

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DCZMA) MEETING HELD ON 02.03.2026, 03.30 P.M. AT THE DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, CHENNAI NO. 2, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI

Present:

1	Tmt. Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, I.A.S., District Collector – Chennai District, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Chairman- DCZMA
2	Thiru. S. Saravanan, Assistant Engineer, (Representing Regional / Joint Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai)	Vice Chairman- DCZMA
3	Tmt. J. Hazrathbegam, (Representing Personal Assistant (General) to District Collector, Chennai District)	Member Secretary - DCZMA
4	Thiru. R. Kalai Vendan, Forest Range Officer, (Representing The Wild Life Warden, Chennai)	Member- DCZMA
5	Thiru. C. Elango, Assistant Conservator of Forests, (Representing District Forest Officer, Chennai)	Member- DCZMA
6	Thiru. M. Vijayakumar, Planning Assistant, (Representing Deputy Director of Town & Country Planning) Chennai	Member- DCZMA
7	Tmt. M. Vijayalakshmi Inspector of Fisheries, (Representing Assistant Director of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Chennai)	Member- DCZMA
8	Tmt. A. Razia Assistant Engineer, (Representing Deputy Director of Industries, Department of Industries and commerce, Chennai)	Member- DCZMA
9	Thiru. M. Kavidasan, Inspector of Survey, (Representing Assistant Director, Survey and Settlement, Department of Survey and land records, Chennai)	Member- DCZMA
10	Tmt. M. Nirmaladevi, Deputy Planner, CMDA Senior Level Executive/Representative from CMDA	Member- DCZMA

11	Tmt. S. Manjula Assistant Executive Engineer, Town Planning - GCC Thiru. G. Shanmugan, Assistant Executive Engineer, Town Planning - GCC Senior Level Officer/Representative from Greater Chennai Corporation	Member- DCZMA
12	Thiru. Jayakumar, S/o. Kathavarayan (Representing local traditional coastal communities)	Member- DCZMA
13	Thiru. K. Bharathi S/o. Kumarasamy, (Representing local traditional coastal communities)	Member- DCZMA
14	Thiru. K. Saravanan, S/o. Kasinathan, (Representing local traditional coastal communities)	Member- DCZMA
15	Tmt. V. Nivetha, CRZ Assistant	Member- DCZMA
16	Dr. M. Somasundaram M.E, Ph.D. District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai	Convenor, DCZMA
17	Er. T. Manimehalai, B.Tech, M.E., District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai South	Convenor, DCZMA

AGENDA ITEM No: 1

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF EDIBLE OIL AND NON-CLASS PRODUCTS STORAGE TANK TERMINAL FACILITY OF 33092 KL AT MAP ID: AOS01D - O YARD IN AREA I (NORTH) OF CHENNAI PORT TRUST AREA, CHENNAI

An Application seeking clearance under CRZ Notification 2011 has been received from M/s. P.A.S. Solvents and Oils, 3rd Floor, Old No.16A, New No. 32, Nainar Road, Mylapore, Chennai.

Locations of the Proposed Project

Chennai Port Trust Area, Chennai 13°7'5.53"N, 80°18'2.47"E

Brief detail and salient features of the proposal

M/s. P.A.S. Solvents and Oils, 3rd Floor, Old No.16A, New No. 32, Nainar Road, Mylapore, Chennai has filed an application for their proposed Construction of Edible Oil and Non-class Products Storage Tank Terminal Facility of 33092 KL at Map Id:AOS01D - O Yard in area I (north) of Chennai Port Trust Area, Chennai.

AGENDA ITEM No: 2

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STRAIGHT-CUT FLOOD ESCAPE CHANNEL FROM SOUTH BUCKINGHAM CANAL NEAR OKKIYAM MADUVU TO SEA IN CHENNAI DISTRICT FOR FLOOD RELIEF TO FRINGE AREAS AROUND PALLIKARANAI SWAMP, TAMIL NADU

An Application seeking clearance under CRZ Notification 2011 has been received from The Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Araniyar Basin Division, Chepauk, Chennai.

Locations of the Proposed Project

S.F.No.68, S.F.No.69, S.F.No.3/1, S.F.No.2 Uthandi Village, Sholiganallur Taluk, Chennai District.

Brief detail and salient features of the proposal

The Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Tamil Nadu Araniyar Basin Division, Chepauk, Chennai has filed an application for the proposed Construction of straight-cut flood escape channel from South Buckingham Canal near Okkiyam Maduvu to Sea in Chennai District for flood relief to fringe areas around Pallikaranai Swamp, at Uthandi Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The Proposed project consists of following activities;

1. The straight cut open channel from Buckingham Canal off-taking at 15500m south of Okkiyam Maduvu confluence to Sea along the VGP 2nd Main Road in Uthandi Village of Sholinganallur Taluk by Precast Double vent Cut & Cover Macro drain of each vent size 3.00m x 2.00m.
2. The total flood discharging capacity of the drain is designed for 175 Cusec.
3. From the Buckingham Canal near Indian Maritime University Bridge, double vent Cut & Cover macro drain of each size 3.00m x 2.00m along VGP 2nd main Road for 1110m.
4. A double Vent Head Regulator at Buckingham Canal is proposed to regulate the flow rate into flood escape channel.

