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Sub: Environment Department - CRZ clearance proposals submitted by Govt Departments/Institutions of PSUs - Instructions - Reg

Ref: Letter number 1670/A1/2022/ KCZMA dated 14.03.2024 from the Member Secretary, Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority.

As per the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 2011, prior CRZ clearance should be obtained for any project activity attracting the CRZ Notification provisions. Carrying out any project activity within CRZ without obtaining CRZ clearance is illegal. But it has been observed with great concern that proposals are being submitted to Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority from Departments, Government institutions, PSUs... etc. for regularizing either the completed or partially completed projects.

As per Section 17 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of Government, the Head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly. The CRZ notifications are issued invoking the powers under Section 3 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Therefore, in order to avoid such a situation, all Heads of Departments are hereby instructed to take suitable steps to obtain CRZ clearance prior to the commencement of construction of the buildings in CRZ area.

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To:

All Departments in Secretariat including Finance and Law.

All Heads of the Department/ PSUs

The Member Secretary, Kerala Coastal Zone Management

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