

125th MEETING

TAMIL NADU STATE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Date: 13.03.2024 (Wednesday)
Time: 03.30 P.M

Venue:
7th Floor, Conference Hall,
Environment, Climate Change &
Forests Department,
Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai,
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Agenda Item No. 01: Confirmation of the minutes of the 124th meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority held on 04.03.2024

The 124th meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority was held on 04.03.2024 and the minutes were communicated to the Members of the Authority, vide this office letter No. P1/1950/2021 dated 11.03.2024.

Agenda Item No.02: The action taken on the decisions of 123rd and 124th meetings of the Authority held on 23.02.2024 & 04.03.2024 respectively.

Details of action taken in 123rd meeting

S. No.	Subject	Action taken
01	Establishment of Ice Plant at S.F.No. 518/3, Kadiapattinam Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari district by Thiru A. Joseph Stalin, Kizha Muttom Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari dist.	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to DTCP, vide letter No. P1/2852/2023, dated 06.03.2024
02	Proposed "Relaying of existing Bituminous Concrete Road at Thiruvanmiyur Village, Velachery Taluk, Chennai district" by Greater Chennai Corporation	The proposal was not placed before the Authority as the Proponent had withdrawn the proposal.
03	Proposed construction of Deficient Married Accommodation at CGR in Mullakadu Village, Thoothukudi dist. by Commander, Coast Guard, Thoothukudi (Resubmission)	As decided by the Authority, The PP has been requested to seek alternate land outside CRZ to carry out this project, vide this office letter No. P1/537/2022, dated 05.03.2024.

04	Construction of Beach Resort at SF. No. 87/1B, 87/1A2, 87/2, 81/1B1A, 81/2B2, Kannirajapuram Village, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Kfour Apartments & Hotels Private Limited, Madurai (Resubmission for amendment)	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to GoTN, for forwarding to MoEF& CC, GoI, vide this office letter No. P1/1532/2022, dated 07.03.2024.
05	Proposed installation of Skid mounted Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) Storage Unit along with its prefabricated portable computer room in the CRZ-III (NDZ) within the existing site at S.F.No. 135/2A (Part), SIPCOT Phase-II, Semmankuppam Village of Cuddalore Taluk and district by M/s. Covestro (India) Pvt. Ltd., Cuddalore	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been recommended to SEIAA, for issuing Clearance, vide this office letter No. P1/2884/2023, dated 06.03.2024
06	"Underground laying of Natural Gas Transportation Pipeline passing through Uppanar River approximately a length of 0.255 km2s out of the total length of 29.197 km from Palayapalayam Village, Sirkali Taluk to Memathur Village Tharangambadi Taluk, Nagapattinam District" by M/s. GAIL (India) Ltd., Karaikkal (Resubmission)	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to GoTN, for forwarding to MoEF& CC, GoI, vide this office letter No. P1/2024/2019, 06.03.2024
07	Establishment of Edible Oil Storage Terminal at 'O' Yard in Area-I (North) of Chennai Port Area by M/s. KTV Oil Mills Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to GoTN, for forwarding to MoEF& CC, GoI, vide this office letter No. P1/3141/2023, 06.03.2024
08	Proposed construction of Heritage and Cultural Complex named "Bharatamritam" at S.F.No. 98/1, 98/2, 98/3B1 etc., at Poonjeri Village, Tirukazhukundram Taluk, Chengalpattu district by M/s. Mata Amrithanandamayi Mandir Trust, Chennai	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been recommended to SEIAA, for issuing Clearance, vide this office letter No. P1/ 228/2024, dated 07.03.2024
09	Modernization and Upgradation of Chennai Fishing Harbour, Kasimedu, Chennai by CEO / MS, Chennai Fishing Harbour	As resolved by the Authority, the PP has been requested to modify the proposal, vide letter No. P1/228/2023, dated 27.02.2024
10	Establishment of National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) Field Research Centre for Sustainable Livelihood for Fishermen Communities in Gulf of Mannar at Pamban village Rameswaram Taluk, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu by Director, NCCR	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to GoTN, for forwarding to MoEF& CC, GoI, vide this office letter No. P1/1666/2023, 07.03.2024

