

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 363/2025

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**Filed By: Advocate Suman Arora
Counsel for Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**

Place: Delhi

Date: 27.10.2025

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**REPLY OF RESPONDENT NO. 3, CENTRAL POLLUTION
CONTROL BOARD (CPCB)**

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That, the instant case has been taken Suo-Moto by the Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench based on News Item titled, "*Find it if you can wetland near Wazirabad vanishes under inert waste; MCD DDA shift blame*" appearing in The Times of India dated 16.07.2025.
2. That Hon'ble NGT vide Order dated 23.07.2025 and Notice dated 26.07.2025 impleaded the Central Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred as CPCB) as Respondent no. 3. Thereby, the reply is made in succeeding paragraphs. A Copy of Hon'ble NGT order dated 23.07.2025 is enclosed as **Annexure I**.
3. That, CPCB is a Statutory Board constituted under Section 3 of the Water (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974. It performs the functions under the Water (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974 along with the Air (Prevention and Control) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.



4. That the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees (hereinafter referred to as “SPCB/PCC s”) have been constituted in States/Union Territories under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981 and are empowered to perform functions and implement the provisions of these Acts in respect of their territorial jurisdictions.
5. The issue raised in news item is regarding disappearance of a functional wetland (Jharonda Pond) near Wazirabad in North Delhi, which once supported aquatic flora and fauna. Further, it is alleged that over past two years the pond has been filled with municipal waste resulting into transformation of the wetland into a levelled landmass with no visible traces of original ecological character. The article further notes that earlier, the ‘Times of India’ had reported that material from Bhalswa Landfill was being used to fill wetlands and Timarpur areas, both of which were historically a part of Yamuna floodplain and catchment. However, during a recent site visit, the area was found to be entirely dumped over and flattened. The article further states that, according to local residents, the dumping has been taking place for at least two years with little or no intervention from the authorities. Until, August 2023, the site showed signs of biological activity, including presence of grass and bird species. The article also highlights that despite the Wetlands (Conservation & Management Rules), 2017, not a single wetland in Delhi has been officially notified. The article mentions that according to records of the Delhi Wetland Authority, only two wetlands named Jharonda and Majra Burari, both located within the Yamuna Biodiversity Park are listed under the Jharonda region. No wetland from the Gopalpur area has been included in the notified list. As per the article, there are several sites in the region that exhibit natural wetland indicators, such as



presence of riverine grass species, and should therefore qualify as wetlands under the applicable legal and ecological criteria.

6. That, it is humbly submitted that Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as 'SWM Rules 2016'), have been notified by MoEF&CC under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 on 8th April, 2016, for the safe and scientific management of solid waste. The role and responsibilities of various State and Central Government agencies have been stipulated under the said Rules. The relevant provisions under the said Rules are mentioned as under:

- As per Rule 11 (1) d of the said rules the Secretary, in-Charge of Urban Development department (UDD) in the State or UT, in this case Delhi through local bodies shall ensure implementation of the provisions of these rules.
- As per Rule 15, of the said rules, local bodies and panchayats are entrusted with the primary responsibility of collection and management of municipal solid waste, maintenance and operation of the solid waste processing sites and dump sites etc. in accordance with provisions of these Rules.
- As per Rule 16(1)(a), of the said rules, the State Pollution Control Board (hereinafter called as 'SPCB') or Pollution Control Committee (hereinafter called as 'PCC') in this case Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) shall enforce these rules, through local bodies in their respective jurisdiction.
- In addition to that, Rule 14 of the SWM Rules 2016, specifies duties and responsibilities of CPCB including coordination with the SPCB/PCC for implementation of various provisions of SWM Rules, 2016.



7. That, further, CPCB has developed Guidelines for the Disposal of Legacy Waste (Old MSW) during 2019 with detailed methodology and process of bioremediation and biomining. The guidelines have been prepared to ensure that concerned local authorities engaged in the bio mining process of legacy waste shall follow procedures with specific compliance to following points:
- Analysis of screened fractions materials i.e., RDF, fine earth, prior to its disposal /utilization
 - Preparation of plans for utilisation /disposal of screened fractions Adequate provisions for leachate treatment
 - Maintenance of records /documents for disposal /utilisation of the RDF or fine earth and other materials.
 - Further, other aspects of process management, space management, leachate management, fire and safety control measures, use of recovered space etc. have also been included in the guidelines.
8. In addition to the above, directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, were issued by the CPCB to all the State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees for the enforcement of provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 regarding the bio-mining of legacy waste on 27.01.2021. **(Annexure II)**
9. That, accordingly, DPCC shall monitor and ensure compliance of the directions issued under Section 5 of E(P) Act, 1986 for implementation of SWM Rules, 2016. DPCC shall also ensure enforcement of provisions of the SWM Rules 2016 by the concerned local authorities in Delhi.
10. Further, CPCB formulated 'Indicative Guidelines for Restoration of Water Bodies' in compliance with directions of Hon'ble NGT vide Order dated



10.05.2019 in OA No. 325 of 2015 titled *Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi Vs. UoI & Ors.* The guidelines include information collection and gaps identification w.r.t. solid waste management in the catchment as well as preparation of action plan for proper management of solid waste and desilting of the water body. The guidelines were circulated to all the SPCBs/PCCs including Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) vide letters dated 18.06.2019 & 26.07.2019. Copies of the letters are annexed herewith as **Annexure-III (Colly)**. The said guidelines are also available on the following link of the CPCB website- <https://cpcb.nic.in/wqm/Ind-Guidelines- RestWaterBodies.pdf>.

11. That the Central Government has notified the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 (Annexure-IV) and the Delhi Government has constituted the Wetland Authority for Union Territory of Delhi vide Notification dated 23.04.2019 (Annexure-V)
12. That, the answering respondent no. 3 craves leave of the Hon'ble Tribunal to file additional replies if required in future.
13. That, in light of the above submissions, it is respectfully submitted that this answering respondent, i.e., CPCB, shall abide by any order(s) or direction(s) passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal in this Original Application.



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(Nazimuddin)

Scientist 'F'

Central Pollution Control Board

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AFFIDAVIT

I , **Nazimuddin**, working as Scientist 'F' in Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi, the Respondent No. 3 in the above matter, do hereby solemnly affirm, declare on oath and state as under:-

1. That I, the deponent herein, is well conversant with the facts and circumstances of the present case on the basis of the information derived from the official records, and hence, I am competent to verify, sign and swear this affidavit on behalf of the Respondent CPCB.
2. That the accompanying reply may be read part and parcel of the present affidavit.
3. That the accompanying reply has been drafted and filed under my instructions and authority the contents thereof are true and correct on the basis of the record maintained during ordinary course of business of CPCB and available records and documents and the contents of the same



are read over and explained to me and are not repeated herein for the sake of brevity.

