

MINUTES OF THE 329th MEETING OF EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO COASTAL REGULATION ZONE HELD ON 29th MAY, 2023.

The 329th meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for projects related to Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) was held on 29th May, 2023 through Video Conferencing due to the prevalent pandemic situation. The list of Members presents in the EAC (CRZ) is at **Annexure**.

The deliberations held and the decisions taken are as under:

1.0 OPENING REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

At the outset, Dr. Deepak Arun Apte, Chairman, EAC (CRZ) welcomed the Members of the EAC and requested Dr. H. Kharkwal, the Member Secretary, EAC to initiate the proceedings of the meeting with a brief account of the activities undertaken by the Ministry under CRZ Division.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee having noted that the Minutes of the 327^h meeting held on 15th May, 2023 are in order and confirmed the same with suggestions that in case any typographical/grammatical errors are noticed in due course, the same may be corrected suitably.

3.0 CONSIDERATION PROPOSALS:

The EAC (CRZ) considered proposals as per the agenda adopted for the 329th meeting. The details of deliberations held and decisions taken in the meeting are as follows:

Agenda 3.1

Proposal for laying of RO Reject Disposal pipeline from proposed 60 MLD common effluent treatment plant (CETP), Dholera Special investment region (SIR) in to Sukhbadar Creek, Gulf of Khambhat, Gujarat by M/s Dholera Special Investment Region Development Authority (DSIRDA) – Reconsideration for CRZ Clearance.

(IA/GJ/CRZ/414087/2023; F. NO. 11/15/2023-IA.III)

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The proposal was earlier placed before / examined by EAC in its 323rd meeting held on 23/03/2023; wherein the Project Proponent (**M/s Dholera Special Investment Region Development Authority**) along with his EIA consultant (**M/s AECOM India Private Limited**) made a presentation on above said proposal. After detailed deliberation, the committee in its 323rd meeting held on 23.05.2023 deferred the proposal and directed the project proponent to get permissions from Kalpasar Project authorities for discharging the RO Reject upstream of proposed Kalpasar project. Further, committee has opined that feasibility of suitable location at downstream of proposed Kalpasar project may be explored and if required as a common effluent discharge mechanism for other industries as well. The viability of the same along with time required for the same can be also provided. Detail characteristics of the effluent are also to be provided. Accordingly, project proponent has submitted the necessary information through PARIVESH portal. Thus, the project has been examined again by EAC in the present meeting.

The project proponent and their consultant has made following key parameters and salient features of the project as presented during the meeting as well as the details provided in the brief and application for this project:

- (i) The proposal is for CRZ clearance for “Laying of RO Reject Disposal pipeline from proposed 60 MLD common effluent treatment plant (CETM), Dholera Special investment region (SIR) in to Sukhbadar Creek, Gulf of Khambhat, Gujarat by M/s Dholera Special Investment Region Development Authority (DSIRDA).
- (ii) The development of DSIR encompasses an integrated industrial effluent management system, one of the components of which is a Central effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) of capacity 60 MLD including Reverse Osmosis (RO).
- (iii) The proposed project involves a 13.5 km long outfall pipeline connecting 60 MLD CETP to Sukhbhadar Creek at Gulf of Khambhat in order to discharge 12 MLD of RO Reject from the CETP.
- (iv) The Site location of the project as:

Description	Name	Latitude	Longitude
Proposed CETP	A.	22°12'48.030"N	72°12'38.080"E
	B.	22°12'50.300"N	72°12'44.007"E
	C.	22°12'48.710"N	72°12'48.096"E
	D.	22°12'41.250"N	72°12'51.320"E
	E.	22°12'37.930"N	72°12'42.430"E
Proposed RO reject pipeline	F.	22°12'44.410"N	72°12'42.776"E
	G.	22°9'12.960"N	72°12'19.421"E

- (v) The total length of pipeline is 13527.7 meter and CRZ demarcation along the pipeline alignment is as follows:

Description	CRZ - Classification	Length (m)
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Proposed RO Reject Pipeline	CRZ - IA	1128.65
	CRZ - IA (50 m Mangrove Buffer Zone)	112.38
	CRZ - IB	2642.14
	CRZ - III (NDZ)	4830.67
	CRZ - IVB	267.75
	Outside CRZ	4546.12
Proposed CETP	Outside CRZ	88296.4 (Area sq.m)

- (vi) The pipeline is proposed to be of 400 mm diameter and buried 2 m below the ground, to be laid in a 1 m wide trench using the cut-and-cover method and would have an online water quality monitoring equipment which would continuously monitor the water quality of the RO Reject.
- (vii) The portion 112.38m of the proposed RO Reject pipeline is passing through mangrove buffer areas.
- (viii) About 4.5 km of the pipeline towards the CETP side is located outside CRZ.
- (ix) The outfall would be located underwater and equipped with diffusers to ensure instant dilution and dispersion of the discharged material into the surrounding seawater.
- (x) Based on the modelling output, it is deduced that the order of dilution shows 150 times in 25 m distance and 1500 times in 100 m distance from discharge point.
- (xi) The total 100 permanent employment likely to be generated by the project.
- (xii) The total cost of the project ₹9.0 Crore. An amount of ₹6.0 Lakh is proposed for environmental monitoring during the operation phase of the project
- (xiii) The Gujarat Pollution Control Board has issued provisional Consent Order (CTE) *vide* Consent No. CTE-95494 and valid upto 05/07/2025.
- (xiv) The Gujarat Coastal Zone Management Authority has recommended the proposal for CRZ clearance *vide* its Letter No. ENV-10-2017-70-T, dated 27/09/2022.

2. The committee made detailed deliberation on the proposal. The Committee noted that NOC from Kalpsar Authority is not provided by the proponent; however, proponent has submitted the undertaking for getting necessary approvals from Kalpsar Authority before the commencement of work. The Committee also noted that the GCZMA has recommended proposal *vide* letter dated 27/09/2022 and activity is a permissible as per CRZ Notification 2011 and suggested that the project proponent shall ensure that the treated effluent discharge into sea/marine outfalls as per the prescribed standards of by CPCB/SPCB.

3. The Committee after detailed deliberations and considering the submissions made by the project proponent recommended the proposal for CRZ Clearance, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) All construction shall be strictly in accordance with the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011, as amended from time to time.
- (ii) Monitoring of Marine Ecology should be carried out from nationally reputed institute like Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE) within 1 sq.km radius of disposal point on annual basis and the reports of the same including mitigation measures, if necessary to be submitted to IRO, MoEFCC on annual basis.
- (iii) The entire alignment within CRZ III (NDZ) to be shifted beyond NDZ as agreed by the PP and revised layout of the same as well as table to be submitted to IRO, MoEFCC within three month of grant of CRZ clearance.
- (iv) Alignment passing through IA and IB should be such that it will avoid all designated important bird, mangrove and mudflat areas in the CRZ clearance granted for Tata Power solar plant (in the same location). Exact layout of the same to be submitted to IRO, MoEFCC prior to the commencement of the construction work.
- (v) No mangrove plantation will be undertaken on non-vegetated mudflats those are important for migratory birds. The Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE) will provide details of such mudflats. The same should be incorporated as Environmental Management Policy for the entire Dholera region. The Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE) will continue to monitor the migratory birds of the region and advise the PP for any mitigation measures that may be necessary.
- (vi) Project Proponent should ensure that the outfall is expected to be located underwater and to be equipped with diffusers to ensure instant dilution and dispersion of the discharged material into the surrounding sea-water and submit a report to IRO, MoEFCC before commencement of the project.
- (vii) Project Proponent should strictly ensure disposal of treated effluent discharge into Sea or marine outfalls to the prescribed standards of CPCB/SPCB.
- (viii) Industries such as bulk drug, pesticides, chemicals, petro-chemicals, pharmaceuticals and their effluent should not be allowed to dispose of Effluent in this project.
- (ix) Any temporary physical infrastructure setup and excavated material during laying of pipelines shall not be dumped in water bodies or adjacent areas and the site shall be restored to its original condition after completion of construction of work.
- (x) No groundwater shall be extracted within the CRZ area to meet the water requirements during the construction and/or operation phase of the project.
- (xi) Permanent labour camp, machinery and material storage shall not be set up in the CRZ area.
- (xii) All the conditions stipulated by the Gujarat Coastal Zone Management Authority for CRZ clearance 2011 *vide* its Letter No. ENV-10-2017-70-T dated 27/02/2022 and commitments made by the PP before the GCZMA and EAC shall be followed in letter and spirit.
- (xiii) All necessary clearance from the concerned authority, as may be applicable should be obtained prior to commencement of project or activity.