11	Reconstruction of Arulmigu Kothandaramaswamy Temple Building Complex at S.No. 1053, Rameswaram Village, Rameswaram Taluk, Ramanathapuram district by JC / EO, Arulmigu Kothandaramaswamy Temple, HR & CE, Rameswaram	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to GoTN, for forwarding to MoEF&CC, GoI, vide this office letter No. P1/2795/2023, 07.03.2024
12	Renovation and Redevelopment at S.F.No. 487 & 490, Muttom Beach in Kadiapattinam Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari district by General Manager, Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corp. Ltd., Chennai	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been recommended to SEIAA, for issuing Clearance, vide this office letter No. P1/3174/2023, dated 07.03.2024
13	Proposed upgradation of Pichavaram (Arignar Anna Tourism Complex maintained by TTDC) as major tourist destination at S.F.No.338/1 & 338/2 of Killai (South) Village, Chidambaram Taluk, Cuddalore district by MD, Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., (Resubmission)	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been forwarded to GoTN, for forwarding to MoEF&CC, GoI, vide this office letter No. P1/2147/2023, 07.03.2024
14	Proposed Green Belt Development at S.F. No. 68/1(p), 71/1(p), 71/2(p), 72(p), 73/8(p), 74/1(p), 74/3B(p), 74/16(p), 74/18(p) & 134(p) in SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Phase II, Semmankuppam Village, Cuddalore Taluk, Cuddalore District by the Managing Director, SIPCOT, Chennai	As resolved by the Authority, the proposal has been recommended to Local Planning Authority, Cuddalore, vide this office letter No. P1/508/2024, dated 08.03.2024

Note : Action is being taken to the concerned proposals, based on the Minutes of the 124th Meeting held on 04.03.2024.

Agenda Item No.03

Proposed "Construction of Pedestrian Skywalk and reconstruction of Box Culvert by replacing existing pipe culvert in Santhome High Road, Avvai Nagar, Mylapore Village, Chennai district by M/s. Chennai River Restoration Trust (CRRT), Chennai (Single Window No. SW/173437/2024)

The District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB, Chennai has forwarded a proposal received from M/s. Chennai River Restoration Trust (CRRT), Chennai for the proposed "Construction of Pedestrian Skywalk and reconstruction of Box Culvert by replacing existing pipe culvert in Santhome High Road, Avvai Nagar, Mylapore Village, Chennai district. The project report was prepared by M/s. Eco Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd., Chennai having NABET Certificate valid extended upto 10.03.2024 (for building and construction projects) and M/s. Indomer Coastal Hydraulic (P) Ltd., and the NABL certificate valid upto 12.01.2024 (for General Requirements for the Competence of Testing & Calibration Laboratories).

Need for the Project

Due to maintaining the ecological health of Adyar Eco-Park developed in Phase-I; and also provide a better link and to ensure water exchange between Adyar Eco-Park developed under Phase-I and Adyar Creek being developed under Phase-II, CRRT is planning to construct a safe and convenient Pedestrian Skywalk across the Santhome High Road. The proposed Pedestrian skywalk connecting the parks serves the dual objective of improving accessibility and safety for park visitors while retaining the park's nature state and functioning. The proposed project is construction of connecting Pedestrian Skywalk to link both area of Adyar Eco-Park developed in Phase-I and Adyar Creek being developed under Phase-II and the replacement of the existing Pipe Culvert to Box Culvert to better link the flow of water from Phase-II to Phase-I, which will help the maintain the ecosystem of the Adyar Eco-Park developed in Phase-I.

Details of the proposal

1. Pedestrian Skywalk

- Construct a pedestrian skywalk connecting Adyar Eco-Park developed in Phase-I and Adyar Creek being developed under Phase-II to facilitate pedestrian access between both areas without getting out of the park.
- The length of the proposed pedestrian skywalk is 154m length and 2.4m width and the vertical clearance is 5.5m from the Greenways Road level.
- The skywalk will have up ramp and down ramp.
- The area of the Pedestrian skywalk is 462 Sq.m.
- The platform at level 5.5m above the road is of length 22m.
- The pylon that supports the structure is placed at the centre median of the Greenways Road at a height of 13m from the road level.

- The Ramp portion of the bridge is supported by the columns placed below the ramp.

