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India has a framework law to protect the environment - “The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986”. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) and clause(v) of sub section (2) of section 3 of the above said Act, the Central Government has issued the CRZ Notification, 2011 on 6th January 2011. The Notification Prohibits:-
(iv) land reclamation, bunding or disturbing the natural course of sea water except those:-
(b) measures for control of erosion based on scientific including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies.
(c) maintenance or clearing of waterways, channels and ports based on EIA studies;
(d) measures to prevent sand bars, installation of tidal regulators, laying of storm water drains or for structures for prevention of salinity ingress and fresh water recharge based on EIA carried out by any agency to be specified by MoEF, Govt. of India.

Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority has requested this department to conduct EIA studies prior to submitting projects like Anti Sea Erosion works, Inland Navigation related works like maintenance or clearing of water ways, channels etc, that require capital dredging.

Officers of the department shall adhere to the direction of Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority.

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Chief Engineer