

MINUTES OF THE 212nd MEETING OF THE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO COASTAL REGULATION ZONE HELD ON 28th MARCH, 2019 AT INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, NEW DELHI.

The 212nd Meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee for projects related to Coastal Regulation Zone was held on 28.03.2019 at Narmada Conference Hall, Jal Block, Ground Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi. The members present were:

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| 1. | Dr. Deepak Arun Apte | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. V.K Jain | - | Member |
| 3. | Dr.M.V Ramana Murthy | - | Member |
| 4. | Dr. N.K Verma | - | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Manoranjan Hota | - | Member |
| 6. | Shri W. Bharat Singh | - | Member Secretary |

Shri T. P. Singh, Shri Prabhakar Singh, Dr. Anuradha Shukla, Shri Narendra Surana, Dr. Mohan Singh Panwar, Shri N.K. Gupta, Dr. Anil Singh and Shri Sanjay Singh were absent.

In attendance: Dr. Saranya P, Deputy Director, MoEFCC. The deliberations held and the decisions taken are as under:

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Committee having noted that the Minutes of the 210th meeting are in order, confirmed the same with suggestions that in case any typographical/grammatical errors are noticed the same may be corrected suitably.

3.0 RECONSIDERATION

3.1 CRZ Clearance setting up of 100 MLD Desalination Plant by M/s Jodiya Water Desalination Ltd at village Jodiya, Jamnagar District, Gujarat [F.No.11-10/2019-IA.III]-reg.

The proposal of M/s Jodiya Water Desalination Ltd. for setting up a Desalination Plant of 100 MLD at village Jodiya, Jamnagar District, Gujarat was earlier considered in the 209th Meeting of the EAC (CRZ) held on 25.01.2019 and the proposal was recommended for CRZ clearance subject to certain conditions. The project proponent however submitted that their proposal may be reviewed as the recommendation of the EAC (CRZ) for the clearance without a storage reservoir is not feasible for the project.

2. In the said 209th meeting the project proponent had made a presentation and provided the following information:

- i) Jodiya Water Desalination Ltd. is a SPV formed by the consortium partners for implementation of the proposed Desalination plant.
- ii) Gujarat Water Infrastructure Limited (GEIL) is the Government of Gujarat undertaking company, which takes up various bulk water shortage in Jodiya, it has planned to set up 100 MLD Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Desalination plant at Jodiya village,

Jamnagar District, Gujarat. The plant will be developed through Public Private Partnership (PPP) scheme with the consortium formed between Essel Infra Projects Limited (EIL) and Abeinsa Infrastructures medioAmbiente S.S, Spain (Abengoa).

- iii) Jodiya Water Desalination Ltd. will execute the project on design, build, finance, operate and transfer basis for a period of 25 years.
- iv) The total area of the project is 80 acres. Plant area about 11 acres will be elevated above the existing level to about (+) 7.5 m CD to ensure safety against flooding during monsoon and natural disasters.
- v) The proposed outfall pipeline will be passing through CRZ IA and the desalination plant will be constructed in CRZ IB.
- vi) It is proposed to make an Intake channel to draw 250 MLD seawater from Und creek. Dense Mangroves are present on either side of the banks of Und creek. A total of 2640 ha area is spread with mangroves along coastal line of Jodiya and the project site is within 10 km radius.
- vii) Total length of outfall pipeline will be 6.7 kms and will pass inland (about 2.1 km) and length in marine area will be about 4.6 km offshore. It will cross Marine National Park and Marine Sanctuary located nearby.
- viii) Outfall length from land fall point is 4600 m and depth at discharge location is 3.1 m CD LTL and 9 m HHTL.
- ix) The laying of outfall pipeline will affect the mangroves over the stretch of 20 m wide and 300 m long.
- x) Process water storage: Treated water will be stored in two tanks with a capacity of 20000m³ before transferred for consumption.
- xi) The required power during operation and maintenance of desalination plant will be met through transmission line constructed through PGVCL/GETCO
- xii) Employment: 300 people during construction.
- xiii) Benefit of the project: supply of drinking water to two corporations and three districts. Meet the basic need of the people to get drinking water up to 100 MLD.
- xiv) The total project cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 1010 crores
- xv) Gujarat CZMA has recommended CRZ Clearance vide its Letter No. ENV-10-2018-210-E (T Cell) dated 7th February, 2019.

