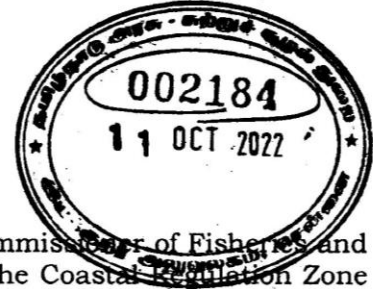




ABSTRACT



Environment and Climate Change – Nominate the Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare as a nodal officer for monitoring the Coastal Regulation Zone violations of aquaculture activities – Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (EC.3) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D) No.224

Dated: 29.09.2022

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053

செகிரெது, புரட்டாசி - 12,

Read:

1. Orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone) in O.A.No.82 of 2016, 173 of 2016 and 175 of 2016, dated 26.05.2022.
2. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority and Director of Environment and Climate Change, Chennai R.C.No.P1/1195/2022, dated 18.08.2022

ORDER:-

In the order first read above, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has directed *inter-alia* that,

- i. Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai may remove and demolish all illegal Coastal Aquaculture activities in their jurisdiction, operating without registration or in violation of Section 13 (8) of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005. Apart from such prohibition, the said Authority may initiate prosecution by filing a written complaint under Section 15 of the Act and also assess compensation for the past violations as per "Polluter Pays" principle, following due process of law. Compensation be used for restoration of environment.
- ii. Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority may enforce Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification in relation to prohibited activities in terms of the said notification or permissible activities, which do not comply with the regulatory requirements.
- iii. State Pollution Control Board may enforce Water Act or other applicable provisions within its purview.
- iv. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu may take action against Coastal Aquaculture Activity operating in violation of the Wildlife Act, if any.

- v. We also constitute a Monitoring Committee headed by Member Secretary, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management with nominee of Director, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, Chennai, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority, Coastal Aquaculture Authority and Chief Wildlife Warden Tamil Nadu as Members for a period of six months. The Chairman of the constituted Committee may call a meeting within two weeks, take stock of the situation, prepare an action plan and execute the same within reasonable time thereafter. The meeting may be held physically or online. It will be open to the Committee to coordinate with other concerned Departments/ Individuals/ Experts, to interact with stakeholders and also to undertake visit to the site in question. **Its proceedings may be placed on the website of Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority.**

2. In the reference second read above, the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority has stated that, based on the above order in the reference first read above, the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) has conducted a meeting with the line departments, viz., Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoECC), Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA), National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) and Wildlife Warden, Chennai for taking action as per the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (SZ) on 16.08.2022. During the discussion, it has been explained the mechanism for dealing Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Violations issues that the petitions, with reference to the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Violations were forwarded to the concerned District Coastal Zone Management Authority (DCZMA), for taking action. In order to enforce the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification with reference to the violations of aquaculture activities.

3. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority/ Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change has requested the Government to nominate the Commissioner of Fisheries as a nodal officer for monitoring the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Violations of aquaculture activities and also he/she may be requested to send the progress report on monthly interval.

4. After careful examination, the Government have nominated the Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare as a nodal officer for monitoring the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Violations of aquaculture activities and he/she is requested to send the progress report on monthly interval to

the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) / Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Chennai. The details of the Nodal Officer are given below:-

Designation	Office	Phone No.
Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare	3 rd Floor, Integrated Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Building, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.	Ph No: 044 - 29510390 / 29510406 / 29510407 / 29510396

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department vide its No.1/ Principal Secretary (AHDF &FW Department), dated 12.09.2022.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
Chennai-600 035.
The Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority/
Director, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Chennai-15.

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3.10.22
Section Officer
03/10/2022