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DEPONENT

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परिवेश भवन, पूर्वी अर्जुन नगर, दिल्ली-110032
Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032

VERIFICATION

27 OCT 2025

Verified at Delhi on this day of _____2025 that the contents of the above reply are correct and true on the basis of the records of the case as mentioned in the day-to-day affairs of the CPCB. Nothing has been concealed therefrom or mis-stated.



ATTESTED
[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
GOVT. OF INDIA

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Item No. 06

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Date of hearing: 23.07.2025

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON’BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. This original application is registered *suo-motu* on the basis of the news item titled “Find it if you can wetland near Wazirabad vanishes under inert waste; MCD DDA shift blame” appearing in Times of India dated 16.07.2025

2. The matter relates to the disappearance of a functional wetland (Jharoda Pond) near Wazirabad in North Delhi, which once supported a thriving ecosystem of aquatic flora and fauna. The article mentions that, over the past two years, the pond has been systematically filled with municipal waste, resulting in the transformation of the wetland into a levelled landmass with no visible traces of its original ecological character. The article further notes that, earlier in 2023, the *Times of India* had reported that material from the Bhalswa landfill was being used to fill wetlands in the Wazirabad and Timarpur areas, both of which are historically part of the Yamuna floodplain and catchment. At that time, Jharoda Pond was only partially filled. However, during a recent site visit, the area was found to be entirely dumped over and flattened, with no signs of the wetland remaining. The article states that, according to local residents, the dumping has been taking place for at least two

years, with little to no intervention from the authorities. Until August 2023, the site still showed signs of biological activity, including the presence of grass species such as *Phragmites australis*, *Phragmites karka*, *Typha latifolia*, *Typha angustifolia*, and *Paspalum*, and bird species including the Indian moorhen, little grebe, and spot-billed duck. The article also highlights that, despite the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 coming into effect in 2020, not a single wetland in Delhi has been officially notified. The article mentions that, according to records of the Delhi Wetland Authority, only two wetlands named Jharoda Majra Burari, both located within the Yamuna Biodiversity Park, are listed under the Jharoda region. No wetland from the Gopalpur area has been included in the notified list. As per the article, there are several sites in the region that exhibit natural wetland indicators, such as the presence of riverine grass species, and should therefore qualify as wetlands under the applicable legal and ecological criteria.

3. The above matter indicates violation of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

4. The news item raises substantial issues relating to compliance with the environmental norms and implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment.

5. The power of the Tribunal to take up the matter *suo-motu* has been recognized by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "*Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai vs. Ankita Sinha & Ors.*" reported in 2021 SCC Online SC 897.

6. Hence, we implead the following as respondents in the matter:

- i. **Delhi Pollution Control Committee,
Through it's Member Secretary**
6th floor, C wing, Delhi Secretariat,
I P Estate, Delhi-110002
- ii. **CAO, Delhi Development Authority**
Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023
- iii. **Central Pollution Control Board,
Through its Member Secretary**
Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar,
Delhi-110032
- iv. **District Magistrate, North Delhi**
Room No-1, DM Office Complex,
Alipur, Delhi-110036
- v. **Municipal Corporation of Delhi,
Through it's Commissioner**
Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre, Minto Rd,
SKD Basti, Press Enclave, Ajmeri Gate,
New Delhi, Delhi, 110002

7. Issue notice to the above respondents for filing their response/reply by way of affidavit at least one week before the next date of hearing. If any respondent directly files the reply without routing it through his advocate then the said respondent will remain virtually present to assist the Tribunal

8. List on 27.10.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

July 23, 2025
Original Application No. 363/2025
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F. No. B-11011/UPC-II/MSW(Direction)/2020-21

27 .01.2021

To,

15320-15354

The Chairman,
All SPCBs/PCCs

Direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for enforcement of Provisions of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2016 regarding bio mining of legacy waste.

WHEREAS, the Central Government has notified the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed there under;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has notified Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, which inter-alia state procedures for Solid Waste Management;

WHEREAS, under Rule 15(zj) of SWM Rules, 2016 local authorities and village Panchayats shall investigate and analyse all old open dumpsites and existing operational dumpsites for their potential of bio-mining and bio-remediation and whosoever feasible, take necessary actions to bio-mine or bio-remediate the sites;

WHEREAS, under Rule 16(a) of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, the State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee shall enforce these rules in their State through local bodies in their respective jurisdiction and review implementation of these rules at least twice a year in close coordination with concerned Directorate of Municipal Administration or Secretary-in-charge of State Urban Development Department;

WHEREAS, remediation of all Dumpsites has to be completed by April 7, 2021 as per Rule 22 of SWM Rules, 2016.

WHEREAS, in compliance of Hon'ble NGT Order dated 16.01.2019 in the matter of OA no. 606/2018, CPCB published Guidelines for Disposal of Legacy waste;

WHEREAS, Hon'ble NGT has issued several Directives on the matter including the following:

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'परिवेश भवन' पूर्वी अर्जुन नगर, दिल्ली-110032

Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032

दूरभाष/Tel : 43102030, 22305792, वेबसाइट/Website : www.cpcb.nic.in

- (i) In OA no. 519/2019, all Chief Secretaries, States/UTs to ensure completion of remediation of dumpsites by October, 2020.
- (ii) In OA no. 53/2020, CPCB to complete inventorization of dumpsites in the Country.
- (iii) In OA no. 593/2017, CPCB to compile information related to Legacy Waste Management and identify gaps thereof.

WHEREAS in compliance with above orders of Hon'ble NGT, several communications dated 14.05.2020, 28.07.20 & 31.07.2020 have been issued by CPCB to States/UTs to provide requisite information on the matter.

WHEREAS complete information on the matter is yet to be received from all States/UTs.

WHEREAS, CPCB officials inspected dumpsites in various States where bioremediation of legacy waste is being carried out and made the following observation:

- i. Most of the ULBs engaged in the bio mining process of the legacy waste not following CPCB Guidelines on disposal of legacy waste.
- ii. Analysis of different screened fractions is not being carried out prior to disposal/utilization.
- iii. Poor quality of screen fractions and screened fractions not being lifted by the users.
- iv. Adequate plan for disposal of screened fractions at the dumpsites not prepared and screened fractions accumulated on site.
- v. No leachate treatment being carried out and stagnation of leachate noticed at the dumpsites.
- vi. Records/documents for the sale of the RDFs, inerts and other materials not maintained.
- vii. Fresh Solid Waste continued to be dumped at these dumpsites.