3. The project proponent in the said 209th Meeting had also informed the Committee that six months' investigation has been done for marine baseline data of the site and 8 locations for outfall points have been examined before arriving at the present outfall point. It was also informed that the ambient salinity of 40 ppt will be met at a distance ranging from 100 – 300 m from the outfall point. The project proponent also informed that Jodiya is a fulcrum for water main pipeline for the region and therefore chosen the village/site as the fresh water from the proposed desalination plant can be efficiently distributed from the water nodes at Jodiya to recipient villages in the district.

4. The Committee in the said meeting had observed that Marine National Park is close by and the project proponent need to be careful as the pipeline will also cross some mangrove and reef areas. The Committee also observed that a robust mangrove and reef conservation plan shall need to be prepared in consultation with Gujarat Ecology Commission and a firm commitment of mangrove plantation/regeneration in the area need to be submitted for records. Also it is necessary to make sure that non-vegetated mudflats are not used for mangrove afforestation, are clearly identified and marked on the map. Such mudflats are vital for migratory birds and be maintained as it is. Only degraded patches of vegetated mudflats to be used for such afforestation work.

5. The Committee had also observed in the said 209th meeting that storage of water by development of a storage pond in the inter-tidal area cannot be permitted as it may lead to permanent damage of ground water of the area, and the chances of saline water ingress travelling far interior to the inland cannot be ruled out. The Committee therefore decided that only pipeline drawl of sea water to the desalination plant can be permitted. The Committee had also further observed that the outfall location may require to be shifted deeper in to the deep sea so that better mixing of brine at outfall point can be achieved. The Committee therefore desired that the same can be re-examined so as to avoid any coral mortality in the region due to release of brine which can have salinity of 70 ppt in this case.

6. In the aforesaid 209th meeting, the Committee while agreeing to the project for CRZ recommendation had desired that the project proponent shall submit for ratification by the Committee viz: (i) mangrove and reef conservation plan; and (ii) revised outfall location deeper into the sea and result of dispersion model thus carried out. The project proponent has submitted these documents to members of the Committee for their observations and comments. Based on the deliberations held and documents submitted, the Committee in the 209th Meeting held on 25.01.2019 had decided that the project can be recommended for CRZ clearance subject to the following conditions:

- i) The mangrove conservation plan shall be implemented in letter in spirit in close consultation with the Gujarat Ecology Commission as well as Gujarat State forest department.
- ii) Before commencement of works for laying of pipelines for intake and outfall location shall be undertaken with due consultation with the expert in the field who had undertaken the study and co-ordinates of the revised intake and outfall location shall be verified with the expert in the field.
- iii) No storage reservoir for sea water shall be permitted and only pipelines conveyance system shall be installed.
- iv) 2% project cost be deposited to Mangrove and Coral Reef Foundation of Marine National Park for conservation and restoration of mangroves and corals of Gulf of Kutch.

7. Pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee, the project proponent has made a representation that while intake base pipeline is a good solution but in the current site the length required for such a pipeline has been calculated at 10-12 km based on Bathymetry data. The transverse width of approximately 8-10 meter for Intake Pipe System will need a dredging and excavation in the seabed to install this pipeline, which will involve extensive offshore work and would affect the mangroves in the area and the ecology of the environment. That if the pipeline is exposed, then it could cause problem for the boats entering the GMB Port particularly during low tide. That the pipelines are thus to be buried 1m below the sea bed and during the sea bed survey, rocky beds are found in the intake pipeline routing and hence it will be difficult and harm the environment during the laying of pipe. That due to rocky beds, the pipes will not be properly anchored and based on the experience encountered elsewhere, abrasion on intake pipelines are foreseen and thus it requires frequent maintenance/ replacement of damaged portion of pipes.

