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**Sub: Costal Regulation Zone Notification its impact and concerns**

On 18th April 2018 MoEF, New Delhi has released the new Draft Costal Regulation Zone Notification with a Public Notice of 60 days.

Considering the longest Coast, Gujarat has a vast opportunity for Industrial and Infrastructural development along the cost in empowering the costal industries such has Ports, Salt & Salt By-product, Tourism, Logistic Parks, and many others related industries. The benefit of the coastal development is well experienced by the state economy during past many years with the India's Biggest Port (Minor & Major both) having the world class facilities which make Gujarat an International trade leader and India's gateway to the World's economy. Gujarat again is the leader in Salt production & export with more than 80% of the country's total production and exports more than 95% of the total country's salt export.

Further looking in the Costal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification by Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) dated 16th Jan 2011 and latest updates with the Draft Notification released on 18th Apr 2018 which also applies to the Gujarat coast. Considering the current understanding and past studies by the Institutes / Agencies appointed by MoEF the major coast is Mud flat and agencies consider these mud flat area under CRZ classification CRZ 1A.

The coastal area classified under CRZ 1A classification by the agencies considering Biologically Active Mudflats and this will results in no any further development on the entire coast line of Gujarat. Further looking on the Biologically Active Mudflat condition, there is no such definition / parameters available in the Notification or anywhere; but the same was left on to the understanding and submission made by NCSCM, the appointed agency.

Considering our understanding and discussion done with multiple agencies, stakeholders & experts we suggest that the Biological Active Mudflat should only be considered upto 10 meters from the creak and or in case if Mangroves area is more than 1000 Sq. mts a buffer of 50 mts along the mangroves and or on density of mudskipper.

Considering the above facts and condition we request your good office for submitting a representation form Government of Gujarat so the interest towards the Coastal development should not get hampered.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,

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