

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Abstract

Environment Protection - Coastal Regulation Zone + Tamilnadu
Coastal Zone Management Authority - Projects seeking clearance
from the Authority - Scrutiny Fees - prescribed - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (EC.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.166

Dated: 20.7.99.

Read:

- 1) Notification of Government of India in S.O.114(E) dated 19.2.91.
- 2) Notification of Government of India in S.O.994(E) dated 26.11.98.
- 3) From the Director of Environment Letter Rc.No.37/98A dated 5.5.99.

ORDER:

The Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-rule(3) of Rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 vide Notification dated 19.2.91 declared the Coastal stretches of seas, bays, estuaries, creeks, rivers and back waters which are influenced by tidal action (in the landward side) upto 500 metres from High Tide Line as Coastal Regulation Zone and imposed, with effect from 20.2.91, certain restrictions on the setting up and expansion of industries/tourism related activities operations or processes etc. in the said Coastal Regulation Zone.

2. The Government of India in exercise of the powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 constituted Tamilnadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority under the Chairmanship of Secretary to Government, Environment and Forest Department in Notification No.S.O.994 (E) dated 26.11.98 to take measures for protecting and improving the quality of Coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling Environmental Pollution in the coastal areas of the State of Tamilnadu.

3. The State Coastal Zone Management Authority, interalia, is required to scrutinise the applications for projects that are proposed to be located within Coastal Regulation Zone under CRZ Notification. After consideration of the proposal in all aspects, the proposals will have to be forwarded to National Coastal Zone Management Authority with its recommendations. The State Coastal Zone Management Authority at its meeting held on 7.4.99 discussed at length to levy scrutiny fee on the New Project Application which falls under Coastal Regulation Zone areas and has decided to fix the fee depending on the outlay of the project.

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It has been resolved to fix an amount of 0.1% of the total project cost as scrutiny fee and to maintain the amount collected as a separate fund. The Authority has also decided to utilise the fund so collected for meeting the requirements of the authority, in performing its designated responsibilities such as: a) expenditure towards demarcation of High Tide Line and Low Tide Line, b) establishment and administrative charges for taking suitable action on the implementation and monitoring of the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone, c) Research and Development works including training, d) identifying and implementing Coastal Conservation Programmes and Projects, e) Expenses in connection with the meetings etc.

4. The Director of Environment as Member Secretary of the authority has sent relevant extracts of the minutes referred to in para 3 above of the Tamilnadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority held on 7.4.99 and has requested the Government to pass suitable orders on the above resolution of the Tamilnadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority.

5. The Government accept the resolution passed by the Tamilnadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority and the recommendation of the Director of Environment and a scrutiny fee of 0.1% of total project cost is hereby levied from all the Project proponents who have proposed to set up/locate their projects within Coastal Regulation Zone. The Director of Environment is authorised to receive the scrutiny fee and sanction the related expenditure without awaiting the orders of Government in each and every case but with the prior approval of the State Coastal Zone Management Authority.

6. The Head of Account to which the scrutiny fee to be debited and credited are as follows:-

- "J. Reserve Fund -- (b) Reserve funds not bearing interest - 8235-00 - General and other Reserve Funds - 200 Other Funds - AB State Coastal Zone Development Fund"
- (D.P. Code No. 8235-00-200-AB-000F) (Receipts)
- (D.P. Code No. 8235-00-200-AB-0005) (Outgo)

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 1736/FS/P/99, dated 14.5.99 and also 44812/AH&S) dated 19.7.99.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K.S. SRIPATHI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Environment, Chennai 83.
The Chairman,
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai 32.
All the Members of State Coastal Zone Management Authority.

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The Accountant General, Chennai 18
The Accountant General, Chennai 18 (By Name)
The Accountant General(CAS), Chennai 9.
The Pay and Accounts Office, Chennai 35.

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The Secretary to Government,
Industries Department, Chennai 9.
The Secretary to Government,
Energy Department, Chennai 9.
The Secretary to Government,
Information & Tourism Department, Chennai 9.
The Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai 9.
The Secretary to Government,
Planning and Development Department, Chennai 9.
The Government Data Centre, Chennai 25.
The Finance (BG,II) Department, Chennai 9.
The Finance (W&M) Department, Chennai 9.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER 20.7.99

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