2. Box Culvert

- Replacement of existing pipe culvert with box culvert across Santhome Highway in order to facilitate better link in the flow of the water from Adyar Creek being developed under Phase-II to Adyar Eco Park developed in Phase-I.
- The total capacity of the existing pipe culvert is insufficient for the free flow of water. The proposed project will provide to maintain better ecosystem.
- It has been proposed to replace it with a Triple Cell Box Culvert with a tentative size of each 3.5m x 3.5m. The total length of the culvert across the road is 28.5m with a linear flow section of 3 Nos. x 3.50m i.e. width of 10.5m. the total width will be approximately 11.9m.
- The tentative wall thicknesses of Vertical Walls, Bottom Slab and Top Slab will be 350mm, 400mm and 350mm respectively.

Location of the proposed project

1. Pedestrian Skywalk

A : 13° 01' 26.773"N and 80°16' 22.709" E

B : 13° 01' 23.752"N and 80° 16' 23.041" E

2. Construction of Box Culvert

C : 13° 01' 22.976" N and 80° 16' 22.119" E

B : 13° 01' 23.573" N and 80° 16' 21.356" E

Water requirement

The required water for the construction of the link road will be met from a private water supplier. No ground water will be extracted from the local area. The water requirement to construct Pedestrian Skywalk and the replacement of Pipe Culvert will be 10 KLD.

Manpower requirement

The temporary employment likely to be generated during the construction period will be about 50 Nos.

Total cost and CRZ Classification of the project

The total cost of the project is Rs.13.43 crores and the CRZ Classification of the project is CRZ-II areas only.

Recommendation of DCZMA of Chennai district

The proposal was placed before the DCZMA of Chennai district in the meeting held on 31.01.2024 and the DCZMA has recommended the proposal to TNSCZMA, with the following conditions.

1. The Project Proponent shall comply with the provision of CRZ Notification, 2011.
2. No construction activity shall be started / undertaken by the Proponent until obtaining the CRZ Clearance from the competent authority.
3. Prior Planning Permission shall be obtained for the proposed construction project from the local authorities.
4. The Project Proponent shall adhere to the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2018.
5. The proponent shall comply with the Environmental Management Plan during construction and operational phases.
6. The activity for the construction of pedestrian skywalk and box culvert by replacing existing pipe culvert shall not affect the road traffic movement.
7. The project activity shall not affect existing coastal marine ecosystem including marine flora and fauna.
8. The project activity shall not influence on coastal hydrology tidal flow, natural water drainage and deposition of sediments.

The Project Proponent has submitted the replies to the above conditions vide letter dated 04.03.2024

Provisions in CRZ Notification, 2011

- As per CRZ Notification, 2011, Para 3 (iv), Land reclamation, bunding or disturbing the natural course of seawater is prohibited activity except those (a) required for setting up, construction or modernisation or expansion of foreshore facilities like ports, harbours, jetties, wharves, quays, slipways, bridges, sealink, road on stilts, road on reclaimed surface, and such as meant for defence and security purpose and for other facilities that are essential for activities permissible under the notification: (c) maintenance or clearing of waterways, channels and ports, based on EIA studies; are permissible activities.
- As per Para 4(i) and 4.2. (ii)(c) of the said Notification, the proposal may be recommended to SEIAA, for issuing Clearance.

Remarks of the Technical Expert Committee

- 1) The project proponent has to furnish the details of the effective area of the project that falls in the CRZ -II area before the Authority

- 2) The PP should furnish the details of maximum footfall expected on the pedestrian skywalk and should also furnish the details of precautionary safety measures for the pedestrian skywalk.
- 3) The construction and demolition waste should not be dumped in the CRZ area. The PP should furnish the disposal point before the Authority.
- 4) The PP should furnish the details of drinking water facilities, toilet facilities and waste management facilities before the Authority.

With the above comments, the Expert Committee recommended the proposal for consideration by the Authority (TNSCZMA).

Agenda Item No.04

Construction of Service Apartment building at S.No. 596/2, Kanyakumari Village, Agastheeswaram Taluk, Kanyakumari district by M/s. The Riviera Grand, Madavapuram, Kanyakumari district (Single Window No. SW/169855/2024)

The District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB, Nagercoil has forwarded a proposal received from M/s. The Riviera Grand, Madavapuram, Kanyakumari district for the proposed construct of Service Apartment building at S.No. 596/2, Kanyakumari Village, Agastheeswaram Taluk, Kanyakumari district.

The project information and conceptual plan prepared by M/s. Pollucare Engineers India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai having NABET certificate No. NABET/EIA/ 2225/RA 0268, valid upto 05.09.2025.