Agenda 3.2

Proposal for four laning of Honnavara Port Connectivity road from 0 km to 2.58 km connecting Honnavara Port with NH-66 at km 195.986 and improved NH-66 from 195 km to 197 km to integrate port connectivity on EPC Mode under Bharatmala Phase-1 in Kasarakoda Village of Honnavar Taluk of Uttara Kannada District by Assistant Executive Engineer, Port Sub-Division, Honnavara, Karnataka - CRZ Clearance

(IA/KA/CRZ/404527/2022; F. NO.11/22/2023-IA.III)

“The EAC noted that the Project Proponent has given undertaking that the data and information given in the application and enclosures are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and no information has been suppressed in the EIA/EMP report. If any part of the data/information submitted is found to be false /misleading at any stage, the project will be rejected and Environmental and or CRZ Clearance given, if any, will be revoked at the risk and cost of the project proponent.”

The Project Proponent (**M/s Ports and Inland Water Transport, Baithkol, Karwar**) along with his EIA consultant (**M/s Mantras Green Resources Ltd**) made a presentation on above said proposal. The EAC took note of following key parameters and salient features of the project as presented during the meeting as well as the details provided in the brief and application for this project:

- (i) The proposal is for four Laning of Honnavar Port connectivity road from km 0.00 (Kasarkod side of Honnavar port) to Km 2.580 (towards NH – 66) connecting Honnavar Port with NH - 66 at Km 195.986 and to improve NH – 66 from Km 195.00 to Km 197.00 to integrate port connectivity on EPC Mode under Bharatmala Phase – I.
- (ii) The total project area is 14.9 ha at Honnavar Port, Kasarkod village, Honnavar Taluk, Uttar Kannada District.
- (iii) The proposed four lane port road connectivity, Kachha road connectivity, Kachha road (service road for 4 lane), and associated infrastructure falls under coastal regulation zone area such as CRZ IA, CRZ IB, NDZ and CRZ III. Area break-up details as follows:

Sl. No	Proposed project activities	Areas in hectare				
		CRZ IA	CRZ-IB	NDZ	Within the port Limit	CRZ-IIIB
1.	Four lane NHAI road Connectivity	6.16	2.96	1.44	5.09	2.53
2.	Underpass	-	0.03	0.05	0.08	-
3.	Culvert Bridge	0.31	-	-	0.07	-
4.	Kachha Road (Service Road for NHAI)	-	0.06	2.01	2.07	-

