

F. No. 10-42/2009-IA-III
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(IA.III Section)

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Date: 14th May, 2018

To,

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Subject: Expansion of Karaikal Port Phase II at Puducherry by M/s Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd. - Extension of validity of Environmental and CRZ Clearance – reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/PY/MIS/26984/2009 dated 07.08.2017, submitted to this Ministry for grant of extension of validity of Environmental Clearance and CRZ Clearance in terms of the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2. The proposal for grant of Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance and CRZ Clearance to the project '*Expansion of Karaikal Port Phase II at Puducherry by M/s Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd. - Extension of validity of Environmental and CRZ Clearance*' was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Infra-2) in its meetings held on 21st - 24th August, 2017. The details of the project, as per the documents submitted by the project proponent, and also as informed during the above meeting, are under:-

- (i) The Karaikal Port is a Greenfield, deepwater, multi-purpose all weather sea port being developed on Build, Operate and Transfer format under Public Private Partnership with the Government of Puducherry in terms of concession agreement awarded by the Government of Puducherry to M/s Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd.
- (ii) The port is being developed in phases and as a part of the Phase II development, three more berths have been added and the handling capacity enhanced to 20.5 MMTPA. The Environmental Clearance for the development of Phase II of Karaikal Port was accorded vide letter 10-42/2009-IA-III dated 22.09.2009, to which an extension for a further period of three years was granted vide letter F-10-42/2009/IA-III dated 03.02.2015.
- (iii) Phase II implementation got delayed due to some unavoidable reasons such as the Right of Way (RoW) issues, availability of enhanced power allotment by the Puducherry Electricity Department (PED), and as result the erection, testing, commissioning and the operation of the fully mechanized coal handling system.

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- (iv) Above issues have been resolved now and project proponent are in the process of remobilization of the contractors to start the held up project. The task will require about 12 to 18 months more to complete.
- (v) Therefore, project proponent requested for the time extension of the validity of the EC dated 22.09.2009 extended upto 21.09.2017 be extended further for a period of two years to complete the various components of the Phase II project.

3. The EAC, in its meeting held on 21st-24th August, 2017 noted that maximum validity for any project may be 10 years and Environmental & CRZ Clearance was granted vide letter No. 10-42/2009-IA-III dated 22.09.2009 for the project. The MOEF&CC vide order dated 03.02.2015 have extended validity of the E&CRZC for the project by 3 (three) years from 22.09.2014 to 21.09.2017. EAC after detailed deliberations on the proposal has recommended for grant of Extension of validity of Environmental and CRZ Clearance dated 22.09.2009 to the project.

As per recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords Extension of the validity of Environmental and CRZ Clearance dated 22.09.2009 for 2 more years i.e. from 22.09.2017 to 21.09.2019.

4. All other terms and conditions mentioned in this Ministry's EC letter no. 10-42/2009-IA.III dated 22.09.2009 shall remain the same.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Director

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2. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, 1st and 11nd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-34, (E-mail: roefccc@gmail.com).
3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032.
4. The Member Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority, 111rd -Floor, Pondicherry Housing Board, Anna Nagar, Puducherry -605 005
5. The Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Puducherry, Near Indira Gandhi Statue, 1st Cross, Nellithope, Anna Nagar, Puducherry, 605003.

6. Monitoring Cell, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.
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