Ministry of Environment and Forests

Order

New Delhi, the 4th January, 2002

S.O.22(E):- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), and in supersession of the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests Number 996 (E) dated, the 26th November, 1998, expect as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby constitutes an authority to be known as the Pondicherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) consisting of the following persons, for a period of three years, with effect from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette, namely:-

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<td>Secretary, Department of Environment Pondicherry.</td>
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<td>Director, Department of Fisheries, Pondicherry.</td>
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<td>Chief Town Planner, Town and Country, Planning Department.</td>
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<td>Dr. R. Mahadevan, National Institute of Ocean Technology, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai.</td>
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<td>Dr. L. Kannan, Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in Marine Biology, Annamalai University</td>
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<td>Dr. M. Ravindran, Director, Department of Ocean Development, Chennai.</td>
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<td>Member Secretary, Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee, Pondicherry.</td>
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II The Authority shall have the power to take the following measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling environmental pollution in the coastal areas of the State of Pondicherry namely:-

(i) Examination of proposals for changes or modifications in classification of Coastal Regulation Zone areas and in the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) received from the Pondicherry State Government and making specific recommendations to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority therefor.

(ii) (a) Inquire into cases of alleged violations of the provisions of the said Act or the rules made thereunder, or under any other law which is related to the objects of the said Act and, if found necessary in a specific case, issuing directions under section 5 of the said Act, insofar as such directions are not inconsistent with any direction issued in that specific case by the National Coastal Zone Management Authority or by the Central Government;

   (b) Review of cases involving violations of the provisions of the said Act, and the rules made thereunder, or under any other law which is related to the
objects of the said Act, and if found necessary referring such cases, with
comments, for review to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority:

Provided that the cases under sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this sub-paragraph
may either be taken up suo-moto or on the basis of complaint made by an
individual or a representative body or an organisation.

(iii) Filing complaints under section 19 of the said Act in cases of non-compliance
of the directions issued by it under sub-clause (a) of sub-paragraph (ii) of
paragraph 11 of the Order.

(iv) To take action under section 10 of the said Act to verify the facts concerning
the issues arising from sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph II of this
Order.

III The Authority shall deal with environmental issues relating to Coastal
Regulation Zone which may be referred to it by the Pondicherry State
Government the National Coastal Zone Management Authority or the Central
Government.

IV The Authority shall identify ecologically sensitive areas in the Coastal
Regulation Zone and formulate area-specific management plans for such
identified areas.

V The Authority shall identify coastal areas highly vulnerable to erosion or
degradation and formulate area specific management plans for such identified
areas.

VI The Authority shall, identify economically important stretches in Coastal
Regulation Zone and prepare Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for
the same.

VII The Authority shall submit the plans prepared by it under paragraphs IV, V
and VI above and modifications thereof to the National Coastal Zone
Management Authority for examination and its approval.

VII The Authority shall examine all projects proposed in Coastal Regulation Zone
areas and give their recommendations before the project proposals are
referred to the Central Government or the agencies who have been entrusted
to clear such projects under the notification, of the Government of India in the
Ministry of Environment and Forests vide number S.O. 144 (E) dated 19th

IX The Authority shall ensure compliance of all specific conditions that arc
stipulated and laid down in the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of
Pondicherry.

X The Authority shall ensure that atleast two-third members of the Authority are
present during the meetings.
XI  The Authority shall furnish report of its activities at least once in six months to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority.

XII  The foregoing powers and functions of the Authority shall be Subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government.

XIII  The Authority shall have its headquarters at Pondicherry.

XIV  The Authority shall open an account in any of the nationalized banks in the name of the Authority for the purpose of receiving funds provided for undertaking the activities and functions listed in this order.

XV  Any matter specifically not falling within the scope and jurisdiction of the Authority so constituted shall be dealt with by the statutory authorities concerned.

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Dr. V RAJAGOPALAN, Jt. Secy.