Need of the project:

The project site is located at 8°4'54.21"N latitude and 77°32'34.05"E longitude. The site is located near Kovalam Road. Thiruvananthapuram International Airport is located at a distance of 80km in the NW side of the project site. The total area of the Project site is 950 Sq.m. The site selected is in flat terrain. The project site is falls in CRZ-II, hence the project is required CRZ Clearance as per CRZ Notification, 2011.

Description of Project Site

The project site is located at 8°4'54.21" N latitude and 77°32'34.05" E longitude. The site is located near Kovalam Road. The total area of the Project site is 950 Sq.m. The details of the location are given below.

Location code	Latitude	Longitude
A	8°4'54.83" N	77°32'33.97" E
B	8°4'54.80" N	77°32'34.59" E
C	8°4'53.33" N	77°32'33.39" E
D	8°4'53.25" N	77°32'34.02" E

Land Use and Build up Area Detail

The Total built up area of 1,696.16 sq.m. and total land area of the project site is 950 Sq.m, Land area split up and built-up area statement is given below.

S.No	Description	Area (Sq.m)	Percentage %
1	Plot Coverage	432	46
2	Green Belt	150	15
3	Internal Road	368	39
Total		950	100%

The floor wise details are given below.

Description	Area in Sq.m
Basement Floor	415.12
Ground Floor	415.12
First Floor	415.12
Second Floor	415.12
Terrace Floor	35.68
Total	1696.16

Water requirement

During construction phase 5 KLD of fresh water requirement will be met from private tankers and the water requirement during operation stage is 5.1 KLD will be met out from local panchayat.

Solid Waste Management:

The solid waste from the existing development will comprises of biodegradable wastes like domestic food waste, horticultural waste and recyclable waste like plastics, paper etc. As per the manual on municipal solid waste prescribed by Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO), the quantity of solid waste generated varies between 0.2-0.5kg / capita / day.

Rain Water Harvesting:

Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) is the collection and storage of rain, rather than allowing it to run off. Rainwater is collected from of a roof-like surface and redirected to a tank, cistern deep pit (well, shaft, or borehole), aquifer, or a reservoir with percolation, so that it seeps down and restores the ground water.

Power Requirement

The power requirement during operation is about 200 KW and it will be sourced from the nearby TNEB grid which will be distributed through the transformers within our premises. For emergency purposes, DG sets will be used which will be provided with individual stack along with inbuilt acoustic measures as per the CPCB/TNPCB requirements.

CRZ Classification and Project Cost

The proposed project site is falling in CRZ-II area and the landward side of the existing road. The proposed project cost is Rs.7 crores.

Recommendations of DCZMA

The DCZMA of Kanyakumari district has recommended the project to SCZMA in the meeting held on 20.11.2023, without any conditions.

Provisions in the CRZ Notification, 2011

- As per CRZ Notification 2011, vide Para 8 (i) II CRZ-II (i) and (ii) buildings shall be permitted only on the landward side of the existing road, or on the landward side of existing authorized structures; As per the amendment issued by MoEF., GoI in notification S.O. No. 1599 (E) dated 16th June 2015 as Para 8 II CRZ-II (ii) "buildings permitted on the landward side of the existing and proposed roads or existing authorized structures shall be subject to the local town and country planning regulations as modified from time to time, except the Floor Space Index or Floor Area Ratio which shall be as per 1991 level".
- As per the Para 4 (i) (d) of the said Notification, the proposal may be recommended to the concerned local planning Authority.

Remarks of the Technical Expert Committee

- The project proponent shall furnish the intended use of the service apartment.

With the above observation and remark, the TEC recommended the proposal for consideration of the Authority.

Agenda Item No.5

Proposed additional construction of building (Anechoic Chamber) to the earlier existing warehouse & R&D building, at S.No.175 (part) of Ernavoor Village, S.No.6/1A1 of Tiruvottiyur Village in T.S.No. 3, 5/1A, 5/2A Block No.1, Ward No.1 of Thiruvottiyur, Wimco Nagar, Ennore Express Road, Chennai by M/s. MRF Limited, Chennai (Resubmission)

M/s. MRF Limited, located at Tiruvottiyur High Road, Chennai has put forth a proposal for the construction of an additional building, specifically an Anechoic Chamber, adjacent to their existing warehouse and Research & Development (R&D) facility. The proposed site for this construction is strategically situated at Survey No. 175 (part) of Ernavoor Village and Survey No. 6/1A1 of Tiruvottiyur Village, within T.S. No. 3, Block No. 1, Ward No. 1 of Tiruvottiyur, along the Wimco Nagar, Ennore Express Road, Chennai-600 019.

