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CHIEF MINISTER



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D.O.Letter No.13131/EC 3/2010, Dated: 19.11.2010

Dear Sir,

Sub: CRZ – Draft CRZ Notification 2010 – Apprehensions among coastal communities especially the fishermen – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. My D.O.Letter No.13120/EC-III/2008, Dated 27.09.2008.  
2. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Notification S.O.2291 (E) dated 15.09.2010.

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I invite kind attention to my letter first cited wherein I have requested that the issue of the draft Coastal Management Zone Notification, 2008 is deferred, until such time it is fully accepted by the coastal communities, especially the fishermen. Accordingly, the said draft notification has been allowed to lapse.

2. However, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India has issued Draft CRZ Notification 2010 in S.O.2291 (E) dated 15.09.2010 and Government of India have requested objections or suggestions from any person interested on the Draft proposal in writing within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of the notification. I wish to bring to your benign notice that there is a strong apprehension among coastal communities that the Notification will cause wide spread destruction to the livelihood of fishing communities and other poor communities in coastal areas that it will result in the

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destruction of coastal ecology and marine resources. Further, it is felt that the introduction of new amendments under CRZ Notification 2010 such as "revision of Coastal Zone Management Plans every five year", "Hazard Line", "Critically Vulnerable Coastal Areas", give the scope to tamper with zones and accommodate new interests from time to time. Already, the State is experiencing a series of agitations in the coastal areas strongly condemning the proposed notification.

3. Environmental groups also fear that the "Draft CRZ Notification 2010" encourages growth of certain interest groups at the cost of environment.

4. Any drastic changes in the existing regulations may cause distress among the fisher folk and some interested groups may create law and order problems, utilizing the situation.

5. In view of the above facts, it is suggested that the issue of CRZ Notification 2010 may be deferred, until such time, it removes the apprehensions of fisherfolk and environmentalists and address their concerns.

*Kind regards*

Yours sincerely,

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