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Proceedings of the Member Secretary

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Sub:- KCZMA- Clarification regarding the definition of "Traditional Coastal Community" for processing residential building regularization applications in CRZ areas - reg.

Read:-1. Notification No. GSR 37(E) dated 18.01.2019 issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest Climate Change
2. General Decision in the 144th meeting of KCZMA held on 20.03.2025.

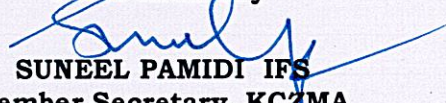
ORDER

As per 2nd paper read as above, In its 144th meeting, Authority has noted that many residential building regularization applications in otherwise permissible areas of the CRZ, according to the CRZ Notifications of 1991 and 2011, could not be processed due to failure to submit the applicant's status as a traditional coastal community member, fisherman, or tribal. Since the definition of a traditional coastal community is not provided in the CRZ notification, it has been interpreted that those living along the coast fall into this category

In the above circumstances, the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority decided that the term "traditional coastal community" shall be interpreted as those persons living along the coastal stretches, and this definition shall be applied while processing CRZ applications pertaining to the regularisation of residential buildings and new constructions of residential buildings in the No Development Zone (NDZ) of CRZ III, wherever such activities are permissible as per the provisions of the CRZ Notification 2011/2019.



Yours faithfully


SUNEEL PAMIDI IFS
Member Secretary, KCZMA

To

1. District Collectors
Thiruvananthapuram/Kollam/Alappuzha/Kottayam/Ernakulam/
Thrissur/Malappuram/Kozhikode/Kannur/Kasargod
2. District Town Planners
Thiruvananthapuram/Kollam/Alappuzha/Kottayam/Ernakulam/
Thrissur/Malappuram/Kozhikode/Kannur/Kasargod
All District Town Planners are requested to forward this order to
all the local bodies coming under their jurisdiction.
3. All local bodies (through District Town Planners)

Copy to:-

1. CA to Chairman, KCZMA
2. CA to Member Secretary
3. Environmental Engineer/Environmental Officer/Assistant
Environmental Officer