

Minutes of the Andaman & Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority
[A&NCZMA] Meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on
28/08/2014 [Thursday] at 1730 hours in the Conference Hall of the
Secretariat, Port Blair

The list of officers and invitees/project proponents attended the meeting is annexed.

At the outset the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Chairman (ANCZMA) welcomed all the members, invitees, Project Proponents and their associates who were present in the said meeting. Dr. PranabeshSanyal, Prof. Emeritus, JadavapurUniversity, Kolkata, one of the outstation member could not attend the meeting. Dr. Purvaja Ramachandran, Scientist 'G' represented Director, Institute of Ocean Management (IOM), Anna University, Chennai the other outstation member of the A&NCZMA. The quorum for convening the said meeting of the ANCM Authority, reconstituted by the Central Govt. vide S.O 1449(E) dated 02.07.2012 for a period of 03 years, was good enough as such the meeting was convened. The Chief Conservator of Forests(CZ&FC) & Member Secretary (ANCZMA) with the permission of the chair started the proceedings and accordingly the project proponents were invited to make Power Point presentation of their respective projects so as to brief the Chairman & the members regarding their proposal submitted, seeking CRZ/Environmental clearance. The project wise background and the deliberations followed by the decision taken is furnished as under:

- 1. Proposed Extension of Runway with associated infrastructure, Construction of Security Wall, Perimeter road, Watch tower with lighting, Construction of OTM, Galley and Dining Hall at Naval Air Station, Shibpur, Diglipur**

(Project Proponent: Indian Navy)

Naval Air Station based at Shibpur, Diglipur is located at the northern tip of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is a Forward Operating Air Base (FOAB). The Airfield provides sustained detached operations for Indian Naval/Air Force/Coast Guard aircraft, thus effectively curtailing the ever growing poaching activities. This Airfield provides air traffic control service to all the aircrafts operating in northern group of islands. The Navy has a land holding of 67.54 hect of area on which an airstrip of 1000m length and 23m width exists. The present infrastructure at the Air station is inadequate for accommodating the rapid growth & setting up of various facilities for an air base, which included extension of Runway by 123 mtrs associated with allied infrastructure, construction of Security Wall, perimeter road, watch tower with lighting, accommodation etc.

Considering the geo-strategic importance of Naval Air Station at Shibpur with extended facilities, Coastal Regulation Zone Clearance is being sought for extension of existing runway followed by associated facilities.

Deliberations:

As the status of the subject land where extension of the existing runway by 123 mtrs followed by providing associated facilities proposed is not clear, the authority arrived at a decision that the project proponent would seek clearance on the subject land from the Competent Authority viz; Forest and Revenue Department on the status of the said land so as to ascertain whether any clearance is required from the Competent Authority under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 etc. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court direction "Revenue Land with density of 40% plus should be considered as deemed Forest" and hence it was decided to obtain clearance from the Competent Authority to place it before ANZMA.

2. Proposed creation of Infrastructure facilities of DRDO for a Strategic Missile Test Range at Rutland Island, South Andaman

A Strategic Missile Test Range facilities in the Rutland Island has been envisaged by DRDO and there is also a need to set up an Air Defence Radar for Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) programme. This island is quite suitable for Test and Evaluation of Futuristic Ballistic Missiles and Air Defence Programme due to range safety and security concerns in the national interest. Rutland Island is a virgin island located across the Macpherson Strait from South Andaman Island. The proposed Infrastructure in Pocket-I, II & III (Total Area 125 Acres)

- i. Construction of Technical building, Technical Area and hard standing
- ii. Construction of approach Road and Jetty - 02 Nos

The proposed site is situated across the Macpherson Strait from South Andaman Island and separated from Little Andaman by Duncan Passage. The subject area falls under Category ICRZ - I & IV.

Deliberations:

A Power Point presentation was made by the Director, Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, wherein emphasis was on idealistic location and in the interest of the nation. As the area proposed for diversion for the said project is 125 acres and the Islands proposed has perennial source of fresh water and the acute shortage in these Islands are met with.

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The authority opined that the project proponents to revisit their project and confined to an extent of 50 acres taking the availability of land into consideration as Rutland is the only source of fresh water which is being tapped.

3. Discussion on allotment of Sea Sand to local.

As per Island Protection Zone, Notification – 2011 (amended Notification dated 22nd August, 2013) extraction of sand read with the order of the Apex Court dated 07/05/2002 in IA No.502 in WP(C) No.202 of 1995, the extraction of sand has been phased out @ minimum 20% per year on reducing balance basis to bring the sand mining to the level of 33% of the level of mining in 2001-02 within a maximum period of 5 years. Since the level of extraction of Sand in the territory in the year 2001-02 i.e. the base year as per the Court's Order, was 68909 Cbm. After phasing out the permissible quantity of harvestable sand is now fixed at 22581 cbm/annum.

