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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Removal of sand in the Coastal Regulation Zone area of rivers/estuaries by manual methods by traditional communities - regarding.

This is in continuation to the Ministry's Office Memorandum (OM) dated 24th February, 2011 and 9th June, 2011 with regard to guidelines for management of the sand bars including its removal.

2. The Ministry had now received request from State Government of Karnataka with regard to removal of the sand bars by manual methods by traditional communities.

3. After examining the proposal and the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 the Ministry hereby stipulates the following conditions for removal of sand bar by traditional coastal communities only by manual method (i.e., sand collection in non-mechanised dinghies or small boats using baskets/buckets by human beings) in various coastal States:-

- (a) The District Collector shall chair a seven-member Committee consisting of, concerned officials as also atleast one representative of each from a scientific or technical Institute, the local communities, like fisher folk and the local civil society.
- (b) Based on the recommendations of the above Committee, the District Collector may permit such removal of sand in the specified time period in a particular area alongwith specific quantity subject to such conditions, such as registration of local community persons permitted to remove the sand manually.
- (c) The Environmental Official at district level shall monitor the removal of sand and submit report to the Collector, as may be specified, say quantity of sand removed in the period concerned.
- (d) The above permit shall be renewed on yearly basis.
- (e) The agenda and the minutes of the aforesaid Committee, permits issued by Collector and monitoring reports of the removal of sand would be uploaded on the website of the Collectorate and also made available hard copy to Zila Parishad etc., as may be directed by the Collector.
- (f) The accumulation of sand bar, its removal the process etc., shall be studied by the State Government with the help of satellite imageries, GPS, etc. It shall be ensured that the permits are not accorded in such areas which are identified as eco-sensitive zones, fish migratory and breeding grounds. The permits shall be given taking into consideration the local circumstances and ecological settings.



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