

**Minutes of the Meeting of Andaman & Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority (A&NCZMA) held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anand Prakash, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration on 22/01/2014 (Wednesday) at 1500 hours in the Conference Hall of the Secretariat, Port Blair**

The list of officers and invitees attended the meeting is at **Annexure-A**.

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. Two of the ex-officio member could attend the meeting due to pre occupation and as the quorum of the meeting needs only one third of the total members, 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 presentation of their respective projects so as to brief the Chairman & the members regarding their proposal submitted for seeking CRZ/Environmental clearance. The project wise background and the deliberations followed by the decision taken is furnished as under:

**1. Construction of Eco-friendly Hotel-cum-Resort at Bada Balu, South Andaman**

***(Project Proponent: Smartspace Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd)***

The proposed project i.e. construction of eco-friendly Hotel-cum- Resort at Badabalu, village Manjeri, Ferrargunj Tehsil under South Andaman District by M/s Surya Chidya Tapu Resorts Pvt. Ltd & M/s Smartspace Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd on a site bearing Survey No. 10 admeasuring an area of 192185 Sq.mtrs with a total built up Area of 8088 Sq.mtrs which includes the following:

<b>Villas</b> (single room)	–	35 Nos
<b>Double Room</b>	–	25 Nos
<b>Presidential Suits</b>	–	07 Nos
<b>Restaurant</b> (for in-house guest)	–	02 Nos

The proposed project would have a facility of an in-house occupancy of 185 tourists with all modern facilities like Gym, Spa, DG sets, water harvesting system etc with adequate Parking space. The added advantage is that about 70% of the total area as proposed would be under green cover. The proposed site would be well connected with motorable road & being in a better ambience, would be of immense importance for the tourists interested in holidaying in a remote location away from the thick of life.

## **Deliberation**

A brief power point presentation was made by the project proponent. The project proponent submitted that they had a clear title over the project site. The Committee has noted that the site is in Island Coastal Regulation Zone III and area upto 200 mtrs from High Tide Line on the landward side in case of sea front and 100 mtrs along tidal influenced water bodies, on width of the creek whichever is less is to be earmarked as "No Developmental Zone". To the query on the demarcation of the HTL and availability of map to the scale 1:4000, to examine the proposed proposal in hand, the project proponent stated that the map submitted to this Authority was prepared by their Consultant and authenticated CRZ maps were being prepared through National Institute of Oceanography, Panjim, Goa and yet to be received.

As the requisite maps submitted along with the proposal were not in order and authenticated by the authorised agency of the MoE&F, the Authority decided to defer the proposals and that it could be re-submitted in the ensuing meeting with the requisite maps authenticated by any one of the institutes/agencies authorised by the MoE&F.

## **2. Construction of State High Way from Shoal Bay-15 to Shoal Bay-19**

***(Project Proponent: APWD)***

Shoal Bay village under Ferrargunj Tehsil is situated at about 26 km from Ferrargunj and about 19km from Wimberlygunj. Shoalbay village stretches from 08 km to 19 km from wimberlygunj and can be reached by road from Port Blair upto Shoal Bay – 15. About 35 families having a population of 192 has been settled at Shoal Bay-19 and the villagers settled are using the existing Fair-weather road constructed by the Forest Department for transportation of logs till 1980. But during monsoon the said road becomes slushy and movement of the vehicular traffic comes to a standstill. Thus APWD has proposed construction of road measuring 7 kms connecting the existing black-top road at Shoal Bay 15 with Shoal Bay 19. Out of which the A & N Administration has already completed construction of 1.74 km of road being outside the Reserve Forest and the balance of 5.26 km of road is yet to be taken up at an estimated cost of `7.89 Crores for which approval for diversion of forest land under Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 is still awaited.

Out of the proposed 5.26 kms of road to be constructed about 2.15 kms runs adjacent the Mangrove Creek and as such it attracts IPZ Notification, 2011, which needs CRZ clearance.

## **Deliberations:**

The Executive Engineer concerned made a brief presentation on the proposal before the Authority, wherein emphasis was more on the utility of the said road as the same would connect the village at Shoal Bay-19 with the

mainstream. The proposed road would basically be black topping of the existing fair weather road which was being used by the villagers including school going children and during monsoon it becomes miserable for the villagers as this road being the only access for their basic amenities.