WHEREAS, vide Order dated 21-8-2020 in the matter of OA no. 681/2018, Hon'ble NGT directed CPCB to issue fresh Direction in this regard to all the State PCBs/ PCCs to coordinate with concerned Local Authorities for further Action in the matter. Further, as per the Hon'ble NGT's Direction, at least one site is to be remediated and made a model of compliance in each of the 122 Non-Attainment Cities;

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NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above and in exercise of powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the following directions are issued for compliance:

1. SPCBs/PCCs to provide complete list of Legacy Waste dumpsites in their States/UTs as per format enclosed.
2. SPCB/PCCs to ensure that necessary action for biomining and bio-remediation of these dumpsites is done by the concerned Local Authorities in compliance with Provisions of SWM Rules,2016.
3. SPCBs/PCCs shall ensure that concerned Local Authorities engaged in the bio mining process of legacy waste follow procedures as per CPCB Guidelines for Disposal of Legacy Waste with specific compliance to the following points.
 - (i) Analysis of various screened fraction materials i.e. RDF, fine earth/bio earth etc., prior to its disposal/utilization.
 - (ii) Preparation of plan for utilization/disposal of screened fractions
 - (iii) Adequate provisions for leachate treatment.
 - (iv) Maintenance of records / documents for disposal/utilization of the RDFs or fine earth and other materials.
4. SPCBs/PCCs shall ensure that the local bodies prepare time targeted Action Plan for biomining /bio-remediation of these dumpsites in compliance with points listed above. The timelines as specified in SWM Rules,2016 and Hon'ble NGT Directions on the matter are to be adhered to for remediation of these sites.
5. SPCBs/PCCs to ensure that no fresh waste is disposed at these dumpsites and local authorities make proper arrangement for management of fresh solid waste.
6. SPCBs to ensure that at least one legacy waste dumpsite is remediated in their jurisdiction which can be considered as model for compliance for other legacy waste dumpsites in Non-Attainment Cities (NAC).

SPCBs/PCCs are hereby directed to submit action taken report within **30 days** from receipt of these Directions.



(Shiv Das Meena)
Chairman

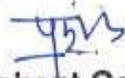
Copy to:

1. **Joint Secretary (CP),**
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi-110003

: For necessary information pls

✓ 2. **DH- IT Division, CPCB**

: For uploading on website pls


✓ **(Prashant Gargava)**
Member Secretary 

HON'BLE NGT MATTER

Date: 18.06.2019

F No- A-14011/1/2019-WQM-I 2635-2676

To

PS to Chief Secretary,
All State Govt. /UT Admin

Sub: Hon'ble NGT order dated 10.5.2019 in M.A. No 26/2019 in O.A. No. 325/2015 in the matter of Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi Vs UOI & Ors

Sir,

Kindly refer to Hon'ble NGT order dated 10.5.2019 in O. A. No 325 of 2015 and directions of Hon'ble NGT at Para 13 is reproduced as follows: "we direct all the States and UTs to review the existing framework of restoration all the water bodies by preparing an appropriate action plan. Such action plans may be prepared within three months and a report furnished to the CPCB. The CPCB may examine all such plans and furnish its comments to this Tribunal within two months thereafter."

In pursuance to Hon'ble NGT order in the aforesaid matter, CPCB has prepared Guidelines for restoration of water bodies and same is uploaded in CPCB website at (<http://cpcb.nic.in/NGTMC/Ind-Guidelines-RestWaterBodies-10062019.pdf>)

In this regard, it is requested to kindly arrange to send the action plan prepared for restoration of water bodies falling in jurisdiction of your State/ UT to CPCB in compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 10.5.2019.

Yours faithfully,



(A. Sudhakar)
DH, WQM-I Division

Copy to:

1. The Member Secretary, : for necessary action, please
SPCBs/PCCs
2. Regional Director, : for information & follow-up with SPCBs/PCCs, please
(All RDs)
3. PS to MS : for information of 'MS', please
4. LO, CPCB : for information, please

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19/06/19

(A. Sudhakar)

<p>1. Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate (South) 1st Floor, Nisarga Bhawan, A-Block, Thimmaiah Road, 7th D cross, Shivnagar, Opp Pushpanjali Theatre, Bengaluru 560079</p> <p>2. Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate – Shillong “TUM-SIR”. Lower Motinagar, Near Fire Brigade H.Q., Shillong, Meghalaya-793014</p> <p>3. Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate- Kolkata Southend Conclave, Block 502, 5th & 6th Floors, 1582 Rajdanga Main Road Kolkata - 700 107</p>	<p>4. Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate – Bhopal 3rd Floor, Sahkar Bhawan, North TT Nagar, Bhopal - 462003</p> <p>5. Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board Regional Directorate - Vadodara Parivesh Bhawan,Opp. VMC Ward Office No. 10, Subhanpura, Vadodara-390 023</p> <p>6. Regional Director, Regional Directorate - Lucknow PICUP Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow– 226010</p>
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Andaman and Nicobar Administration
Secretariat, Port Blair - 744101</p> <p>35. PS to Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Civil Secretariat, Itanagar - 791111</p> <p>36. PS to Chief Secretary,
Lakshadweep, Kavaratti - 682555</p> |
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| <p>1. The Member Secretary,
Assam Pollution Control Board,
Bamunimaidam,
Guwahati – 781021</p> <p>2. The Member Secretary,
Manipur Pollution Control Board,
Lamphelpat, Imphal West D.C. Office Complex
Imphal– 795004</p> <p>3. The Member Secretary,
Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board,
Building.No. TC-12V, Vibhuti Khand,
Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226 010</p> <p>4. The Member Secretary,
Delhi Pollution Control Committee,
Government of N.C.T. Delhi
4th Floor, ISBT Building,
Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006</p> <p>5. The Member Secretary,
Meghalaya Pollution Control Board
Arden- Lumpyngngad
Shillong: 793014</p> <p>6. The Member Secretary,
Nagaland Pollution Control Board,
Signal Point, Dimapur
Nagaland – 797112</p> <p>7. The Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai-600 032</p> <p>8. The Member Secretary,
Uttarakhand Environmental Protection &
Pollution Control Board,
29/20, Nemi Road,
Dehradun, Uttarakhand – 248001</p> <p>9. The Member Secretary,
Daman, Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli Pollution
Control Committee,
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Fort Area, Court Compound,
Moti Daman, Daman – 396220</p> <p>10. The Member Secretary,</p> | <p>11. The Member Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board
D.No. 33-26-14 D/2, Near Sunrise Hospital,
Pushpa Hotel Centre, Chalamalavari Street,
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Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board,
Paryavas Bhavan, North Block Sector-19,
Atal Nagar Dist- Raipur (C.G.) 492002</p> <p>14. The Member Secretary,
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1st Floor, Dempo Tower,
EDC Patto Plaza, Panaji, Goa-403 001</p> <p>15. The Member Secretary,
Gujarat Pollution Control Board
Paryavan Bhavan, Sector 10- A,
Gandhinagar – 382 043</p> <p>16. The Member Secretary,
Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board,
Him Parivesh, Phase-III,
New Shimla, Himachal Pradesh 171009</p> <p>17. The Member Secretary,
Jammu & Kashmir State Pollution Control Board,
Parivesh Bhawan, Forest Complex,
Gladni, Narwal, transport Nagar, Jammu,
Jammu and Kashmir 180004</p> <p>18. The Member Secretary,
Jammu & Kashmir State Pollution Control Board,
Shiekh-ul-Campus, behind Govt. Silk Factory,
Raj Bagh, Srinagar (J&K)</p> <p>19. The Member Secretary,
Jharkhand Pollution Control Board,
T.A Building, HEC, P.O. Dhurwa,
Ranchi – 834004</p> <p>20. The Member Secretary,
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,
Parisara Bhavan, 4th & 5th Floor,</p> |
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<p>22. The Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, E-5, Arera Colony, ParyavaranParisar, Bhopal - 462 016, Madhya Pradesh</p>	<p>30. The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, A-3, I.E. Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad-500 018</p>
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<p>24. The Member Secretary, Mizoram Pollution Control Board, New Secretariat Complex, KhatlaThlanmualPeng, Khatla, Aizawl, Mizoram: 796001</p>	<p>32. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Paribesh Bhavan, 10A, Block-L.A., Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 106</p>
<p>25. The Member Secretary, Odisha Pollution Control Board, A-118, Nilakanta Nagar, Unit –VIII, Bhubaneshwar – 751012</p>	<p>33. The Member Secretary, Lakshadweep Pollution Control Committee, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Kavarati- 682555</p>
<p>26. The Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Housing Board Complex, Anna Nagar, Puducherry -600 005</p>	<p>34. The Member Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, Papu Hill, Yupia Road, Naharlagun- 791110</p>
<p>27. The Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala, Punjab</p>	<p>35. The Member Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Pollution Control Committee, Department of Science & Technology, Dollygunj Van Sadan, Haddo P.O., Port Blair – 744102</p>
<p>28. The Member Secretary, Rajasthan Pollution Control Board, 4, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jhalana Doongri, Jaipur (Rajasthan) - 302 004</p>	<p>36. The Member Secretary, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee, Paryavaran Bhawan, Ground Floor, Sector 19 B Madhya Marg, Chandigarh</p>