8. It was also submitted in the said representation that they have also looked into the various aspects of the pond based design based on Channel based intake using the current natural Creek only as the channel. That the intake pond design proposed is an extension of

the natural creek flowing near the plant, which is filled with requisite amount of water during high tide. It is also stated that it is observed that enough water is available during the high tide (close to wharf about 200 to 300m downstream). Hence, the provision of a channel connecting the project site with Und creek close to wharf about 200 to 300m downstream will make ideal intake location keeping in mind a minimal environmental damage. Thus intake channel will need minimum interference with the current natural bodies / structures and will have least impact on the biodiversity at the project site. It was further submitted that on the other hand, having an intake channel and storage pond at this location may further enhance and improve the biodiversity at the project site and that from the geotechnical study undertaken, the storage pond will rest on a layer of clay and therefore, any leakage will seek the effortless way of returning to the creek. That however, a geotextile layer shall be provided in the intake pond to arrest any possibility of percolation of sea water into the ground and abundant precautions will be put in place to monitor and prevent any damages to the surrounding environment. That during operation stage, piezometers, as impact indicators, will be installed to measure conductivity and salinity in the ground water to monitor as part of Environmental Management. It was therefore represented that considering the above points, a storage pond is the most apt intake system in this location as it would have minimum environmental impact.

9. The Committee deliberated on the request/review of its earlier recommendation for pipeline system and observed that the desalination plant location presented earlier and the location shown now seem to be markedly different. The Committee observed that the present location of plant shown seem to be in low lying areas inundated with tidal water and water drainage all around unlike what was shown earlier in the 209th Meeting. To this the project proponent clarified that HTL has shifted after construction of flood protection bund by the government and perhaps the water drainage areas presented is an old image and the plant site is not in water inundated areas or natural drainage system. The Committee however was disinclined to accept the justification made and observed that perhaps the project proponent has wilfully suppressed vital information and misled the Committee in the last meeting. The Committee therefore decided that the project proponent shall come up with a firm location of the plant site with actual geographical co-ordinates. Committee will also make a site visit to ascertain the ground level condition in light of above observations.

10. The Committee decided that a revised CRZ map in 1:4000 scale with proposed desalination plant site and pipeline system/network superimposed and drawn by any of the authorised agencies shall be submitted before proceeding further. The Committee further observed that the mangrove management plan submitted by the project proponent cannot be interpreted as a plan and need a revision to be considered an actual plan. The Committee decided that a revised Mangrove Conservation Plan to be prepared in consultation with Gujarat Ecology Commission shall also be submitted. *Based on the deliberations held, the Committee decided that the recommendations made earlier for CRZ clearance shall stand revoked and the proposal be deferred for reconsideration at a later stage once the above documents are received along with a request for reconsideration.*

FRESH PROPOSALS:

3.2 Expansion of LPG Import & Storage Terminal by M/s SHV Energy Private Limited at Village Mullakkadu, Taluka & District Thoothukkudi, Tamil Nadu[F.No.11-13/2019-IA.III] - CRZ Clearance- reg.

The proposal of M/s SHV Energy Private Limited is for expansion of LPG import and Storage Terminal at village Mullakkadu, in Thoothukkudi Taluka and District, in Tamil Nadu. The project proponent made a presentation and provided the following information:

- (i) The proposed expansion project envisages import of Propane and Butane and blending of the two, storage and distribution of LPG. The gas carriers will discharge liquid Propane/Butane via two cross country lines which connect the marine unloading arm at the Jetty with the storage tanks at terminal approximately 3.5 km away from the Jetty. The proposed storage facilities and tanks are given below:

