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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

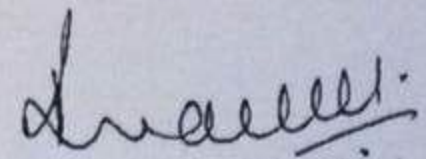
**Subject: Salt manufacturing- requirement of CRZ clearance – clarification –
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The Salt Commissioner & Director, Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy (DIPP) and Salt workers association, Gujarat informed that 6 lakh acres of land in the Country is on lease for Salt production. About 90 % are in small scale. The lease is for 10 years and every time of renewal, fresh CRZ clearance is being sought. Being same scale and turn over is less than Rs. 1 lakh, the salt works can afford to the cost of preparation of HTL maps and EIA report for the project to get clearance under the CRZ notification, 2011. In view of the above facts, the exemption of salt works established prior to the CRZ notification, 2011 has been sought.

2. The Coastal Regulation Zone Notification was notified vide S.O 114 (E) dated 19.02.1991 for the regulation of developmental activities along the coastal area. The salt harvesting by solar evaporation by Sea water was made permissible within CRZ area vide S.O. 550 (E) dated 21st May 2002. The Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 issued in supersession of CRZ Notification, 1991 on 06.01.2011, permits salt works in CRZ-IB-intertidal and in NDZ.

3. Taking into consideration of the above facts and since the notification will be prospective and therefore CRZ clearance should be insisted only for the new or expansion of salt works and not for the salt works established prior to the CRZ Amendment dated 21.05.2002 which means that any parcel of land which was under Salt works prior to 21.05.2002 would not require CRZ clearance. Further, CRZ clearance cannot be insisted for the renewal of Lease of Land.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


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