



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Fisheries & Ports Department - Development of Vizhinjam International Multipurpose Seaport - Concerns of coastal erosion raised by the people in the coastal region of the Port - Expert Committee – Terms of Reference - Finalised - Orders issued

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### FISHERIES & PORTS (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.29/2023/F&P Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 07-01-2023

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Read 1 G.O.(Rt) No.631/2022/F&PD dated 06-10-2022.

2 Minutes of the meeting held by Secretary, Ports on 16-12-2022.

### ORDER

As per the Government Order read above, an Expert Committee was constituted to examine whether there has been any such coastal erosion consequent to the work done for constructing the International Port at Vizhinjam and to identify specific measures to address the coastal erosion if any, observed in the zone of influence of construction. In the Government Order it was also ordered that the Terms of Reference for the Expert Committee will be issued separately.

2. Meetings were conducted at official level and with the Stakeholders in connection with framing of the terms of reference of the Expert Committee.

3. Government examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue the following Terms of Reference for the functioning of the Expert Committee.

**i)** To assess the extent of coastal erosion, if any, in the zone of influence of the Vizhinjam International Seaport Project with particular reference to the period after the commencement of the construction work.

**ii)** If such coastal erosion is observed,

(a) to identify the specific and significant causes including on account of the construction of the Seaport, and

(b) to suggest measures to mitigate the same.

**iii)** To examine the impact of the construction and development of the Vizhinjam International Seaport Project on the various fishing activities,

navigation channels, and marine ecosystems in the zone of influence of the port referred to above and to suggest measures to mitigate the same.

iv) The Committee may conduct stakeholder consultations, wherever required.

v) The Committee shall submit an interim report within four months and the final report within six months to the Government.

### **Facilitation of the Study**

i.) The Port Department shall provide the available relevant data, reports, and other documents to the Committee as and when required for examination by the Expert Committee.

ii.) Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited should provide office space to the Expert Committee. Administrative Expenses and Office Expenses of the Committee will be met from the appropriate h/a operated by VISL.

(By order of the Governor)

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