S. N	Units	Existing Capacity (MT)	Proposed Capacity (MT)	After Expansion (MT)
1.	Propane Tank	--	1 x 15000	1 x 15000
2.	Butane Tank	--	1 x 15000	1 x 15000
3.	LPG Tank	1 x 8500	---	1 x 8500
4.	Mounded/Aboveground Bullets	1 x 5	2 x 100	2 x 100
Total capacity		0.35 MMTPA	0.85 MMTPA	1.2 MMTPA

- (ii) The total Land Area is 17.77 Acres (71946.02 sq.m.) and the existing built up area is 3804 m sq.m. There is an existing vacant area measuring 16713 sq.m. The proposed expansion will have a built up area measuring 9625 sq.m. Total built up area after expansion will be 13429 sq.m. Remaining vacant land after expansion will be 41560.69 sq.m. The land use pattern is provided as below
- (iii) The ESA buffer of the Van Tive Island is situated at 5.1 km from the project site boundary. Application for NBWL clearance has been submitted vide Proposal No. FP/TN/IND/3959/2019.
- (iv) The Proposed Propane and Butane pipelines from Oil Jetty Terminal to the Plot No. C falls within CRZ-II and CRZ-IVA.
- (v) Total water requirement shall be 339 KLD, out of which fresh water of 169.5 KLD shall be obtained from TWAD/SPIC/Private Vendors.
- (vi) Process water: 17 KLD of Industrial Effluent generation is proposed and will be treated in ETP followed by RO and reused in process and 2.5 KLD sewage shall be generated. STP treated water will be used for Greenbelt.
- (vii) Solid waste management: 16 kg of organic waste per day and 5 kg of inorganic waste per day is envisaged for Existing and proposed facility. Organic waste disposed through Municipal bins, Inorganic waste disposed through authorized vendors.
- (viii) Hazardous waste: 6 TPA of Spent Oil is envisaged. It will be used as lubricant for machinery at maximum extent and remaining quantity will be disposed through authorized vendors.
- (ix) The existing power requirement is 1200 kVA and an additional of 5520 kVA is proposed for expansion project. The power shall be sourced from TANGEDCO. The existing facility of DG sets 1x2000 kVA and 1x1250 kVA shall be used as backup source. Additionally, two DG sets of 1x2500 kVA and 1x1600 kVA. Proposed facility will be completed LED based and Solar based power will be explored if feasible.
- (x) Employment: 50 permanent and 30 contract persons after expansion.

- (xi) Benefit of the project: The project will provide employment to local youth and improves availability of LPG for Domestic and commercial purposes. And to promotes availability of clean fuel.
- (xii) The total project cost of the expansion project is estimated to be Rs. 204.5 crores
- (xiii) Tamil Nadu CZMA has recommended CRZ Clearance vide its Letter No. 708/EC.3/2019-1 dated 8th February, 2019.

2. The Committee observed that CRZ (Environmental) Clearance was accorded in the name of M/s SPIC Ltd. in 1995 vide File No. J-17011/23/95-IA.III, dated 06.06.1995 under the provisions of CRZ Notification, 1991. The Committee also observed that the letter from the Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu vide No. 708/EC.3/2019-1, dated 08.02.2019 states that the pipeline alignment is passing through CVCA of Gulf of Mannar Biosphere. To this the project proponent clarified that it is 5.01 Kms. away and is wrongly worded. *The Committee however observed that the project proponent shall make the necessary application for amendment or a corrigendum rectifying the mistake and the submit the same to the Ministry for its records.*

3. Based on the deliberations held the Committee decided that the proposed expansion be recommended for CRZ clearance subject to the following conditions:

- i) Clearance from the Standing Committee of the NBWL shall be obtained as may be applicable.
- ii) Necessary corrections to the error mentioning in the Government of Tamil Nadu Letter No. 708/EC.3/2019-1, dated 08.02.2019 stating that the pipeline alignment is passing through CVCA of Gulf of Mannar Biosphere, shall be got amended/corrected and submit to the Ministry for records.
- iii) Additional conditions germane to the CRZ perspective not specified in the clearance issued in 1995 but relevant now shall be incorporated while issuing the CRZ clearance for the proposed expansion.
- iv) 0.75% CER as per the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry, dated 01.05.2018, on CER, for activities to be undertaken under CER shall be earmarked. A detailed plan of action contemplated for CER shall be submitted to the concerned agencies within six months of receipt of clearance letter.