26.07.2019

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To

The Chief Secretary

(Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Daman, Diu And Dadra Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal)

Sub: M.A. No 26/2019 in OA No 325/2015 in the matter of Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi Vs UOI & Ors before Hon'ble NGT, PB New Delhi

Sir,

Kindly refer to order passed by Hon'ble NGT (PB), New Delhi on 10.05.2019 in OA No 325/2015 in the matter of Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi Vs UOI & Ors wherein *State Govt./UT administration were directed for taking necessary action for restoration of all water bodies by preparing action plan within three month in compliance to afore-said Hon'ble NGT order.* (Please refer to CPCB website https://cpcb.nic.in/NGTMC/NGT-order_dated-10052019.pdf).

CPCB vide letter dated 18.06.2019 already informed about indicative guidelines for restoration of water bodies, which is available on website at <https://cpcb.nic.in/NGTMC/Ind-Guidelines-RestWaterBodies-10062019.pdf>. It was also requested for submission of action plan for restoration of water bodies within 3 months, or before 09.08.2019.

In view of the above, I am directed to kindly remind about taking necessary action and to arrange for providing finalized action plans on or before 09.08.2019 to CPCB for review please.

Yours faithfully,


(B. Vinod Babu)

Member Secretary

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1. Member Secretary, (All SPCBs/PCCs) : For kind information and necessary action, please
2. All RDs : For information, follow- up with the concerned SPCBs/PCCs, please
Shillong, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Vadodara,
Lucknow, Chandigarh, Chennai & Pune
3. Law Officer, Law Section ,CPCB : For information and record please


(B. Vinod Babu)

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नई दिल्ली, 26 सितम्बर, 2017

सा.का.नि. 1203(अ).—आर्द्रभूमि, जो जलीय चक्र का अत्यावश्यक भाग है, उच्चतर उत्पादक पारिस्थितिकी प्रणालियां हैं जो समृद्ध जैवविविधता का आधार हैं तथा हमारी समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक विरासत का भाग होने के कारण कई महत्वपूर्ण मनोरंजक, सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक कार्यकलापों का समर्थन करते हुए जल भंडारण, जल शुद्धिकरण, बाढ़ अल्पीकरण, अपरदन नियंत्रण, भूजल का पुनःभरण, सूक्ष्म जलवायु का विनियमन, दृश्यभूमि के सौन्दर्य बौध को बढ़ाना जैसी पारिस्थितिकी प्रणाली सेवाओं की व्यापक रेंज प्रदान करता है।

और, अधिकतर आर्द्रभूमि, अपवहन और भरणस्थान, प्रदूषण (घरेलू और औद्योगिक बहिःस्राव का निस्सारण, ठोस अपशिष्टों का निपटान), जल विज्ञान संबंधी परिवर्तन (जल अपनयन और अंतर्वाह तथा बहिवाह परिवर्तन) के माध्यम से भूमि सुधार और अवक्रमण के कारण गंभीर रूप से संकटस्थ स्थिति में हैं और उनके प्राकृतिक संसाधनों के अत्यधिक दोहन के परिणामस्वरूप जैव विविधता की हानि और आर्द्रभूमि द्वारा उपलब्ध पारिस्थितिकी प्रणाली सेवाओं में विघटन हुआ है;

और, संविधान के अनुच्छेद 51क के खंड (छ) में यह बताया गया है कि भारत के प्रत्येक नागरिक का यह कर्तव्य होगा कि वह प्राकृतिक पर्यावरण की, जिसके अंतर्गत वन, झील, नदी और वन्यजीव हैं, रक्षा करे और उसका संवर्धन करे तथा प्राणिमात्र के प्रति दयाभाव रखे;

और पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 पर्यावरण को संरक्षण प्रदान करने तथा उसमें सुधार लाने के लिए एक व्यापक विधान है, जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ आर्द्रभूमि और उससे जुड़े मामले भी सम्मिलित हैं।