This project is envisioned to enhance the existing infrastructure by adding a new building to the previously approved structures. The existing setup includes a Ground Floor (G.F.) and First Floor (F.F.) warehouse building (1 block), a G.F. (Tyre testing activity) + F.F. office building (1 block), and 9 blocks of G.F. Amenity buildings. The proposed addition entails an Additional Block comprising a Ground Floor (Anechoic Chamber), Mezzanine Floor (Air Plenum), First Floor, and Second Floor (Office). Furthermore, there is a proposal to add a Second Floor over the Existing Research and Development (R&D) building, along with the installation of 3090 horsepower.

The existing Floor Space Index (FSI) area for the project stands at 29,542.16 sq.m, while the proposed additional FSI area is 4,065.73 sq.m. This proposal was presented to the TNSCZMA during its 120th meeting held on 05.04.2023 and the Authority recommended the proposal to the SEIAA. However, this endorsement is accompanied by specific conditions that need to be adhered to, ensuring environmental compliance and sustainability.

Subsequently, the proposal underwent a detailed review by the SEIAA, and discussions were held in meetings of the SEAC and SEIAA. In response to this scrutiny, the SEIAA, in a letter dated 21.02.2024, has requested remarks on the following specific points as follows:

- 1) As per CRZ Notification, 2011, Para 3(i), setting up of new industries and expansion of existing industries are prohibited activities except those directly related to waterfront or directly needing foreshore facilities. The total built-up area of the existing structures in the impugned area is 29,542.16 sq.m., and the structure is used as a warehouse-cum-tyre testing (R&D) facility by the Proponent. Whether the existing industrial shed or warehouse-cum-tyre testing facility is a permitted activity within CRZ-II area.
- 2) The PP has obtained CRZ Clearance from TNSCZMA and not from SEIAA, which is the competent authority to issue CRZ Clearance as per the CRZ Notification, 2011, amended vide S.O. No.3085 (E), dated 28.11.2014.

(CRZ Clearance issued by TNSCZMA for 'Construction of Warehouse Storage Sheds' vide this office Proc. No. P1/2327/2017, dated 12.02.2018, and issued amendment for the above Clearance to erect 'Tyre Testing Unit' in the warehouse for Research and Development activity, with the power requirement of 3910 HP, vide Proc. No. P1/2327/2017, dated 31.07.2019)."

As the Proponent has not obtained CRZ Clearance for the existing structures from SEIAA, the proposal is categorized as a violation, necessitating adherence to the procedure prescribed by MoEF & CC for CRZ Clearance vide S.O. 3085 (E), dated 28.11.2014. Consequently, TNSCZMA is required to follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by MoEF & CC vide OM dated 19.02.2021 for assessing Environmental Compensation and making its recommendations, should it conclude that the existing structures do not fall under prohibited activities.

- 3) In accordance with the orders of the NGT in OA No. 224 of 2021, the proposal was referred to TNSCZMA by SEAC for examination and for providing recommendations, potentially imposing additional conditions based on the amended CRZ Notification, 2011. Consequently, the issue was deliberated upon on March 4, 2024, during the 124th TNSCMA meeting. The Chairperson of TNSCZMA directed the members of the Technical Expert Committee to conduct a site inspection and submit their observations for further decision-making.

Accordingly, the Technical Expert Committee (TEC) has been requested to make a site inspection and to submit report. The following members of the TEC has inspected the site on March 7, 2024.

- i. Dr. R. Ramesh, Founder Director, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM).
- ii. Dr. D. Thirumalaivasan, Director, Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University.

The above members of the TEC furnished the inspection report and the same is placed before the Authority for taking suitable decision.

Agenda Item No. 06 Any other subject with the permission of the Chair

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Minutes of the 125th meeting of Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority(TNSCZMA) held on 13.03.2024

The Member Secretary welcomed all the members of SCZMA, for the 125th meeting of the TNSCZMA.

Agenda Item No. 01: Confirmation of the minutes of the 124th meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority held on 04.03.2024

The minutes of the 124th meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority held on 04.03.2024, communicated to the Members of the Authority in letter No. P1/1950/2021 dated 11.03.2024 of the Director of Environment & Climate Change, was confirmed.