The proposed project site falls in CRZ-II as per approved CRZ map.

CRZ Classification	Length in Metres
CRZ- II	530.16
Outside CRZ	516.71
Total	1046.87

The proposed project falls in CRZ II as per approved CZMP (TN-104, 105, 106 & 107) published by Department of Environment & Forest, Tamil Nadu

Inspection report of the project:

The proposed project site was inspected by the officials of O/o. of DEE, Chennai South on 08.01.2026 & 03.02.2026 and the following observation is submitted as follows;

Proposed Structure	Structures	CRZ Classification	Survey no.	Status of construction
Straight-cut flood escape channel, Uthandi	A double Vent Head Regulator of each vent of size 3.00 x 2.00m from Buckingham Canal off-taking at 15500m south of Okkiyam Maduvu confluence.	CRZ -II	68 Part of Uthandi Village	Commenced the establishment of Head Regulator works earlier and presently stopped.
	From the Buckingham Canal near Indian Maritime University Bridge, double vent Cut & Cover macro drain of each size 3.00m x 2.00m along VGP 2 nd main Road for 1110m	Partly CRZ – II & partly outside CRZ area	69 part, 3 part, & 2 part of Uthandi Village	Yet to be commenced

Complaints received against the project:

It is submitted that the following complaints were received regarding establishment of the project;

1. Compliant petition received from the M/s. Nainaar Kuppam Fishermen Panchayat Association dated 23.09.2025, 17.12.2025 and 02.03.2026 objecting the establishment of the said project.
2. Complaint from Mrs. Sailakshmi dated 12.09.2025 forwarded through Director of Environment objecting the establishment of the said project.
3. The Member Secretary, TNSCZMA dated 27.09.2025, 01.10.2025, 06.10.2025
4. An Article published in the newspaper "The Times of India" dated 03.10.2025 regarding establishment of the project without CRZ clearance.

5. M/s. Society of Liberals Valuing Environment compliant dated 10.10.2025 forwarded through Director of Environment objecting the establishment of the said project.
6. Mr. Subburathinam, Residents of VGP Layout has given and compliant on 19.01.2026
7. Mr. Radha Madhavan has given and compliant on 19.01.2026 through mail.

The project site was already inspected by the officials of O/o. of DEE, Chennai South on 30.09.2025, it was noticed that the Water Resource Department (WRD) has started the construction of shutter gate basement/ Head Regulator works in the CRZ-II area abutting Buckingham canal next to Indian Maritime University gate and they have stopped the further construction due to frequent complaints. However there is no construction work carried out during inspection. Further, a letter was addressed to the Chief Engineer, Chennai Region, PWD Estate, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk Chennai to continue the said project after obtaining CRZ clearance from the competent Authority as per provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011 and the same was reported to the District Collector/ Chairman (DCZMA), Member Secretary (TNSCZMA) & District Environmental Engineer, Convenor – DCZMA vide Lr. No. TNPCB/CHS/F.CRZ- Complaint/Uthandi – surplus canal-2/2025, Dt: 03.10.2025.

Also, the Executive Engineer, Water Resource Department, Araniyar Basin Division vide Lr.No.EE/AE/F-Okkiyum Maduvu/2025 Dt:07.11.2025 addressed to Superintending Engineer, WRD, Palar Basin, Chepauk, Chennai -05 has also reported that work commenced portion of for Head Regulator falls in the CRZ-II boundary, the entire work was immediately stopped in the site and no further will be taken up until the CRZ clearance is obtained.

Based on the public complaints, subsequently the said project site was inspected by the Officials of O/o. DEE, TNPCB, Chennai south again on 08.01.2026 & 03.02.2026 and it was confirmed that the project work remains stopped. (Photographs Enclosed).

It is also submitted that, Suo Moto case O.A No.211 of 2025 (O.A. No.480 of 2025 NGT (PB)) was taken up by Hon'ble NGT(SZ) based on the news item appeared in the Hindu News daily Dt:28.08.2025 and another O.A No.224 of 2025 filed before Hon'ble NGT(SZ) by Society of Liberals Valuing Environment, Uthandi, Chennai and said applications are pending before Hon'ble NGT(SZ).

In view of the above, the project proposal was placed before the DCZMA meeting held on 05.02.2026 and after detailed deliberation, the DCZMA resolved to obtain the following details from the project proponent;

- Details of the NOC obtained from the competent authority / wet land authority for the applicability of Ramsar site shall be furnished.
- Details of action taken on the complaints raised by the public regarding sewage flow into the B Canal leading to the sea.
- Report from NIOT on the study proposed for discharge of overflow water into the sea, including mitigation measures for Coastal soil erosion and impacts on the marine ecosystem.
- Results of analysis of water samples collected from the B Canal.
- Mitigation measures taken for the inflow of sewage into the B Canal.
- Details of the court case of O.A. No. 224/2025 and O.A No.211 of 2025 filed before the Hon'ble NGT (SZ) shall be furnished along with the present status of the said cases.