और, राष्ट्रीय पर्यावरण नीति, 2006 में आर्द्रभूमि द्वारा उपलब्ध पारिस्थितिकी सेवा को मान्यता दी गई है और सभी आर्द्रभूमि के लिए एक विनियामक तंत्र स्थापित करने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया गया है, जिससे उनकी ऐसी पारिस्थितिकी स्थिति को बनाए रखा जा सके, जो अंततोगत्वा उनके एकीकृत प्रबंध में सहायक हो;

और, भारत, आर्द्रभूमि संबंधी रामसर अभिसमय का हस्ताक्षरकर्ता है, तथा अपने अधिकार क्षेत्र के भीतर सभी आर्द्रभूमियों के संरक्षण और बुद्धिमतापूर्ण उपयोग के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।

और केन्द्रीय सरकार ने तारीख 4 दिसंबर, 2010 की सं.सा.का.नि. 951(अ) द्वारा आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण और प्रबंधन) नियम, 2010, प्रकाशित किए हैं;

और आर्द्रभूमि का संरक्षण और युक्तियुक्त उपयोग राज्य और राष्ट्रीय अर्थव्यवस्था को सारवान प्रत्यक्ष और अप्रत्यक्ष आर्थिक लाभ प्रदान कर सकता है तथा केन्द्रीय सरकार विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के लिए विकास आयोजना तथा निर्णय लेने की प्रक्रिया में आर्द्रभूमि जैवविविधता तथा पारिप्रणाली सेवाओं की पूर्ण शृंखला को मुख्य धारा में लाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है;

और, राज्य सरकारों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को इसी प्रकार से अपने विकासात्मक कार्यक्रमों तथा आर्थिक कल्याण में आर्द्रभूमि पारिस्थितिकी प्रणाली सेवाओं और जैव विविधता संबंधी मूल्यों पर विचार करने और इस बात को संज्ञान में लेने की आवश्यकता है कि आर्द्रभूमि पारिस्थितिकी प्रणाली के दो मुख्य पारिस्थितिकी घटक भूमि और जल, भारतीय संविधान के अनुसार राज्य के विषय के रूप में सूचीबद्ध हैं;

और केन्द्रीय सरकार ने देश में आर्द्रभूमियों के प्रभावी संरक्षण और प्रबंधन के लिए आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण और प्रबंधन) नियम, 2010 को अधिकांत करना आवश्यक समझा है;

और, अब, केन्द्रीय सरकार ने पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 की उपधारा (1) और उपधारा (2) के खंड (v) और धारा 3 की उपधारा (3) के साथ पठित धारा 25 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए जनसाधारण की जानकारी के लिए, जिनके उससे प्रभावित होने की संभावना है, सा.का.नि. 385 (अ) तारीख 31 मार्च, 2016 द्वारा आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण और प्रबंधन) नियम, 2016 का प्रारूप प्रकाशित किया था; और यह सूचना दी गई थी कि केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उक्त प्रारूप नियमों पर, उस तारीख से, जिसको इस राजपत्र में यथाप्रकाशित इस अधिसूचना की प्रतियां जनता को उपलब्ध करा दी जाती है, साठ दिन की अवधि की समाप्ति के पश्चात् विचार किया जाएगा;

और, केन्द्रीय सरकार को प्रारूप आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण और प्रबंधन) नियम, 2016 के संबंध में राज्य सरकारों, संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों राज्यों और इसके संगठनों, व्यक्तियों और सिविल समाज संगठनों से सुझाव तथा आक्षेप प्राप्त हुए हैं;

और, ऐसे आक्षेपों और सुझावों पर, जो ऊपर उल्लिखित प्रारूप नियमों के संबंध में प्राप्त हुए हैं, पर राज्य सरकारों और राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों के परामर्श से केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा सम्यक रूप से विचार किया गया;

अतः अब, केन्द्रीय सरकार, पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 की धारा 3 की उप-धारा (1) और उप-धारा (2) के खंड (v) और उप-धारा (3) के साथ पठित धारा 25 और धारा 23 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए तथा आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण और प्रबंधन) नियम, 2010 को उन बातों के सिवाय अधिकांत करते हुए, जिन्हें ऐसे अधिक्रमण से पूर्व किया गया था या करने का लोप किया गया था, आर्द्रभूमि के संरक्षण और प्रबंधन के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात्:—

1. संक्षिप्त नाम और प्रारंभ.—

- (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण और प्रबंध) नियम, 2017 है।
- (2) ये राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख को प्रवृत्त होंगे।

2. परिभाषाएं.—

- (1) इन नियमों में, जब तक कि संदर्भ से अन्यथा अपेक्षित न हो,—

- (क) "अधिनियम" से पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 अभिप्रेत है;
- (ख) "प्राधिकरण" से यथास्थिति राज्य आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण, अभिप्रेत है;
- (ग) "समिति" से नियम 6 में निर्दिष्ट राष्ट्रीय आर्द्रभूमि समिति अभिप्रेत है;
- (घ) "पारिस्थितिकीय गुण" से पारिस्थितिकी प्रणाली घटकों, प्रक्रियाओं तथा सेवाओं का ऐसा संकलन अभिप्रेत है जो आर्द्रभूमियों की विशिष्टता चित्रित करता है;
- (ङ) "एकीकृत प्रबंधन योजना" से कोई ऐसा दस्तावेज अभिप्रेत है जिसमें आर्द्रभूमि का युक्तियुक्त उपयोग के लिए कार्यनीतियों और कार्रवाइयों का वर्णन किया गया है तथा इस योजना में स्थल प्रबंधन के उद्देश्य; उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए अपेक्षित प्रबंधन कार्रवाइयां, वे घटक, जो विभिन्न स्थल विशिष्टताओं को प्रभावित करते हैं, या प्रभावित कर सकते हैं; पारिस्थितिकीय स्वरूप में परिवर्तनों का पता लगाने के लिए और प्रबंधन की प्रभाविता के मापन के लिए अपेक्षित मानीटरी और कार्यान्वयन प्रबंधन कार्यान्वयन के लिए संसाधन सम्मिलित हैं;
- (च) "रामसर अभिसमय" से 1971 में ईरान के रामसर में हस्ताक्षरित आर्द्रभूमि संबंधी अभिसमय अभिप्रेत है;
- (छ) "आर्द्रभूमि से कोई क्षेत्र या कच्छ पंक, पीटभूमि या जल; प्राकृतिक या कृत्रिम, स्थायी या अस्थायी, जल जो ठहरा है या बहते, ताजे, खारे या लवणीय, जिसके अंतर्गत समुद्री जल का जिसकी गहराई ज्वार की स्थिति छह मीटर से अधिक की न हो अभिप्रेत है, परंतु इसमें नदी जल मार्ग, धान के खेत, पेयजल प्रयोजनार्थ विशिष्ट रूप से मानव निर्मित जल निकास/जलाशय, मत्स्यपालन, नमक उत्पादन और सिंचाई प्रयोजनों के लिए विशिष्ट रूप से निर्मित संरचनाएं सम्मिलित नहीं हैं;