Agenda Item No.02: The action taken on the decisions of 123rd and 124th meetings of the Authority held on 23.02.2024 & 04.03.2024 respectively.

The Member Secretary briefed the Members about the action taken by the Department of Environment and Climate Change on the decisions made during the 123rd and 124th meetings held on 23.02.2024 and 04.03.2024 respectively.

Agenda Item No.03 Proposed "Construction of Pedestrian Skywalk and reconstruction of Box Culvert by replacing existing pipe culvert in Santhome High Road, Avvai Nagar, Mylapore Village, Chennai district by M/s. Chennai River Restoration Trust (CRRT), Chennai (Single Window No. SW/173437/2024)

Project Cost: Rs.13.43 crores

CRZ Classification: CRZ-II area

The SCZMA observed the remarks / comments of the Technical Expert Committee (TEC) constituted by Government of Tamil Nadu to examine the proposals which require CRZ Clearance. The TEC has recommended the proposal to the TNSCZMA.

The SCZMA examined the recommendation of the DCZMA of Chennai district in the meeting held on 31.01.2024 and the replies submitted by the Project Proponent on the remarks of the Technical Expert Committee, during their presentation.

Provisions as per the CRZ Notification, 2011

- As per CRZ Notification, 2011, Para 3 (iv), Land reclamation, bunding or disturbing the natural course of seawater is prohibited activity except those

(a) required for setting up, construction or modernisation or expansion of foreshore facilities like ports, harbours, jetties, wharves, quays, slipways, bridges, sealink, road on stilts, road on reclaimed surface, and such as meant for defence and security purpose and for other facilities that are essential for activities permissible under the notification: (c) maintenance or clearing of waterways, channels and ports, based on EIA studies; are permissible activities.

- As per Para 4(i) and 4.2. (ii)(c) of the said Notification, the proposal may be recommended to SEIAA, for issuing Clearance.

Decision / Remarks of TNSCZMA

The Authority decided to recommend the proposal to SEIAA, for CRZ Clearance, with the following conditions.

- 1) The Project Proponent should maintain the precautionary safety measures for the pedestrian skywalk.
- 2) The construction and demolition waste should not be dumped in the CRZ area.
- 3) No construction activity shall be started / undertaken by the Proponent until obtaining the CRZ Clearance from the competent authority.
- 4) Prior Planning Permission shall be obtained for the proposed construction project from the local authorities, if applicable.
- 5) The Project Proponent shall adhere to the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2018.
- 6) The proponent shall comply with the Environmental Management Plan during construction and operational phases.
- 7) The activity for the construction of pedestrian skywalk and box culvert by replacing existing pipe culvert shall not affect the road traffic movement.
- 8) The project activity shall not affect the existing natural ecosystem.
- 9) The project activity shall not influence on coastal hydrology tidal flow, natural water drainage and deposition of sediments.

Agenda Item No.04

Construction of Service Apartment building at S.No. 596/2, Kanyakumari Village, Agastheeswaram Taluk, Kanyakumari district by M/s. The Riviera Grand, Madavapuram, Kanyakumari district (Single Window No.SW/169855/2024)

Project Cost: Rs.7crores

CRZ Classification: CRZ-II area

The SCZMA had observed the remarks / comments of the Technical Expert Committee (TEC) constituted by Government of Tamil Nadu to examine the proposals which require CRZ Clearance. The TEC has recommended the proposal to the TNSCZMA.

The SCZMA examined the recommendation of the DCZMA of Kanyakumari district in the meeting held on 20.11.2023 and during the presentation, the Project Proponent clarified that the intended use of the service apartment is for occupation of tourists or visitors. Hence, the Authority suggested that the proposal may be recommended to MoEF& CC, Govt. of India as per Annexure-III of CRZ Notification, 2011.

Provisions in the CRZ Notification, 2011

- As per CRZ Notification 2011, vide Para 8 (i) II CRZ-II (i) and (ii) buildings shall be permitted only on the landward side of the existing road, or on the landward side of existing authorized structures; As per the amendment issued by MoEF., GoI in notification S.O. No. 1599 (E) dated 16th June 2015 as Para 8 II CRZ-II (ii) "buildings permitted on the landward side of the existing and proposed roads or existing authorized structures shall be subject to the local town and country planning regulations as modified from time to time, except the Floor Space Index or Floor Area Ratio which shall be as per 1991 level".
- Further, Annexure-III of the said Notification, the MoEF& CC, Govt. of India have issued guidelines for development of beach resorts or hotels in the designated areas of CRZ-III and CRZ-II, for occupation of tourist or visitors with prior approval of the MoEF& CC, Govt. of India.