- (iv) The proposed road (4.58 km) has 4 sections:
 - km 0.000 (Port Boundary) to km 0.400 (20.6 m width) -
 - km 0.400 to km 2.100 (4 lane road with service road, 30.8 m width)
 - km 2.100 to km 2.580 (NH 66 Side) (20.6 m width)
 - Improvement in NH 66 (Km 195.00 to Km 197.00) for flyover addition
- (v) The 4-lane road (km 0.400-2.100 stretch) has a width of 30.8 m, including 5 m for service road and 3.2 m for drainage and shoulders.
- (vi) The proposed 4 lane road from NH 66 passes through 0.76 ha of forest land (km 2.100 to km 2.580) for which Forest Clearance has been obtained from MoEF&CC.
- (vii) Total water requirement of the project is 37.05 (m³/day).
- (viii) Total power requirement of the project is 220V.
- (ix) A total of 250 individuals will get employment by the project.
- (x) Total cost of the project is ₹138.12 Crores. Budget proposed for implementation of EMP is ₹191.396 Lakhs.
- (xi) Ecological sensitive areas like mangroves, sand dunes and turtle nesting ground are present in the vicinity of project site.
- (xii) A total of 527 trees are estimated to be removed due this project and the same will be compensated through the proposed plantation programme.
- (xiii) The solid waste generated from the proposed project will be of non-hazardous in nature consisting of biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes. The domestic solid wastes will be segregated into organic and inorganic wastes at the source itself in which organic waste will be treated in organic convertor and inorganic wastes will be given to the recyclers.
- (xiv) Benefits of the project: This Road project will be beneficial for development of Port and also to the local people Employment Generation to local inhabitants -Skilled and Unskilled; Socio-economic development of the region; Provide an impetus to industrial activities in the hinterland.
- (xv) The Karnataka State Coastal Zone Management Authority (KSCZMA) has recommended the proposal for CRZ clearance under para 4(ii)(f) of CRZ Notification, 2011 *vide* its Letter No. FEE 78 CRZ 2023 dated 24/03/2023.

2. The EAC has deliberated on the proposal and noted that the project activity is permissible under CRZ Notification, 2011 and recommended by KSCZMA *vide* letter dated 24/03/2023 under para 4(ii)(f) of CRZ Notification, 2011. Further, committee has noted that the project site includes sand dune areas and major portion of the road fall along the HTL on sandy beach. However, proponent has not submitted detailed Marine Conservation Plan and not provided proper justification for the need of this road on seaward side rather than the landward side of existing village road.

3. After detailed deliberation, committee deferred the proposal and asked the project proponent to submit the followings information for further consideration in forthcoming meeting:

- Detailed marine conservation plan
- Details of alternate road alignment considered and their SWOT analysis

4. Furthermore, the committee recommended the site inspection by Sub-committee of EAC to under the factual status of the project.

Agenda 3.3

Proposal for Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drains (ISWD) in Kavalam Basin” within Greater Chennai Corporation limits, viz. Kottivakkam, Palvakkam, Neelankarai, Enchambakkam, Uithandi Villages Proposed by Greater Chennai Corporation - CRZ Clearance.

(IA/TN/CRZ/427523/2023; F. NO.11/29/2023-IA.III)

“The EAC noted that the Project Proponent has given undertaking that the data and information given in the application and enclosures are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and no information has been suppressed in the EIA/EMP report. If any part of the data/information submitted is found to be false/misleading at any stage, the project will be rejected and Environmental and or CRZ Clearance given, if any, will be revoked at the risk and cost of the project proponent.”

The Project Proponent (**M/s Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited**) along with his EIA consultant (**M/s ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited**) made a presentation on above said proposal. The EAC took note of following key parameters and salient features of the project as presented during the meeting as well as the details provided in the brief and application for this project:

- (i) The proposal is for Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drains (ISWD) for 52,472.26 m both in CRZ-II (32,644.26 m) & Non-CRZ (19,828.00 m) Areas as ‘Kovalam M3’ Component” as Flood Mitigation Measures in Kottivakkam, Palavakkam, Nilangarai, Injambakkam & Sholinganallur Census Towns and Uthandi Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai District, Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) The construction of Storm Water Drains is not a Scheduled Activity as per EIA Notification 2006 (as amended) and thus, does not require prior Environmental Clearance (EC). As the construction of SWDs is proposed both in CRZ-II & Non-CRZ Areas, the CRZ Clearance is required.
- (iii) Corporation Roads in the Areas are utilised for construction of ISWD. No Private Land is required. A total of 147 Streets are considered for total length of 52.472.26 km.
- (iv) About 32,644.26 running meters (62.21%) long Strom Water Drains are proposed in Coastal Regulation Zone-II (CRZ-II) Areas (Developed Area up to or close to the Shoreline) and 19,828.00 m running meters (37.78%) in Non-CRZ Area (Areas falling in >500 m from the High Tide Line-HTL). There will not be any construction in CRZ-IA Area (Sand Dunes or Turtle Nesting Areas, etc. notified as per Clause 7(i)A of Coastal Regulation Zone-CRZ Notification 2011) as well as no activity in CRZ-IB Area, the area between Low Tide Line (LTL) and High Tide Line (HTL).
- (v) There will not be any construction in CRZ-IA area and in CRZ-IB area, the area between HTL and LTL.

- (vi) About 27 Outfalls are proposed for distributing the discharges by gravity/natural means. There will not be any erosion or change in beach profile.
- (vii) The proposed project will prevent rainwater stagnation and flooding during heavy rainfall in the project area.
- (viii) Total water requirement during construction phase is 10-13 KLD and same will be sourced through private tankers.
- (ix) Total cost of the project is 30986 lakhs.
- (x) Originally the projects works were commissioned in June 2020 and progressed slowly on account of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic and stalled in December 2020 on account of the Original Applications (OAs) bearing O.A. No. 233 of 2020 (SZ), O.A. No. 243 of 2020 (SZ), O.A. No. 251 of 2020 (SZ) & O.A. No. 252 of 2020 (SZ) that filed against the Project in the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), South Zone, Chennai. in
- (xi) In compliance with Hon'ble NGT Order dated 04.12.2020 the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNCZMA) has issued 'Stop Construction till necessary Clearance is obtained' Notice vide R.C.No.P1/2190/2020-1 dated 23.12.2020 to GCC and the works were stopped.
- (xii) However, Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 06.09.2021 disposed of the case and directed the followings:

“28. The principle of ‘sustainable development’ requires that all development activities must be undertaken consistent with the environmental concerns. We are in agreement with the expert Committee view that the project needs to be revisited and can proceed only after requisite CRZ clearance. The stand of the officers of the PP that the project is part and parcel of road laying work and the drain does not fall in CRZ IA and I-B cannot be accepted. The project admittedly falls in CRZ-II and CRZ-III and its outfall is also in CRZ-IA which is ecologically sensitive area being notified as Ridley Turtle nesting site. Activities in CRZ-I are prohibited except those permitted in para 8. Construction of SWD in CRZI which is ecologically sensitive area is not permitted. The project needs to be revisited for feasibility of collection and re-use of rain water.

29. Accordingly, we direct the State of Tamil Nadu and the PP to revisit the project in the light of observations of the expert Committee. They are free to consider the views of IIT, Chennai and other expert Institutions like the Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore. In case it is decided to go ahead with the project with suitable changes, the PP may proceed further only after statutory CRZ clearance granted. Before granting CRZ Clearance, CZMA may issue appropriate ToRs to enable Environment Management Plan to be prepared to mitigate the adverse consequences of damage to the environment. Such plan may be duly appraised while granting the CRZ Clearance. In view of statement of learned Advocate General that there is an interim order on the issue of CRZ clearance, this order will be subject to any such order. Further work of the project may be undertaken only after

decision on re-visiting the project is finalised and CRZ clearance is granted as above.

30. We record our displeasure against the officers of the PP for undertaking the work in violations of the stop work order and without requisite CRZ clearance. We also give liberty to the concerned authorities including MoEF&CC to take action for the violations in undertaking work as above. However, since it has been found that no substantial work has been executed in violation of the stop work order, we are not inclined to award compensation.

The applications will stand disposed of accordingly.”

