

Ministry of Environment and Forests

Order

New Delhi, the 4th January, 2002

S.O.28(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 992(E) dated, the 26th November, 1998, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby constitutes an authority to be known as the Andaman and Nicobar 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:-

1	Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.	Chairman
2	Chief Engineer & Administrator, Member Andaman and Lakshadweep Harbour Works, Ministry of Surface Transport, Port Blair.	Member
3	Secretary, Department of Environment, Andaman and Nicobar, Port Blair.	Member
4	Director, Department of Fisheries, Port Blair.	Member
5	Dr. S. Ramachandran, Director, Institute of Ocean Management, Chennai.	Member
6	Dr. P. S. N. Rao, Botanical Survey of India, Port Blair.	Member
7	C. servator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.	Member -Secretary

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 Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar, 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 of Andaman and Nicobar Union Territory Administration 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 Andaman and Nicobar Union Territory Administration 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.
- VIII 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 February, 1991.

- IX The Authority shall ensure compliance of all specific conditions that are stipulated and laid down in the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Andaman and Nicobar.
- 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 Port Blair.
- 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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