Decision / Remarks of TNSCZMA

The Authority decided to recommend the proposal to MoEF& CC, Govt. of India, for CRZ Clearance, with the following conditions:

- 1) No ground water from Coastal Regulation Zone shall be tapped for the project.
- 2) All the solid waste shall be handled as per the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016.
- 3) The proposed construction shall comply with the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 4) The Proponent may explore the possibilities of environmentally sustainable energy sources wherever possible.
- 5) The project proponent shall undertake the establishment only after getting the required Clearances from Competent authorities such as Planning Permission, Plan Approval etc., including the clearance under CRZ Notification, 2011 and other statutory clearances.

Agenda Item No.5

Proposed additional construction of building (Anechoic Chamber) to the earlier existing warehouse & R&D building, at S.No.175 (part) of Ernavoor Village, S.No.6/1A1 of Tiruvottiyur Village in T.S.No. 3, 5/1A, 5/2A Block No.1, Ward No.1 of Thiruvottiyur, Wimco Nagar, Ennore Express Road, Chennai by M/s. MRF Limited, Chennai (Resubmission)

M/s. MRF Limited, Chennai has proposed additional construction of building (Anechoic Chamber) to the earlier existing warehouse & R&D building, at S.No.175 (part) of Ernavoor Village, S. No.6/1A1 of Tiruvottiyur Village in T. S. No. 3, 5/1A, 5/2A Block No.1, Ward No.1 of Thiruvottiyur, Wimco Nagar, Ennore Express Road, Chennai.

The proposal was placed before the TNSCZMA in the 120th meeting held on 05.04.2023 and the Authority has recommended the proposal to SEIAA with some specific conditions.

Accordingly, the proposal was dealt at the SEIAA and the proposal was placed before the SEAC and SEIAA meetings and the SEIAA has requested to furnish the remarks on the following points, vide SEIAA letter dated 21.02.2024.

- Whether the existing industrial shed or warehouse-cum- tyre testing facility is a permitted activity within CRZ-II area.
- As the Proponent has not obtained CRZ Clearance for the existing structures from SEIAA, Whether the TNSCZMA has to follow the SOP issued by MoEF & CC vide OM dated 19.02.2021 for assessing Environmental Compensation and make its recommendations.

For this purpose, the Technical Expert Committee has visited site on 07.03.2024 and submitted the report before the TNSCZMA.

The Authority examined the inspection report of the Technical Expert Committee thoroughly and the following conclusion was arrived:

- The existing industrial shed or warehouse-cum-tyre testing facility is considered as a permitted activity within the CRZ-II area, subject to compliance with the specified conditions and regulations pertaining to Paragraph 8(i) II and CRZ II of the CRZ Notification 2011.
- The existing clearances for the "Construction of Warehouse Storage Shed" and the amendment for the "Tyre Testing Unit" were issued by TNSCZMA in 2018 and 2019, respectively, in accordance with the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011. At that time, there were no specific guidelines regarding to whom the authority should recommend for

clearance. Therefore, the authority granted clearance based on its discretion.

- In O.M. dated 26.04.2022, the MoEF& CC, Govt. of India has issued "Guidelines for Clearance of permissible activities as per CRZ Notification, 2011". As per the said OM, the proposal should be recommended to other Authority viz., SEIAA, Local Planning Authority. Hence, the Authority has recommended the "Proposed Additional Construction for an Anechoic Chamber to the Existing Warehouse and R&D Building" in the 120th meeting held on 05.04.2023" to SEIAA.
- In accordance with the aforementioned guidelines and provisions of CRZ Notification 2011, the TNSCZMA has recommended the project to SEIAA. At this instance, it is also observed that no violations were identified during the inspection.

Finally, the TNSCZMA has instructed the Member-Secretary to send the above observations to the SEIAA.

Agenda Item No.6

Additional Agenda points

Item No. 1

Enhancement of the salary for the Technical Assistant & Data Entry Operator of Technical Expert Committee from the State Coastal Zone Management Authority Fund

The Authority accepted the revision of contract salary to the posts w.e.f. 01.04.2024, to be met out from the State Coastal Zone Development fund.

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