- (xiii) Accordingly, the proposal was examined by TNCZMA in its 116th meeting held on 20.06.2022 and authority decided to recommend the proposal to MoEF&CC.
- (xiv) However, instead sending their recommendation directly to MoEF&CC, the Member Secretary, TNCZMA vide letter dated 11.07.2022 has requested the Additional Chief secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu to recommend the proposal to MoEF&CC. In response, Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 08.08.2022 has recommended the proposal to MoEF&CC.

2. The EAC has deliberated on the proposal and noted that the project activity is permissible as per para (v) (b) of CRZ Notification, 2011. However, as per para 4 (ii) (d), the proposed activities require prior CRZ clearance from the MoEF&CC. But in the instant case the project activity started without prior CRZ Clearance. So this case is for post-facto clearance.

3. In view of above, the committee has noted that the grant of post-facto CRZ Clearance as per Ministry's OM dated 19.02.2021, which states that "Procedure for dealing with violations arising due to not obtaining a prior CRZ clearance for permissible activities, is under sub-judice and has been stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Bombay and Hon'ble High Court of Chennai in 2021. Thus the Ministry is restrained from granting a permission/clearance on the basis of the OM dated 19.02.2021 till further orders.

4. The Committee decided to seek guidance from the Ministry to consider the instant proposal under post-facto clearance.

Agenda 3.4

Proposal for Laying of pipeline at Haldia Dock Complex by M/s Haldia Petrochemical Limited- Amendment in CRZ Clearance

(IA/WB/CRZ/300149/2023; F. NO.11-52/2020-IA.III)

“The EAC noted that the Project Proponent has given undertaking that the data and information given in the application and enclosures are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and no information has been suppressed in the EIA/EMP report. If any part of the data/information submitted is found to be false/misleading at any stage, the project will be rejected and Environmental and or CRZ Clearance given, if any, will be revoked at the risk and cost of the project proponent.”

The Project Proponent (**M/s Haldia Petrochemical Limited**) made a presentation on above said proposal. The EAC took note of following key parameters and salient features of the project as presented during the meeting as well as the details provided in the brief and application for this project:

- (i) The proposal is for seeking amendment in CRZ Clearance dated 19/05/2021 granted by the Ministry to M/s Haldia Petrochemical Limited for laying pipelines at the Haldia Dock Complex, West Bengal.
- (ii) The proposal was originally recommended by EAC in its 259th meeting held on 19/03/2021. During the deliberation, the committee has noted that the already existing pipeline at Haldia Dock Complex was constructed without prior clearance under CRZ Notification, 1991. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the existing pipeline project (Naphtha (1 X 24” NB) – HPL facility to HOJ- 3; Butene -1 (1 X 8” NB) – HPL facility to HOJ-1; Hydrogenated Pyrolysis Gasoline (HPG)/Motor Spirit (MS) - (2 x 16” NB)- HPL facility to HOJ-1, HOJ-2; Butadiene (2 X 6” NB)- HPL Facility to HOJ-1;and Benzene (1 X 8” NB) – HPL Facility to HOJ-1) shall be dealt in accordance with the Ministry’s OM No. 19- 75/2015-IA III, dated 19.02.2021 prescribing procedure for dealing violation cases arising due to not obtaining prior CRZ clearance for permissible activities as per CRZ Notification.
- (iii) Based on the recommendation of EAC, the Ministry has granted CRZ Clearance for laying of pipelines except the existing Benzene Pipeline at the Haldia Dock Complex, West Bengal.
- (iv) Though the CRZ Clearance has been granted for the standalone new pipeline project under CRZ Notification, 2011, with respect to the suggestion of EAC on existing pipelines following a specific condition has been stipulated:

“The existing pipeline project (Naphtha (1 X 24” NB) – HPL facility to HOJ- 3; Butene -1 (1 X 8” NB) – HPL facility to HOJ-1; Hydrogenated Pyrolysis Gasoline (HPG)/Motor Spirit (MS) - (2 x 16” NB)- HPL facility to HOJ-1, HOJ-2; Butadiene (2 X 6” NB)- HPL Facility to HOJ-1;and Benzene (1 X 8” NB) – HPL Facility to HOJ-1) at Haldia Dock Complex was constructed without obtaining prior clearance as per CRZ Notification, 1991 and thus in violation of CRZ Notification. The project proponent shall obtain the necessary clearances for the same in accordance with the Ministry’s OM No. 19- 75/2015-IA III, dated 19.02.2021 prescribing procedure for dealing violation cases arising due to not obtaining prior CRZ clearance for permissible activities as per CRZ Notification, before commissioning of proposed project.”