As the proposal on construction of road basically being black topping on the existing fair weather road since years, connecting Shoal Bay-15 with Shoal Bay-19, the Authority decided to accord CRZ clearance **under Clause-III(D)(I)(b)(ii) of IPZ Notification, 2011, subject to clearance by the MoE&F under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as the subject land falls under the category of Reserve Forest.**

### **3. Construction of RCC Jetty with Vehicle Ferry Ramp at Afra Bay in Great Nicobar Island**

***(Project Proponent: ALHW)***

Great Nicobar Island having an area of 1000 Sq.km is the southernmost island of A & N Islands and is about 140 km away from Sumatra island of Indonesia. The island has been developed in a big way by Govt. Of India to settle the Ex-service men. In order to rehabilitate the tsunami affected people of Kondul islands, the Administration has chosen Afra Bay just opposite to Kondul by providing necessary infrastructure and other facilities. At present six Nicobari families are residing in Afra Bay and they are totally dependent on country dinghies as well other smaller boats to reach Campbell Bay as it's not connected by road. As such it is proposed by the Administration to construct an RCC Jetty with ramp at Afra Bay at an estimated cost of Rs. 1725.19 lakhs.

The project involves:

- i) Construction of 5.40 m wide and 81.60 m length approach jetty founded on bored cast-in-situ pile of 600 mm dia
- ii) A berthing jetty of length 19.85 m width 6.55m with the tope level of the jetty at (+)4.00 m level.
- iii) A vehicle ferry ramp with slope as 1:10 having width of 12.20m and sloped length of 26.00m landing platform at (+)4.00m.

#### **Deliberations:**

The Executive Engineer, ALHW, made a brief presentation on the proposed project before the Authority. The tsunami affected families of Kondul island were re-habilitated and settled in Afra Bay, GNI just opposite to Kondul by providing them with necessary infrastructure and other facilities baring Port facility. The family settled there are totally dependent on country dinghies as well other smaller boats to reach Campbell Bay as Afra Bay is located on North-West of GNI and which is not connected by road. The project site falls under ICRZ-I.

Taking into consideration the difficulties being faced by the coastal community re-habilitated by the Administration, the Authority decided to

accord CRZ clearance for construction of RCC Jetty-cum-Vehicle Ferry Ramp at Afra Bay, GNI under Clause III(D)(I)(b)(ii) of IPZ Notification, 2011.

#### **4. Re-Construction of 10T capacity Ice Plant and 15T capacity cold storage for Fisheries Department at Campbell Bay**

***(Project Proponent: ALHW)***

To mitigate the needs of the fishing community of Great Nicobar Islands the Fisheries Department has constructed an Ice Plant of 10 T capacity and cold storage of 15 T capacity at Campbell Bay. Due to massive earth quake followed by Tsunami on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 the area got inundated and the said cold storage and ice plant went defunct and could not be put to further use. The building also got damaged as such re-construction of the same was the only option for establishment of Cold Storage-cum- Ice Plant at Campbell Bay.

The A&N Administration had directed the concerned officials to re-commission / re-construct the defunct Cold Storage-cum- Ice Plant for the benefit of the local fishermen based at Campbell Bay. Accordingly ALHW has taken up the re-construction work of 10T capacity Ice Plant and 15 T capacity Cold Storage at an estimated cost of `537.66 lakhs. As the work being re-construction, the department did not submit the proposal for CRZ clearance and as such the matter was taken up with the concerned department and they have submitted the proposal for ratification as the work is in progress.

#### **Deliberations:**

The Executive Engineer, ALHW, made a brief presentation regarding the project proposal before the Authority . The proposed project is re-construction followed by re-commissioning of the defunct Cold Storage-cum- Ice Plant which was damaged due to Tsunami in the year 2004. The said proposal would be of immense importance as it would cater to the needs of the fishermen based at Campbell Bay, GNI viz; supply of ice blocks as well as storage of additional catch. The proposed project is being constructed at the very site where it do existed. The project site falls under ICRZ-III and protected by the sea wall.

Considering the fact that the project is only to re-construct the Cold Storage-cum-Ice plant affected by Tsunami and taking into account the benefit of the coastal community / fisher folk, the Authority decided to accord CRZ clearance for construction of an Ice Plant of 10 T capacity and cold storage of 15 T capacity at Campbell under Clause-III(D)(3)(a)(iii)(k) of IPZ Notification, 2011.