- (ज) "आर्द्रभूमि परिसर" से दो या दो से अधिक पारिस्थितिकीय और जलीय समीपस्थ आर्द्रभूमियां तथा जिनमें उनसे जुड़े नाले/वाहिकाएं सम्मिलित हो सकती हैं, अभिप्रेत हैं;
- (झ) "आर्द्रभूमियों का युक्तियुक्त उपयोग" से सतत विकास के संदर्भ में पारिप्रणाली दृष्टिकोण के माध्यम से प्राप्त पारिस्थितिकीय गुणों का रख-रखाव अभिप्रेत है;
- (ञ) "प्रभावित जोन" से आर्द्रभूमि या आर्द्रभूमि परिसर के आवाह-क्षेत्र का वह भाग जिस पर विकासात्मक कार्यकलापों के कारण पारिप्रणाली ढांचे, तथा पारिप्रणाली सेवाओं में प्रतिकूल परिवर्तन पड़ता है।
- (2) उन सभी शब्दों और पदों के, जो इन नियमों में प्रयुक्त हैं और परिभाषित नहीं हैं, किंतु अधिनियम में परिभाषित हैं, वही अर्थ होंगे जो उनके उस अधिनियम में हैं।

3. नियमों का लागू होना.—ये नियम निम्नलिखित आर्द्रभूमियों या आर्द्रभूमि परिसरों को लागू होंगे, अर्थात्:-

- (क) रामसर अभिसमय के अधीन 'अंतरराष्ट्रीय महत्व की आर्द्रभूमि' के रूप में वर्गीकृत आर्द्रभूमियां;
- (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकार और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन द्वारा यथा अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमियां।

परंतु ये नियम समय-समय पर यथा संशोधित भारतीय वन अधिनियम, 1927, वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972, वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980, राज्य वन अधिनियम तथा तटीय विनियमन जोन अधिसूचना, 2011 के अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में पड़ने वाली आर्द्रभूमियों को लागू नहीं होंगे।

4. आर्द्रभूमियों में क्रियाकलापों पर निर्बंधन.—(1) आर्द्रभूमि का संरक्षण और प्रबंध, आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण द्वारा यथा अवधारित 'युक्तियुक्त उपयोग' के सिद्धांत के अनुसार किया जाएगा।

(2) आर्द्रभूमि के भीतर, निम्नलिखित क्रियाकलापों को प्रतिषिद्ध किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:-

- (i) किसी भी किस्म के अतिक्रमण सहित गैर-आर्द्रभूमि उपयोग हेतु परिवर्तन;
- (ii) किसी उद्योग को स्थापित करना और विद्यमान उद्योगों का विस्तार करना;
- (iii) निर्माण और विध्वंस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन नियम, 2016 के अंतर्गत आने वाले निर्माण और विध्वंस अपशिष्ट का विनिर्माण या हथालन या भंडारण या निपटान; परिसंकटमय रसायन के विनिर्माण, भंडारण और आयात नियम, 1989 या परिसंकटमय सूक्ष्म जीवों आनुवंशिक रूप से निर्मित जीवों या कोशिकाओं का उपयोग, आयात, निर्यात और भंडारण संबंधी नियम, 1989 या परिसंकटमय अपशिष्ट (प्रबंधन, हथालन और सीमापारीय संचलन) नियम 2008 के अंतर्गत आने वाले परिसंकटमय पदार्थ; ई-अपशिष्ट (प्रबंधन) नियम, 2016 के अंतर्गत आने वाला ई-अपशिष्ट;
- (iv) ठोस अपशिष्ट का पाटन;
उद्योगों, शहरों, कस्बों, गांवों और अन्य मानव वस्तियों से अशोधित अपशिष्ट और बहिष्कारों का निस्सारण;
- (v) किसी स्थायी प्रकृति का किसी निर्माण सिवाय नाव घाटों के, पचास मीटर के भीतर इन नियमों के प्रारंभ की तारीख से पिछले दस वर्षों में प्रेक्षित बाढ़ के औसतन उच्च स्तर से गणना की जाएगी; और
- (vi) अवैध शिकार।

परंतु केन्द्रीय सरकार प्राधिकरण की सिफारिश पर किसी कार्यकलाप के विलोपन के लिए राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों पर विचार कर सकेगी।

5. आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण.—(1) केन्द्रीय सरकार, प्रत्येक राज्य में राज्य आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण का गठन करेगी जिसमें निम्नलिखित सदस्य होंगे, अर्थात्:-

- (i) राज्य सरकार के पर्यावरण/वन विभाग का भारसाधक मंत्री या आर्द्रभूमि के विषय से संबंधित कार्य कर रहे भारसाधक मंत्री - अध्यक्ष;
- (ii) राज्य का मुख्य सचिव या समतुल्य अपर मुख्य सचिव - उपाध्यक्ष;
- (iii) पर्यावरण विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (iv) वन विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (v) शहरी विकास विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (vi) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (vii) जल संसाधन विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;