- (v) As per this condition, without obtaining the post-facto clearance for the existing pipeline, the standalone new pipeline project, for which CRZ

clearance has been granted by the Ministry, has not been accorded CTO by the State pollution Control Board.

- (vi) Thus, Project proponent requested amendment in specific condition no. 1 of CRZ Clearance dated 19/05/2021 as mentioned under:

Para/condition No.	As per CRZ Clearance dated 19/05/2021	Amendment Sought
Specific Condition No. 1	<p>The existing pipeline project (Naphtha (1 X 24" NB) – HPL facility to HOJ- 3; Butene -1 (1 X 8" NB) – HPL facility to HOJ-1; Hydrogenated Pyrolysis Gasoline (HPG)/Motor Spirit (MS) - (2 x 16" NB)- HPL facility to HOJ-1, HOJ-2; Butadiene (2 X 6" NB)- HPL Facility to HOJ-1;and Benzene (1 X 8" NB) – HPL Facility to HOJ-1) at Haldia Dock Complex was constructed without obtaining prior clearance as per CRZ Notification, 1991 and thus in violation of CRZ Notification. The project proponent shall obtain the necessary clearances for the same in accordance with the Ministry's OM No. 19-27/2015-IA III, dated 19.02.2021 prescribing procedure for dealing violation cases arising due to not obtaining prior CRZ clearance for permissible activities as per CRZ Notification, before commissioning of proposed project.</p>	<p>The existing pipeline project (Naphtha (1 X 24" NB) – HPL facility to HOJ- 3; Butene -1 (1 X 8" NB) – HPL facility to HOJ-1; Hydrogenated Pyrolysis Gasoline (HPG)/Motor Spirit (MS) - (2 x 16" NB)- HPL facility to HOJ-1, HOJ-2; Butadiene (2 X 6" NB)- HPL Facility to HOJ-1;and Benzene (1 X 8" NB) – HPL Facility to HOJ-1) at Haldia Dock Complex was constructed without obtaining prior clearance as per CRZ Notification, 1991 and thus in violation of CRZ Notification. The project proponent shall obtain the necessary clearances for the same in accordance with the Ministry's OM No. 19-27/2015-IA III, dated 19.02.2021 prescribing procedure for dealing violation cases arising due to not obtaining prior CRZ clearance for permissible activities as per CRZ Notification.</p>

2. The EAC has deliberated on the proposal and noted that CRZ Clearance dated 19/05/2021 has been granted for new pipeline project as standalone one and proponent has been directed to obtain post-facto clearance for existing pipelines as per OM dated 19.02.2021 separately. So, the committee requested the Ministry to take further action in this regard.

Annexure

List of the Expert Appraisal Committee (CRZ) Members participated during Video Conferencing (VC) Meeting held on 29th May 2023.

S. No.	Name of Members	Designation
1.	Dr. Deepak Arun Apte	Chairman
2.	Dr. Manoranjan Hota	Member
3.	Shri S. Jeyakrishnan	Member
4.	Shri M.S. Negi	Member
5.	Prof. V. K. Jain	Member
6.	Prof. A.K. Pachauri	Member
7.	Shri Sham Wagh	Member
8.	Shri P.K. Mishra	Member
9.	Dr. Niraj Sharma	Member
10.	Shri R.S.P. Verma	Member
11.	Dr. H. Kharkwal	Member Secretary
12.	Dr. Ragavan P, Scientist B	MoEF&CC