## **5. Re-Construction of Workshop building at ALHW Workshop Complex at Campbell Bay in GNI.**

***(Project Proponent: ALHW)***

Andaman & Lakshadweep Harbour Works (ALHW) a pioneer in construction of RCC jetty, rubble mound break water, Deep Water Wharf, foreshore buildings like passenger hall, cargo shed, PCT etc. It has an unit functioning at Campbell Bay for upkeep and maintenance of the existing Port and other infrastructures etc. required in continuous by the passenger as well as cargo vessels calling at this port. For operation and maintenance of these structures, ALHW is operating & maintaining heavy machineries like cranes, cargo handling equipments, forklifts, floating crafts etc. For the day to day maintenance of these equipments a workshop had been constructed during the year 1970 as a semi permanent structure.

Due to the massive earth quake followed by Tsunami on 26.12.2004, these structures sustained heavy damage and was unsafe for use by the staff and workers. Accordingly, it was decided to dismantle the said building and reconstruct the same with RCC structure at an estimated cost of `111.08 lakhs. As the work being re-construction, the department did not submit the proposal for CRZ clearance and the matter was taken up with the concerned department and they have submitted the proposal for ratification as the work is in progress.

### **Deliberations:**

A power point presentation was made briefing the project proposal viz. Re-construction of workshop building of ALHW which was damaged during Tsunami in the year 2004. The said workshop is being re-constructed on the same site, so as to facilitate maintenance / upkeep of heavy machineries such as cranes, cargo handling equipments, forklifts, floating crafts etc required in continuous by the passenger as well as cargo vessels being called at this port.

The site falls under ICRZ-III and between 200 mts to 500 mts from HTL. There is a Sea Wall and an approved road in front of the site. The project is only to re-construct the structure damaged by Tsunami and that the customary use is permissible the Authority decided to accord CRZ clearance for re-construction of Workshop building under Clause III D(3)(b)(vii) of the IPZ Notification, 2011.

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पोर्ट ब्लेयर/Port Blair, दिनांक/Dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

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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. Pranabesh Sanyal, Professor Emeritus, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
10. Head, Andaman & Nicobar Environment Team (ANET) for information.

**Copy also forwarded to :**

1. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, MoE&F, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information please.
2. M/s Smart Space Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, 67<sup>th</sup> Friends Colony West, New Delhi-110085 for information & necessary action.
3. The Chief Engineer, APWD, A & N Administration for information.
4. The Chief Engineer & Administrator, ALHW, Port Blair for information.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, South Andaman for information
6. The Divisional Forest Officer, Nicobar Division for information.

## **Annexure 'A'**

### **Members of the Authority**

1.	Shri. Anand Prakash, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration	Chairman
2.	Shri. Mohanjit Singh, Commissioner –cum-Secretary, Revenue A&N Administration.	Member
3.	Smti. Punya Salila Srivastava, Comm.-cum-Secretary, Shipping, A&N Administration	Member
4.	Shri. Rakesh Bali, Secretary, Tourism	Member
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6.	Shri. Onit Panyong, Secretary, Fisheries / Agri /AH	Member
8.	Miss. Tasneem Khan, Incharge, Andaman Nicobar Environment Team (ANET),Port Blair.	Member
9.	Shri. B. SUANZALANG Chief Conservator of Forests (CZ & FC), Chatham, Port Blair	Member Secretary

### **Project Proponents present**

1. Shri.Bimal Sinha, Chief Engineer & Administrator, ALHW
2. Dr.R.D. Tripathi, Sr. Scientist, ALHW
3. Shri. Alok Srivastava, Executive Engineer, ALHW
4. Shri. Pushparaju, Executive Engineer (Plg), APWD
5. Shri. T.K. Chandrasekharan, Executive Engineer, RCD, APWD
6. Capt. Rajender Kumar, Director of Shipping Services
7. Shri. H.S. Pabla, Assistant Engineer, PMB
8. Shri. Prashant Sahni, M/s Smartspace Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd
9. Shri. Vishal Singh, M/s Smartspace Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd
10. G. Muthu Kumaran, Environmental Consultant