Mining of sand shall be permitted only in identified and approved sites (accreting areas) identified by the Institute of Ocean Management(IOM), Chennai. Report from IOM has not been received in spite of requests from this Administration.

As per the field inspection by Divisional Forest Officers, the details of availability of sand is given below.

Name of the Division	Availability of Sand		Report of the Divisional Forest Officer
	Location	Qty(cbm)	
South Andaman	1. Shoal Bay-17 2. Shoal Bay-18 3. Shoal Bay-19	Nil Nil Nil	Extractable sand not available
Havelock	1.MithaNallah,Vijaynagar 2.Laxmanpur, Neil Island	1500 450	Sand available for extraction
Middle Andaman	Lalaji Bay Long Island	2650	Sand available for extraction
Mayabunder	1. Karmatang- Xi (P1) 2. Karmatang- Xi (P2) 3. Paiket Bay	865 1923 1216	Sand can be extracted
Diglipur	1. Gopal Nagar-II 2. BandhanNallah	2032.35 1463	Sand can be extracted
Little Andaman	Hutbay Break Water	3000	Sand can be extracted
Nicobar Division, Campbell Bay	1.Quarry Beach 2.Chingam Basthi 3. Laxminagar Beach 4. Gandhinagar 5.Shastrinagar	250 600 450 650 600	Sand can be extracted
	TOTAL	17649.35	

Deliberations:

Dr. Purvaja Ramachandran, Scientist 'G', representing the Director, Institute of Ocean Management (IOM), Chennai presented the report on identified and approved sand accreting sites within non-eco-sensitive zones with the quantum of available for extraction in four islands namely, Neil Island, Havelock, Rutland and Little Andaman. It was decided to correlate the recommendation with the ground truth as well the assessment made by the Divisional Forest Officers as detailed above. It was also emphasized that the reports for other Islands to be submitted on priority by the IOM, Chennai so that a decision on the sand allotment for the year 2014 could be dealt and arrived at. It was also decided to keep aside buffer about 25 mtrs of area from the ecologically sensitive sites for extraction of sea sand from the non-eco sensitive sites.

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(वनसदन, हैडो, पोर्टब्लेयर)VANSADAN, HADDO

पोर्ट ब्लेयर/Port Blair, दिनांक/Dated

10th September, 2014



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मुख्य वनसंरक्षक/Chief Conservator of Forests

(तटवर्ती अंचल एवं वन संरक्षण)/CZ & FC)

And Member Secretary, A&NCZMA

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1. SPS to the Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
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3. Principal Secretary (Revenue), A&N Administration for kind information.
4. Secretary (Shipping), A&N Administration for kind information.
5. Secretary, Environment, A& N Administration for kind information.
6. Secretary, Tourism, A&N Administration for kind information.
7. Secretary, Fisheries, A&N Administration for kind information.
8. Professor R.Ramesh Director, Institute of Ocean Management (IOM), Anna University, Chennai for information.
9. Dr. PranabeshSanyal, Professor Emeritus, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
10. Head, Andaman & Nicobar Environment Team (ANET) for information.

Copy also forwarded to:

11. The Commanding Officer, INS Utkrosh, Port Blair for information & necessary action.
12. Shri. R.K. Behera, Scientist 'F', Group Director (FI&ES), DRDO, ITR Range, Chandipur, Balasore-756025

Annexure 'A'

Members of the Authority

1.	Shri. Anand Prakash, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration	Chairman
2.	Shri. V.K.Beniwal, Secretary, Tourism	Member
3.	Shri.G.ThevaNeethiDhas, Secretary(E),Secretary(Shipping) & Secretary(Revenue) A&N Administration.	Member
4.	Shri. OnitPanyang, Secretary(Fisheries)	Member
5.	Dr. Purvaja Ramachandran, Scientist G	Member
6.	Shri. Saw John Field Research Coordinator, Andaman Nicobar Environment Team (ANET),Port Blair.	Member
7.	Shri. B. Suanzalang Chief Conservator of Forests (CZ&FC), Haddo, Port Blair	Member Secretary

Project Proponents present

1. Capt. AN Pramod, CO, Utkrosh
2. M.V.KV. Prasad, Director ITR
3. Lt.DikshaGehlawat, SO(works) HQ NAVC
4. Lt. R.K. Mishra, Works Officer, Utkrosh,
5. R.K. Behera, Scientist 'F'
6. Dr. S.K. Sahu, Sc 'D'
7. C.S. Majhi, To 'B'
8. M. Murali Krishna, Managing Partner
9. Col(Retd) J. K .Satpathy, CCE DRDO
- 10.M.D. Rafikul, Incharge