- (viii) मत्स्यकी विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (ix) सिंचाई और बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (x) पर्यटन विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xi) राजस्व विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xii) निदेशक, राज्य सुदूर संवेदी केन्द्र – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xiii) मुख्य वन्यजीव वार्डन – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xiv) सदस्य सचिव, राज्य जैवविविधता बोर्ड – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xv) सदस्य सचिव, राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xvi) पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय का अपर प्रधान मुख्य संरक्षक – पदेन सदस्य;
- (xvii) आर्द्रभूमि पारिस्थितिकी, जल विज्ञान, मत्स्यकी, भू-दृश्य योजना और सामाजिक-आर्थिक क्षेत्र में से प्रत्येक का एक विशेषज्ञ जिसे राज्य सरकार द्वारा नामनिर्दिष्ट किया जाए; और
- (xviii) पर्यावरण/वन विभाग या आर्द्रभूमियों से संबंधित विभाग में अपर सचिव/संयुक्त सचिव/निदेशक - सदस्य सचिव।
- (2) केन्द्रीय सरकार, प्रत्येक राज्य क्षेत्र के लिए संघ राज्य क्षेत्र आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण का गठन करेगी जिसमें निम्नलिखित सदस्य होंगे, अर्थात्:-
- (i) संघ राज्य क्षेत्र का प्रशासक या मुख्य सचिव – अध्यक्ष;
- (ii) पर्यावरण विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – उपाध्यक्ष;
- (iii) वन विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (iv) शहरी विकास विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (v) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव – पदेन सदस्य;
- (vi) जल संसाधन विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (vii) मत्स्यकी विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (viii) सिंचाई और बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (ix) पर्यटन विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (x) राजस्व विभाग का भारसाधक सचिव - पदेन सदस्य;
- (xi) निदेशक, सुदूर संवेदी केन्द्र - पदेन सदस्य;
- (xii) सदस्य सचिव, संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण समिति - पदेन सदस्य;
- (xiii) सदस्य सचिव, संघ राज्य क्षेत्र जैव-विविधता बोर्ड - पदेन सदस्य;
- (xiv) मुख्य वन्यजीव वार्डन - पदेन सदस्य;
- (xv) पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय के अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक - पदेन सदस्य;
- (xvi) आर्द्रभूमि पारिस्थितिकी, जल-विज्ञान, मत्स्यकी, भू-दृश्य योजना और सामाजिक-आर्थिक क्षेत्रों से एक-एक विशेषज्ञ जिसे संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन द्वारा नामनिर्दिष्ट किया जाए; और
- (xvii) पर्यावरण/वन विभाग या आर्द्रभूमि हथालन विभाग में अपर सचिव/संयुक्त सचिव/निदेशक - सदस्य सचिव।
- (3) राज्य आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण, तीन से अधिक, यदि अपेक्षित हों, अन्य सदस्यों, का सह-चयन, कर सकेंगे।
- (4) राज्य आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण, निम्नलिखित शक्तियों का प्रयोग करेगा और निम्नलिखित कृत्यों का पालन करेगा, अर्थात् :-
- (क) इन नियमों के प्रकाशन की तारीख से तीन मास के भीतर राज्य या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र की सभी आर्द्रभूमियों की सूची तैयार करना;
- (ख) इन नियमों के प्रकाशन की तारीख से छह मास के भीतर अधिसूचित की जाने वाली आर्द्रभूमियों की सूची तैयार करना; अन्य सुसंगत राज्य अधिनियमों के अधीन तैयार/अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमियों की किसी विद्यमान सूची को संज्ञान में लेना;

- (ग) इन नियमों के अधीन विनियमन हेतु उनके संक्षिप्त दस्तावेजों के आधार पर अभिज्ञात आर्द्रभूमियों की संस्तुति करना;
- (घ) इन नियमों के प्रकाशन की तारीख से एक वर्ष की अवधि के भीतर सभी आर्द्रभूमियों की व्यापक डिजिटल सूची तैयार करना और उक्त प्रयोजन से केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा विकसित की जाने वाले डेडीकेटेड वेब पोर्टल पर इसे अपलोड करना; और इस सूची को प्रत्येक दस वर्ष में अद्यतन किया जाएगा;
- (ङ) अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमियों के भीतर विनियमित और अनुज्ञात किए जाने वाले कार्यकलापों और उनके प्रभाव क्षेत्र की विस्तृत सूची विकसित करना;
- (च) विनिर्दिष्ट आर्द्रभूमियों के लिए प्रतिषिद्ध कार्यकलापों की सूची में बढोतरी, यदि कोई हो, की सिफारिश करना;
- (छ) आर्द्रभूमियों की अधिकारिता के भीतर उनके संरक्षण और युक्तियुक्त उपयोग के लिए कार्यनीतियां पारिभाषित करना; यदि पारिस्थितिक प्रणाली के कार्यकलापों (जल भण्डारण, भू-जल संभरण, बाढ़-प्रतिरोधक जैसे) और मूल्य (मनोरंजन और सांस्कृतिक जैसे) का अनुरक्षण किया जाता है या उसमें अभिवृद्धि की जाती है; तो इन पारिस्थितिक प्रणाली को प्रबंधित करने के लिए एक सिद्धांत, जो संरक्षण के साथ संगत वृहतीय उपयोगों को समावेशित करता है (जैसे जीवन-निर्वाह स्तर हेतु मछली पकड़ना या जलीय वनस्पति की पैदावार करना) का विवेकपूर्ण उपयोग करना;
- (ज) प्रत्येक अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमियों के लिए एकीकृत प्रबंधन योजना का पुनर्विलोकन करना (केन्द्रीय सरकार के समन्वयन से सीमा-पारीय आर्द्रभूमियों सहित), और इन योजनाओं के भीतर आर्द्रभूमियों, जो पारिस्थितिकीय स्वरूप के अनुकूल हैं, के पारम्परिक उपयोगों को जारी रखना और उसमें समर्थन देने पर विचार करना;
- (झ) उन मामलों में, जहां अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमियों या आर्द्रभूमि परिसरों की सीमा के भीतर भूमि क्षेत्र का निजी भू-धारण अधिकार है, उन्हें बढावा देने के लिए कार्यकलापों के माध्यम से पारिस्थितिकीय स्वरूप को बनाये रखने के लिए कार्यतंत्रों हेतु सिफारिश करना;
- (ञ) विद्यमान राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र स्तर की विकास योजनाओं और कार्यक्रमों के साथ प्रबंध योजना के कार्यान्वयन के अभिसरण के लिए कार्यतंत्रों की पहचान करना;
- (ट) इन नियमों और अन्य सुसंगत अधिनियमों, नियमों और विनियमों का प्रवर्तन सुनिश्चित करना और अर्द्ध-वार्षिक आधार पर (प्रत्येक कैलेंडर वर्ष के जून और दिसम्बर पर) एक सूचना तंत्र के माध्यम से ऐसी अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमियों की स्थिति पर संबंधित राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन या केन्द्रीय सरकार को सूचना देना;
- (ठ) विभिन्न संगत विभागों और अन्य संबंधित अभिकरणों के माध्यम से युक्तियुक्त उपयोग के सिद्धांत के आधार पर एकीकृत प्रबंधन योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन का समन्वयन करना;
- (ड) राज्य या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन के भीतर सभी आर्द्रभूमि विनिर्दिष्ट प्राधिकरणों के लिए नोडल प्राधिकरण के रूप में कार्य करना;
- (ढ) संबंधित क्रियान्वयन अभिकरणों को आर्द्रभूमियों के संरक्षण और सतत प्रबंधन हेतु आवश्यक निदेश जारी करना;
- (ण) आर्द्रभूमियों के मूल्यां और क्रियाकलापों के संबंध में पणधारियों और स्थानीय समुदायों के बीच जागरूकता के संवर्धन हेतु उपाय करना; और
- (त) स्वप्रेरणा से या राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन द्वारा यथानिर्दिष्ट अन्य मामले पर सलाह देना।
- (5) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन का संबंधित विभाग, प्राधिकरण के लिए नोडल विभाग और सचिवालय के रूप में सभी आवश्यक सहायता प्रदान करेगा और कार्य करेगा।
- (6) प्राधिकरण, इन नियमों के प्रकाशन के नब्बे दिन के भीतर :
- (क) संक्षिप्त दस्तावेजों और प्रबंध योजनाओं का पुनर्विलोकन करने तथा आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण द्वारा निर्दिष्ट किसी तकनीकी विषय पर सलाह देने के लिए एक तकनीकी समिति का, और
- (ख) जनता द्वारा प्राधिकरण को की गई शिकायतों की सुनवाई करने और उन्हें अग्रेषित करने के लिए एक कार्यतंत्र उपलब्ध कराने हेतु चार सदस्यों से मिलकर बनी एक शिकायत समिति का गठन करेगा।
- (7) उप-नियम (6) में निर्दिष्ट समितियां अपने कृत्यों के निष्पादन के लिए प्रत्येक तिमाही में कम से कम एक बार बैठक करेंगी।
- (8) प्राधिकरण की वर्ष में कम से कम तीन बार बैठक होगी।
- (9) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन द्वारा नामनिर्दिष्ट प्राधिकरण के गैर-अधिकारिक सदस्यों का कार्यकाल अधिकतम तीन वर्ष की अवधि का होगा।