Subsequently, the project proponent submitted the details vide Letter No. DB/JDO-4/F-SCFE-QR/2026 dated 16.02.2026 to the DCZMA. The said proposal was again placed before the DCZMA meeting held 02.03.2026 and after detailed deliberation, the DCZMA has concluded the following facts;

- The project proponent has commenced the establishment of Head Regulator works without obtaining CRZ clearance and subsequently stopped the said establishment works.
- Objections received from the local public, fisherman community and associations regarding objection of establishment of the said project.
- There are court cases (O.A. No. 224/2025 and O.A No.211 of 2025) pending before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone).

The DCZMA has resolved to forward the proposal to the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) for taking further action under the CRZ Notification, 2011, along with the receipt of the following details from the project proponent;

- Details of the NOC obtained from the wet land authority for the applicability of Ramsar site shall be furnished.

- Details of the NOC obtained from the National Inland Waterways Authority of India shall be furnished.
- Details of ownership for the S.F.No.68, S.F.No.69, S.F.No.3/1, S.F.No.2 Uthandi Village, Sholiganallur Taluk, Chennai District shall be furnished.
- Report from MOEF specified agency as per MOEF OM No. 11-83/2005-IA-III dated 24.02.2011 on the study proposed for measures to prevent sand bars, installation of tidal regulators, laying of storm water drains or for structures for prevention of salinity ingress and freshwater recharge.

AGENDA ITEM No: 3

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 3.5 MLD DESALINATION PLANT AT M/s. COROMANDEL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED PLANT, ENNORE, CHENNAI.

An application seeking CRZ clearance under the CRZ Notification 2011 has been received from Thiru. S. Sivakumar, General Manager- Projects, M/s. Coromandel International Limited, Post Box No.2, Ennore Express Highway Road, Ennore, Chennai for development of 3.5 MLD **Seawater Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Desalination Plant** within the existing plant premises.

Locations of the Proposed Project

The development of 3.5 MLD Desalination plant is proposed by M/s. Coromandel International Limited., in Ennore, Chennai District.

Latitude 13012'54.68" N Longitude 80o19'29.28" E

Brief detail and salient features of the proposal

Thiru. S. Sivakumar, General Manager- Projects, Coromandel International Limited, Post Box No.2, Ennore Express Highway Road, Ennore, Chennai has filed an application for their proposed development of 3.5 MLD desalination plant at Coromandel International Limited plant, Ennore, Chennai.

The proposed 3.5 MLD desalination plant will be developed in an area of 3.77 acres. The length of proposed intake is 497.59 m with the quantity of 11.93 MLD at a depth of 7.5m. The length of proposed outfall is 397.56 m with the quantity of 8.5 MLD at a depth of 7m.

The Proposed desalination plant is the captive development within the Coromandel International Limited plant to cater their industrial operational needs. Facilities will be developed for 3.5 MLD desalination plant in an area of 3.77 acres (15275 sq. m) and the details are given below:



TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

From

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Convenor - DCZMA
District Environmental Engineer ,
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board,
950/1, P.H Road, Arumbakkam,
Chennai-600 106.

To

The Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu Araniyar
Basin Division, Chepauk,
Chennai 600005

Lr. No.CRZ/DEE/TNPCB/CHN/DCZMA/MOM/2026 Dated 05.03.2026

Sir,

Sub: CRZ Clearance Chennai District - Application for CRZ
Clearance sought for the proposed projects - Minutes of the
Meeting - communicated - Reg

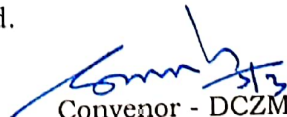
Ref: Minutes of the DCZMA meeting held on 02.03.2026

In continuation to the District Coastal Zone Management Authority Meeting held on 02.03.2026 at 03.30 P.M in the District Collectorate, Chennai District, I request you to approach the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority for obtaining clearance under CRZ Notification 2011 with the following details;

- Details of the NOC obtained from the wet land authority for the applicability of Ramsar site shall be furnished.
- Details of the NOC obtained from the National Inland Waterways Authority of India shall be furnished.
- Details of ownership for the S.F.No.68, S.F.No.69, S.F.No.3/1, S.F.No.2 Uthandi Village, Sholiganallur Taluk, Chennai District shall be furnished.
- Report from MOEF specified agency as per MOEF OM No. 11-83/2005-IA-III dated 24.02.2011 on the study proposed for measures to prevent sand bars, installation of tidal regulators, laying of storm water drains or for structures for prevention of salinity ingress and freshwater recharge.

The Copy of the minutes of the meeting is herewith enclosed for ready reference.

The receipt of the letter shall be acknowledged.


Convenor - DCZMA
District Environmental Engineer,
TNPC Board, Chennai District

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The Chairman, DCZMA,
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