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To
The Chief Administrative Officer,
IESWM, Kolkata

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Re: Letter No. 311-IESWM/3P-152/2021-22(434N) dated 01.12.2021

Sub: Updation of Coastal Zone Management Plan 2011 of West Bengal as per CRZ Notification of 2019

Sir,

In respect of the above referred letter, here is our following response:

Firstly, we are taken aback that fishing village boundaries, fish landing stations, fish drying platforms, ice plants and other fishery related infrastructures had not been mentioned in the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) and mapped in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) maps, as prepared by your organization.

Secondly, this action violates the provisions of CRZ notification 2011 and 2019 respectively that states in clauses 7, 10 and 14 in Annexure I to CRZ Notification 2011;

"7. In the CRZ areas, the fishing villages, common properties of the fishermen communities, fishing jetties, ice plants, fish drying platforms or areas infrastructure facilities of fishing and local communities such as dispensaries, roads, schools, and the like, shall be indicated on the cadastral scale maps.

State shall prepare detailed plans for long term housing needs of coastal fisher communities in view of expansion and other needs, provisions of basic services including sanitation, safety, and disaster preparedness.

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10. The fishing Zones in the water bodies and the fish breeding areas shall be clearly marked.

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14. The features like cyclone shelters, rain shelters, helipads and other infrastructure including road network may be clearly indicated on the CZM Maps for the purpose of rescue and relief operations during cyclones, storms, tsunami and the like."

Thirdly, this has not only been a violation of law by your organization but has also inflicted tremendous injury to the habitat and livelihood of the fishing community as the coastal land used by them have not been indicated and demarcated exposing them to encroachments and evictions by competing interests.

We further observe that your request to us to submit information related to "fishing village boundaries, fish landing stations, fish drying platforms, ice plants and other related infrastructures associated with deep sea fishing", is an admission of the omission of the same in the official approved CZMP and CRZ maps submitted by you and approved by NCZMA.

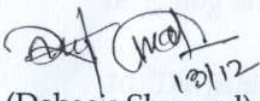
In this regard we submit that ours is a union of small scale fish workers. We are neither authorized nor capable to indicate the land use or infrastructure related to fishing on cadastral mouza maps or in GIS compatible format, etc.

We would have been happy to help you in locating or in identifying the land use and infrastructure related with fishing if we had been duly informed beforehand as per procedure laid down in CRZ notification, 2011.

We still offer our help to you in this. But the gross omissions in the maps prepared and submitted by you must first be officially admitted and it should be ensured that no construction and no project activity should be approved on the CRZ areas of West Bengal without a thorough revision of the existing approved CZMP and Maps.

We are given to understand that your organization has been duly authorized and paid for preparation and updation of CZMP along with CRZ maps by the WBSCZMA. Our concerns have already been conveyed to WBSCZMA vide letter dated 22/02/2021, a copy of which is annexed hereto for your reference.

Thanking you,


(Debasis Shyamal)
Vice President

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Enclosed: Copy of letter memo no. DMF/VP/EM/10/21 received by WBSCZMA dated 22/02/2021 .

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as per CRZ Notification of 2019.

Sir,

As you are aware that the CZMP, 2011 updation work of West Bengal as per CRZ Notification of 2019 is going on at IESWM.

In this regard we have received some data from fisheries and other relevant Departments.

Now we would also request you to submit this office the vital information available with you related to fishing village boundaries, fish landing stations, fish drying platforms, ice plants and other related infrastructures associated with deep sea fishing on cadastral Mouza maps on scale 1:4000 accurately or in GIS compatible format or which can be converted into such format (e.g. GPS co-ordinates, .kml, .shp format) so that they can be incorporated on the local level CRZ maps as and when 4K mapping will be started and later can be overlaid on the approved 25K map.

This should be forwarded to us through concerned District Magistrate and should be validated by the District authorities.

You are requested to provide this data within this month.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Administrative Officer,
IESWM