

Hon'ble Sabhapati Madam, Chennai officials promised to rectify. Hence provide them survey number and name of the villages.

Ms. Anushri Kamble, Sabhapati, Vengurla Panchayat Samiti:-

The procedure of mapping of Math and Asule is wrong. It should be exempted from CRZ. Here fixing HTL is done leaving sole creek bed. It is classified wrongly as CRZ-III. It should be exempted from NDC (No Development Zone).

Representative Yogesh & Mayor, Vengurla:-

Now many relaxations have been given in the Plan. Hence, Central Government is congratulated. The permission for building the houses, repairs to home will be granted at local level only.

But, the permission for redevelopment of fishermen homes from 0 to 200 meters are still pending. If it is taken, then inform all. As per Shri Kesarkarsaheb's information, if there is less distance between two homes, they have been allowed to built one additional floor. If the permission is given Revenue Department, it will be welcomed, as Revenue Department will not raise querries. The justice will get to fishermen. While talking about Vengurla, this is to inform that Vengurla Municipal Council has one Crab Project. It is at side of Mandavi river. It should be noted. At Vengurla near Naik house, there is open space. It is a plateau. It is best place for tourism. While mapping, this place is specified in CRZ-II. The aerial mapping is carried. It can be used for tourism. There is one nalla which goes through the city. It is shown as Creek Area. Hence, if the spot survey is carried, it will be known. Very less quantity of salt water is in the nalla. The sweet water is upto February, but in March and April, it is totally dry. Hence, nalla should be mentioned.

Representative, Sarpanch:-

Here there are farmers. Many points and suggestions, objections have been raised by People's representative. Our village have raised 14 objections. If Kokra village is considered, here sole creek bed is left and HTL is fixed. There are agriculture fields, horticulture, homes. There is no NDZ. Then whether NDZ area can be utilized?

Secondly, fishing is carried for livelihood. The water of the creek is taken. The suggestions raised by Deepak Kesarkar and Hon'ble MPs should be considered.

Mayor, Malvan:-

We have given our request on 25th. It is requested that commercial activities should be given relaxation as residential. It is a request.

Vengurla Panchayat Samiti:- Raised question without mentioning name

My village is Ubha Danda. For the tourism purposes, the sand hills will be converted into flat. While developing as there is port, whether other difficulties will arise? It should be informed.

Dr. Shindikar:-

Dr. Shindikar informed that point is important. If there are Kevada flower forests, sand hills (Tembe) due to which sea shore is protected. Mangroves are wall gifted by the Nature. Hence, for our protection it is not advisable to built wall surrounding the village. For this, eco-friendly plants should be planted. The best and soft alternative is cultivation of special grass which protects the sea shore. We give permission for it.

Shri Vinayak Raut Hon'ble MP:-

The cultivation of Suru Tree (Palm Tree) is also another alternative. In Vengurla, there will be conversion of 50 meter flat land. At Ubha Danda, there are sea bhandhara at both sides. Now the sea water is entering there. The bhandaras have been broken and flown in the water. It should be noted carefully.

Kudal Panchayat Samiti :-

No local people from Kudal were present.

Kanakwali Panchayat Samiti :- Raised question without mentioning name

No local people from Kudal were present. I am B.D.O. is present.

Shri Mahendra Paradkar, Malvan:-

There are residential houses inbetween 50 meters, which have been built before 1991. Whether they will be permitted?

Shri Rajan Teli Hon'ble ExMLA:-

He said that there is one point of 300 square meter construction. The Town Planning Department does not know the information. Hence, Collector Office and Town Planning should be sent detailed information.

Shri Rupesh Mahale, Project Officer, MCZMA :-

As per the Notification of 2019, the draft and outline should be finalized and then the Notification will apply. Then everybody can be communicated. Today, the Notification is not applied.

Kudal Panchayat Samiti :- Raised question without mentioning name

Though, there is no relation of few villages of Kudal Taluka, it has been shown in CRZ. The survey on-the-spot is not carried. First suggestion is that each and every village should be visited, survey should be carried and then outline of map should be prepared. The Marathi copies of it should be made available. Then the public hearing can be arranged. So that people can raise their objections, points. Otherwise, it will be forceful act.

Second point is the villages which are located at the Creek side and river side, the erosion prevention trees have already broken. Hence, in the draft outline, it should be noted.

Shri Deepak Kesarkar, Hon'ble MLA:-

Unless and until, this is not finalised, its benefits will not get to common man. Hence, we have to co-operate the administration. New relaxations/concessions are given. Now one Grampanchayat is divided into four parts, so they do not get benefit. Hence, this point should be confirmed. The revenue village which is made by Revenue Department is for tax collection. Hence, the population of Grampanchayat should be considered. The agency is of Chennai. Topography should shown with land use. The rest house at Vengurla is built on rock. People cannot take benefit of it. The Sindhudrug district should be considered.

Shri Vinayak Raut Hon'ble MP:-

All have given very good information. But we promise people that the suggestions, objections received from each village will be considered seriously. The Chennai Representatives already promised that We will rectify.

Dr. Manik :-

If this is issue of map, we together will revise and it will be as per the Notification. We look at this village, Survey No. if it is requires to change, we will change it and give recommendation to technical committee.


Shri Vinayak Raut Hon'ble MP:-

The mistakes done in the map, should be rectified.

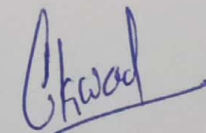
Dr. Shindikar :-

Thanks for all. All have raised very important suggestions and submitted practical information. For conducting this meeting, District Collector Office and local MPCB office have worked hard. The discussions was very positive. The studied points were raised. Dr. Manik is also present. He agreed to make changes. I got opportunity to join the meeting. We have to think how this Notification will be useful to all people. We will make efforts for this through Administration.

On behalf of the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee, I declare that this hearing is completed. Thanks to All.


(K Manjulekshmi)
Chairman and
District Magistrate Sindhudurg

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