

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI
NO. CHE/01377/DP/GEN 13.08.2013

Sub:- District Coastal Zone Management Authority (DCZMA) meeting held on 5.7.2013 and 5.5.2013.

Reference is requested to the item No.3 of Minutes of Meeting of DCZMA meeting held on 5.7.2013 under the Chairmanship of Collector (MDP).

In this regard, it is to state that Hon'ble High Court in P.I.L No. 137 of 2005 (Jagdish C. Gandhi V /s the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra and others) had directed vide order dt. 2.12.2011 that the State with the assistance and action of the relevant police authorities to forthwith put up heavy permanent barricades and/or iron gates at the beginning of the road used by the trucks carrying the debris material to prevent the entry of any such trucks on the road leading to mangroves sites.

The above order of Hon'ble Court has already been forwarded to all the D.M.C./ A.C. of the ward under No. CHE/18866/DP dtd.6.10.2012 to take necessary action in the matter during the meeting, police/forest dept. officials informed that they have tried to block few roads leading to mangroves area at isolated locations However, at many places debris has been dumped along the main road which are in use (such as eastern express Highway, Lokhandwala Road etc.) and hence all such roads cannot be blocked as per court's order. It was also discussed that MCGM should try to block the entry of vehicle leading to mangroves areas by providing sizable, wide and big trenches along the mangrove area.

During the meeting held on 5.7.2013, it was discussed that MCGM/Police Dept. should make arrangement for CCTV at the locations where there is repeated violation in CRZ areas, debris is being dumped in mangrove.

It was then informed to Chairman, DCZMA during the meeting that MCGM has provided CCTV camera at the municipal dumping grounds and providing CCTV arrangement on privately owned lands and roads where such violation is done will not be feasible as there is possibility of damage/theft to the CCTV arrangement due to lack of security.

The above issue again came for discussion during the meeting held on 5.8.2013 when Shri Debi Goenka from Conservation Action Trust stated that in spite of discussing the issue in DCZMA meeting MCGM has taken no action with respect to providing CCTV arrangement.

Resident Deputy Collector, thereafter directed that the locations for providing CCTV arrangement shall be initiated by MCGM on priority.

In view of above directions in the DCZMA meeting, it is proposed that -

1. Asstt. Commissioners of the respective Ward shall immediately identify the locations where frequent violation by dumping debris is done in mangroves areas.
2. Necessary steps to block the entry of trucks/vehicles in mangroves area by taking trenches, erecting barbed wire fencing shall be taken by A.C. of the Wards immediately.
3. In cases where action as per Sr.No.2 above is not possible the feasibility of providing CCTV at these locations from security point of view shall be studied by AC. Ward. Thereafter, necessary proposal for providing CCTV arrangement at these locations shall be initiated at individual ward level.

Hon. M.C.'s approval is requested to 1, 2 & 3 above after approval, all zonal D.M.Cs. and A.C. of the ward will be informed accordingly.

Submitted please.

Ch.Eng. (DP)