3.3 Proposed development of Kadalur Light House by Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships Cochin, at village Moodadi, Taluka Quilandy, District Kozhikode, Kerala[F.No.11-14/2019-IA.III] - CRZ Clearance- reg

The proposal of Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships Cochin is for development of tourism complex in and around Kadalur Light House at village Moodadi, Taluka Quilandy, District Kozhikode, Kerala. The project proponent made a presentation and provided the following information:

- (i) The proposed project includes development of the existing lighthouse premises into a tourist destination comprising of amenities like restaurants, cottages, spa, swimming pool, bar, auditorium, recreational space etc.
- (ii) The project is one amongst the projects envisaged by the Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships to enhance and develop the existing lighthouses and its surrounding areas into a tourism destination, maritime landmark, and heritage precincts. In

addition, it aims to develop allied maritime infrastructure like national maritime museums and national light house museums.

- (iii) The total area of the site is 106513 sq.m (26.32 acres) and the built-up area proposed is 4575.87 sq.m. Car parking area will be 3182 Sq.m.
- (iv) The maximum height of the buildings will be 9 m (Ground+1).
- (v) Existing land break up of Kadalur Point Light House is given below:

Existing facility	Built up area (Sq. M)	Plinth area (Sq. M)
Lighthouse tower	71.28	71.28
Office building	64.24	64.24
Powerhouse building	38.40	38.40
Inspection quarters	146.10	146.10
HLK quarters	154.03	154.03
ALK Quarters I	154.03	154.03
ALK Quarters II	154.03	154.03
LHA Quarters twin unit	90.43	90.43
LHA Quarters Single Unit	59.95	59.95
Pump House	09.00	09.00
	941.52	941.52

- (vi) The site falls in CRZ-III and the cottages viz. Type A and B falls within 200 m to 500 m of HTL in CRZ-III areas.
- (vii) The total water requirement shall be 118.75 KLD which shall be obtained from ground water source.
- (viii) The solid waste generated from the proposed project is as follow:

Waste		Quantity (Kg/day)	Collection method	Treatment / disposal method
Construction Phase	Organic	56	Bins	Disposed to Authorized vendor
	Inorganic	84	Bins	Disposed to Authorized vendor
Operation Phase	Organic	80	Bins	Disposed to Authorized vendor
	Inorganic	120	Bins	Disposed to Authorized vendor

- (ix) Rain water from roof tops will be drained through rain water vertical down take pipes. These vertical down take pipes shall be located at suitable locations inside the shafts or periphery of the building. The terrace will be sloped. The down take pipes will be connected to the rainwater collection tank for storage purpose. The collected rain water will be utilized during summer season as a source after proper treatment. The proposed rainwater harvesting plans to capture a volume of 1430m³ over the year from a roof area of 1589 Sq.m.
- (x) The treated wastewater generated shall be 26 KLD, treated using STP of capacity 30 KLD. The treated water shall be reused for MBBR/greenbelt development.
- (xi) Power requirement of 350 KW (437.5 kVA) will be met by KSEB supplies during operation. During power failures alone 2DG sets will be used of 100 KW (125 kVA)
- (xii) Employment: 850 people during construction.
- (xiii) Benefit of the project: It will provide employment to local people and attract local and foreign tourism

- (xiv) The total project cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 39 crores
- (xv) Kerala CZMA has recommended the proposal vide its letter No. 403/A2/2018/KCZMA, dated 02.11.2018.

