

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 17th February, 2015

**S.O. 556(E).**—Whereas, a draft notification further to amend the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests number. S.O. 19(E), dated the 6th January, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the Coastal Regulation Zone, notification, 2011) was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii) *vide* notification number S.O. 3202(E) dated the 11th December, 2014, as required under sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas, copies of the said notification were made available to the public on 11th December, 2014;

And whereas, objections and suggestions received in response to the said draft notification have been considered by the Central Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the said Environment (Protection) Act, (29 of 1986) read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the said Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendments in the Coastal Regulation Zone notification, 2011, namely:—

In the said Coastal Regulation Zone, notification, 2011,—

(a) in paragraph 3,—

(i) for item (ix), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(ix) Reclamation for commercial purposes such as shopping and housing complexes, hotels and entertainment activities except for construction of memorials/monuments and allied facilities, only in CRZ-IV (A) areas, in exceptional cases, by the concerned State Government, on a case to case basis;”

(ii) for item (xiii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xiii) Dressing or altering the sand dunes, hills, natural features including landscape change for beautification, recreation and other such purpose except utilising the rocks/hills/natural features, only in CRZ-IV (A) areas, for development of memorials/monuments and allied facilities, by the concerned State Government;”

(b) in paragraph 4, in sub-paragraph (ii), after item (i) the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(j) Construction of memorials/monuments and allied facilities by the concerned State Government in CRZ-IV (A) areas, in exceptional cases, with adequate environmental safeguards, subject to the following, namely:—

(A) The concerned State Government shall submit justification for locating the project in CRZ-IV (A) area along with details of alternate sites considered and weightage matrix on various parameters including environmental parameters, to State CZMA who will examine the project and make recommendation to the Central Government (MoEF) for grant of Terms of Reference (ToRs) for preparation of an environmental impact assessment report by the State Government;

(B) On grant of ToRs by the Central Government, the concerned State Government shall

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