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Dear Sandeep

This is in reference to your D.O letter no. FEE 64 CRZ 2020, dated 09.06.2020 seeking clarification whether Department of Environment, Government of Karnataka is entitled to decide and dispose of the application seeking recommendation /clearance under CRZ Notification on par with SCZMA or only have to scrutinize and recommend all the proposals to the Government of India when SCZMA is not in existence and also requesting alternatively for extension of the term of the SCZMA.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that the extant CRZ regulation does not have provision for extension of tenure of the CZMA. Para 4.2(iv) of the CRZ Notification, 2011, provides that 'In case the CZMAs are not in operation due to their reconstitution or any other reasons, then it shall be responsibility of the Department of Environment in the State Government or Union territory Administrations, who are the custodian of the Coastal Zone Management Plans of respective States or Union territories to provide comments and recommend the proposals in terms of the provisions of the said notification to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change'. The Department of Environment, Government of Karnataka may therefore send its recommendations to the Ministry for consideration of project proposals received in the state until the reconstitution of the CZMA. As per the extant provisions of the CRZ Notification, CMZA recommends the proposal for CRZ clearance to the SEIAA/Ministry and projects are to be appraised in SEIAA/Ministry for clearance as applicable. The powers delegated to the SCZMA for clearances in respect of small infrastructure projects under the CRZ Notification, 2011, may however be exercised by the Department of Environment after due examination.

3. The proposal for reconstitution of CZMA may please be expedited and submitted to enable early action on the matter. I may also like to state that the CRZ Notification, 2019 will come into force for the state once the Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) prepared based on the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011 are updated/revised and approved by the Central Government.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

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