2. The Committee deliberated the proposal and observed that in so far as CRZ angle is concerned there seem no substantial issues which could prejudice the marine and coastal areas and simple mitigation measures can well address the issues which primarily would be on solid and liquid effluents discharges from tourism activities.

3. Based on the deliberations held the Committee therefore recommended the project for CRZ clearance subject to the following conditions:

- i) A robust rain water harvesting system shall be installed as committed.
- ii) Use of non-conventional energy sources like solar power shall be adopted and the project proponent shall explore the possibility of solar power generation in all open areas and roof tops.

3.4 Proposal for Construction of Beach Resort by M/s Joys The Beach Resort Pvt Ltd Thirumullavaram, Kollam district, Pondicherry, Pondicherry[F.No.11-15/2019-IA.III] - CRZ Clearance- reg.

The proposal of M/s Joys The Beach Resort Pvt Ltd is for construction of Beach Resort at Thirumullavaram, Kollam district, in Kerala. The project proponent made a presentation and provided the following information:

- (i) The proposal is for construction of beach resort at Survey Nos. 47, 143/2, 46, 203, 205, 205/8, 205/9, 40, 210, 75, 38/2, 38/1, 73/2, 221/1, 221/2, 211, 206, 205/10, 212, 71, 52/2, 37, 45, 141/2, 205/7, 65, 205/6, 205/12, 116/2, 41, 209, 205/4, 205/13, 209, 205/5-3, 205/5-2, 223, 222, 205/2, 35, 37, 208, 36, 205/3-2, 67, 205/10, 116/1, 65/2, 207, 120/11, 120/8, 120/4, 120/9, 120/1, 120/2, 161, 77/3, 118, 120/5, 205/5, 14, 52/4, 39, 120/3, 115, 72, 205/11, 120/6, 69/1, 73/4, 120/12, 224, 73/3, 120/2, 65/1, 73/5, 77/2, Kollam, Kerala.
- (ii) The Beach resort shall consist of 189 keys of Breakup Block Building; 4 keys of Private Pool Villas; 28 keys of Twin Storied Cottages and 20 keys of Ayurveda Cottages.
- (iii) The total area of the project is 51597.92 sq.m with built up area of 19929.53 sq.m. It is proposed to develop greenbelt in an area of 18100 sq.m thus covering 35.07% of the total area of the project.
- (iv) The site falls in Kollam Corporation limits and is in CRZ-II areas.
- (v) Total water requirement is estimated to be 180 KLD during operation phase and shall be obtained from Kerala Water Authority and recycled water. Two pits for recharge of rain water will be provided. Total quantity to be harvested will be 355 KLD.
- (vi) Sewage Treatment Plant of 150 KLD will be implemented. Treated effluent of 136 KLD is generated and shall be reused for greenbelt development.
- (vii) Power requirement of 500 KW will be met by KSEB supplies during operation. During power failures alone 2 DG sets will be used of 400kVA.
- (viii) Solid waste: Organic waste of 316.25 kg/day shall be generated and disposed to Municipality bin. Inorganic waste of 258.75 kg/day generated shall be sold to authorized recyclers
- (ix) Employment: 695 persons shall be employed

- (x) Benefit of the project: It will provide employment to local people and attract foreign tourism
- (xi) The total project cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 96 crores
- (xii) Kerala CZMA has recommended CRZ Clearance vide its Letter No. 3264/A1/2017/KCZMA dated 1st March, 2019.

2. Based on the deliberations held the Committee recommended the project for CRZ clearance subject to the following conditions:

- i) A robust rain water harvesting system shall be installed as committed by the project proponent.
- ii) Use of non-conventional energy sources like solar power shall be adopted and the project proponent shall explore the possibility of solar power generation in all open areas and roof tops.

