

F. No. 11-10/2010-IA.III
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(IA-III Division)

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Dated: 13th January, 2011

To
The Member Secretary
M/s Adyar Poonga Trust
Vairam Complex, 1st Floor,
112, Theyagaraja Road, T. Nagar,
Chennai- 600 017.

Subject: CRZ clearance for the construction of Eco-restoration of Adyar creek and estuary in Chennai, Tamilnadu by M/s Adyar Poonga Trust, Chennai. - Reg.

This has reference to letter No: 105/EC-3/2010-1 dated 13.01.2010 and 30.12.2010 of the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority forwarding your proposal for the prior CRZ Clearance under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 and your letter dated 23.03.2010. The proposal had been appraised as per prescribed procedure in the light of provisions under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 on the basis of the mandatory documents enclosed with the application viz., the recommendation of Coastal Zone Management Authority, and the additional clarifications furnished in response to the observations of the Expert Appraisal Committee constituted by the competent authority in its meetings held on 25th - 26th March, 2010 and 21st - 23rd July, 2010.

2. It is interalia, noted that the proposal involves development of Eco-Restoration Park at Adyar Creek in Chennai, where aim is to restore the Adyar Poonga and preserve it for the benefit of the people by building it as an Environmental Education Center. The project components are landscaping, afforestation and shrub maintenance, Pedestrian walkways and swales, children interactive learning space, amphitheatre, nursery and education center, tiny sheds for visitors, parking lot etc.. The cost of the project is stated to around Rs. 20 Crores.

3. The Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority has considered the proposal in the 55th meeting of the held on 11.12.2009 and recommended the proposal to Ministry vide letter No. 105/EC-3/2010-1 dated 13.01.2010. No permanent structures and other activities except landscaping and tree plantation shrub maintenance including edge plants, mangroves, water plants, reeds, medicinal plants, Pedestrian walkways, swales etc, are proposed in the CRZ area. Clarifications have also been provided by the Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority vide letter No. 105/EC-3/2010-2 dated 30.12.2010.

4. The Expert Appraisal Committee, after due consideration of the relevant documents submitted by the project proponent and additional clarifications furnished in response to its observations, have recommended for the grant of the CRZ Clearance for the project.

5. A three-member Committee has visited the site on 10.01.2011 and submitted their report. As per the site-visit report, a small portion of the project area falls within the CRZ area (4.16 acres) and the rest of the project, which is 53.9 acres falls outside the CRZ area. The said area falling within the CRZ is classified as CRZ-III, since, it is an open space falling within CRZ-II. The above classification is based on the para A(xvi) of the Coastal Zone Management Plan, which was approved by Ministry on 27.09.1996. The Committee has indicated that no construction activity has taken place in the CRZ portion of the area except removal of debris, improving water quality, plantation activities along the banks. The Committee has also mentioned that no adverse impacts have been noticed due to the above activities in the CRZ area. With regard to the identification of the unauthorized development within the project area, the Committee has observed no unauthorized development/structures in the CRZ area have come up. It is also mentioned that there is no legal issues pending and the development of the said park is in accordance with the Orders of Hon'ble High Court of Madras in WAMP No. 184 of 2007, wherein the Hon'ble High Court had constituted a Project Monitoring Team, who will resolve all the issues on a consensual basis.

6. Accordingly, the Ministry hereby accords CRZ Clearance for the above project as per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011 subject to strict compliance of the terms and conditions which are as follows:

7. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS :

- i) The clearance is only applicable to the 4.16 acres land which falls within CRZ area as per the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Tamil Nadu.
- ii) There shall be no construction of any permanent structure within the above project area. Only such activities shall be carried out which are permissible under the CRZ Notification, 2011.
- iii) Before commencing any development of Phase-II, the proponent shall obtain prior CRZ clearance well in time, since it is likely to involve dredging activity. The complete Master Plan shall be submitted along with this Phase-II proposal.
- iv) There shall be no drawal of ground water.

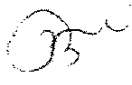
8. General Conditions:

- (i) The developmental activities should be undertaken as per the plans approved by the concerned local authorities/local administration, conforming to the existing local and Central rules and regulations including the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 and the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) In the event of any change in the project profile a fresh reference shall be made well in time to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (iii) This Ministry reserves the right to revoke this CRZ clearance, if any of the conditions stipulated are not complied with to the satisfaction of this Ministry.
- (iv) This Ministry or any other competent authority may stipulate any additional conditions subsequently, if deemed necessary, for environmental protection, which shall be complied with.
- (v) Full support should be extended to the officers of this Ministry's Regional Office at Bangaluru, the officers of National and Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority and the officers of the Central and Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board by the project proponents during their inspection for monitoring purposes.

- (vi) A six-Monthly monitoring report shall to be submitted by the project proponents to the Regional Office of this Ministry at Bangaluru regarding the implementation of the stipulated conditions.

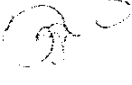
9. The project proponent should advertise in at least two local Newspapers widely circulated in the region, one of which shall be in the vernacular language informing that the project has been accorded CRZ Clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://www.envfor.nic.in>. The advertisement should be made within 10 days from the date of receipt of the Clearance letter and a copy of the same should be forwarded to the Regional office of this Ministry at Bangaluru.

11. A copy of the CRZ clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parisad/Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the company by the proponent.


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- 1 The Secretary, Environment and Forests, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 015, Tamil Nadu.
- 2 The Chairman, CPCB, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32.
- 3 The Director, Department of Environment/Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority, Panagal Building, Ground Floor, Saidapet, Chennai-15.
- 4 The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No. 76, Mount Salai, Gundy, Chennai.
- 5 The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Regional Office, Western Region, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No. 3, Ravishankar Nagar, Bangalore - 462016 (M.P.)
- 6 Guard File.
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