3.5 Proposed Construction of a Hotel at Survey No. 33/1, 33/7-11, 47/1, 49/1, 50/1-26 & 51/1-31, Village Utorda, Taluka Saleete, Goa by M/s Cosmos Premises Pvt Ltd [F.No.J-19011/4/2000-IA.III]- Amendment in CRZ Clearance- reg

The proposal of M/s Cosmos Premises Pvt Ltd is for amendment in CRZ clearance granted for construction of a Hotel at Survey No. 33/1, 33/7-11, 47/1, 49/1, 50/1-26 & 51/1-31, Village Utorda, Taluka Saleete, Goa. The project proponent made a presentation and provided the following information:

- (i) This resort complex is located in Utorda village situated in Salcette taluka of South Goa and is around 18kms from the airport, while being about 30kms from Panaji the capital hub of Goa. The site is well connected to all the main cities in and around Margao the commercial capital of Goa with a major railway station and market centre.
- (ii) The plot is adjacent to Arabian Sea having an area of about 2200sq.mtrs. having a beach frontage.
- (iii) This operating resort has total of 69 rooms having 2 persons per room capacity. It operates with 60-65% occupancy per year.
- (iv) The total water requirement is around 50 KLD, sourced from Supply water and stored in Underground Storage Facility.
- (v) There is a 50 KLD Capacity STP located within the facility and the treated STP water is partly recycled in the flushing and rest is used in gardening.
- (vi) The electricity connection is from the state supply and the dues are paid on monthly basis
- (vii) It has a total of 172 workers including 18 Management staff as well as skilled, semi-skilled and un-skilled workers, out of which 60% belongs to local nearby villages.
- (viii) The amendment has been sought in respect of the following:

2. The project proponent also informed that based on the recommendation of the Goa CZMA issued vide its letter no.GSCCE/SAL/86/472, dated 06.03.2000, the Ministry of Environment and Forests had accorded environmental clearance (EC) vide its letter No. J-19011/4/2000-IA.III, dated 30.06.2000. The said EC at specific condition (v) prescribes as follows:

“Public Access to the beach on both sides of the resort within the property of the proponent shall be provided in accordance with the guidelines for development of beach resorts contained in Annexure II of the CRZ Notification 1999.”

3. The project proponent stated that they have left roads on East and North sides of the resort for public access to the beach and that on the South side space for access to the beach was left by its occupants. Goa CZMA claims that the project proponent has violated the CRZ conditions by virtue of the existing structures. The project proponent also informed that GCZMA has issued NOC for construction as per the approved plan and accordingly the construction has been completed along with occupancy. That there is no hotel in the South side and the next Hotel is Kenilworth located at 70 m distance. Further there is a parallel road to beach at 350 m distance in South direction with respect to the road in the north boundary of the project.

5. It was further informed that as there is no connectivity between the North and South Side of the Plot and beyond for public access, they have opened up a road on the East side to connect the North and South ward traffic for public facilitation. That, further for the East side road, public has now multiple access to the beach. That based on the above facts, the project proponent has claimed that they have left roads on East and North side of the facility for public access to the beach and had kept the South side road for private access for security of guests and for maintaining the structural integrity and therefore unable to open the South Side road for public access.

6. The project proponent prayed before the Committee that the Goa CZMA has issued a letter to the Directorate of Settlement and Land Records, Government of Goa for taking necessary action in view of condition (v) specified in the EC issued by MoEFCC and that demolition order has been issued. The project proponent has therefore prayed for intervention and relief.

7. The Committee noted the submission made by the project proponent and observed that the issue before hand seem a misinterpretation of the spirit of the guidelines for construction of resorts contained as an Annexure to the CRZ Notification 1991 and not on action taken on account of violations of the EC/CRZ perspective of the coastal areas. The Committee also observed that whereas, the request by the project proponent is for an amendment of the EC condition, there seem no necessity for an amendment of the said condition. The Committee therefore decided that the Ministry may examine the request of the project proponent and issue an appropriate letter on the intent of the guidelines for construction of resorts contained as an Annexure to the CRZ Notification, 1991 in respect of providing public access to the beach.

4.0 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