- 6. राष्ट्रीय आर्द्रभूमि समिति का गठन.—**(1) केन्द्रीय सरकार, एक राष्ट्रीय आर्द्रभूमि समिति का गठन करेगी, जिसमें निम्नलिखित सदस्य होंगे, अर्थात् :—
- (i) सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार – अध्यक्ष;
 - (ii) आर्द्रभूमि संबंधी कार्य देख रहे विशेष सचिव या अपर सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार – उपाध्यक्ष;
 - (iii) अपर महानिदेशक, वन्यजीव, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार – पदेन सदस्य;
 - (iv) आर्द्रभूमियों संबंधी कार्य देख रहे सलाहकार या संयुक्त सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय – पदेन सदस्य;
 - (v) संयुक्त सचिव, पर्यटन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार – पदेन सदस्य;
 - (vi) संयुक्त सचिव, जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार – पदेन सदस्य;
 - (vii) संयुक्त सचिव, कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार – पदेन सदस्य;
 - (viii) संयुक्त सचिव, सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय भारत सरकार – पदेन सदस्य;
 - (ix) संयुक्त सचिव, शहरी विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (x) संयुक्त सचिव, ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xi) अध्यक्ष, केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xii) निदेशक, भारतीय प्राणि सर्वेक्षण या वैज्ञानिक एफ - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xiii) निदेशक, भारतीय वनस्पति सर्वेक्षण या वैज्ञानिक एफ - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xiv) निदेशक, अंतरिक्ष अनुप्रयुक्ति केंद्र, अहमदाबाद या वैज्ञानिक एफ - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xv) सदस्य केन्द्रीय जल आयोग - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xvi) सलाहकार, नीति आयोग - पदेन सदस्य;
 - (xvii) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्यक्षेत्र प्रशासन के तीन प्रतिनिधि, चक्रानुक्रम आधार पर, प्रत्येक दो वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए;
 - (xviii) आर्द्र भूमि पारिस्थितिकी, जल विज्ञान, मत्स्यकी क्षेत्र, भू-दृश्य योजना और सामाजिक अर्थशास्त्र के क्षेत्रों में से प्रत्येक का एक-एक विशेषज्ञ; और
 - (xix) आर्द्रभूमि से संबंधित कार्य करने वाले निदेशक/अपर निदेशक/संयुक्त निदेशक, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय - सदस्य सचिव।
- (2) राष्ट्रीय आर्द्रभूमि समिति, यदि अपेक्षित हो, तीन से अनधिक अन्य सदस्यों को सहयोजित कर सकेगी।
- (3) राष्ट्रीय आर्द्रभूमि समिति निम्नलिखित कृत्यों का पालन करेगी, अर्थात्:—
- (क) आर्द्रभूमियों के संरक्षण तथा बुद्धिमत्तापूर्ण उपयोग के लिए समुचित नीतियों और कार्रवाई सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रमों के विषय में केन्द्रीय सरकार को सलाह देना;
 - (ख) आर्द्रभूमियों के एकीकृत प्रबंधन के लिए बुद्धिमत्तापूर्ण उपयोग के सिद्धान्त पर आधारित मानदंड और मार्गदर्शक सिद्धान्त तैयार करना;
 - (ग) प्राधिकरण द्वारा इन नियमों के क्रियान्वयन की निगरानी करना;
 - (घ) नियम 4 के उप नियम (2) में यथानिर्दिष्ट प्रतिपेक्षित क्रियाकलापों के लिए राज्य सरकारों या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से प्राप्त पुनरीक्षित प्रस्तावों के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार को सलाह देना;
 - (ङ.) रामसर अभिसमय के अधीन अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महत्व की आर्द्रभूमियों को अभिहित किये जाने की सिफारिश करना;
 - (च) अधिसूचित किये जाने के लिए सीमापार आर्द्रभूमियों की सिफारिश करना;
 - (छ) रामसर स्थलों और सीमापार आर्द्रभूमियों के एकीकृत प्रबंध की प्रगति का पुनर्विलोकन करना;
 - (ज) आर्द्रभूमियों से संबंधित मुद्दों पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अभिकरणों के समन्वय के संबंध में सलाह देना; और
 - (झ) किसी अन्य मामले पर स्वप्रेरणा से सलाह देना या केन्द्रीय सरकार को निर्दिष्ट करना।

- (4) समिति के गैर-सरकारी सदस्यों को कार्यकाल तीन वर्ष से अनधिक का नहीं होगा।
- (5) समिति प्रत्येक छह मास में कम से कम एक बार बैठक करेगी।
7. **राज्य सरकारों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को शक्तियों और कार्यों का प्रत्यायोजन.**—(1) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन का सम्बद्ध विभाग इन नियमों के प्रकाशन की तारीख से एक वर्ष की अवधि के भीतर अधिसूचित किये जाने हेतु अभिज्ञात प्रत्येक आर्द्रभूमि के लिए एक संक्षिप्त दस्तावेज तैयार करेगा, जिसमें निम्नलिखित का उपबंध होगा:—
- (क) निर्देशांकों सहित यथार्थ डिजिटल मानचित्रों द्वारा समर्थित और जमीनी सत्यापन द्वारा विधिमान्य आर्द्रभूमि का सीमांकन;
- (ख) इसके प्रभाव क्षेत्र का सीमांकन और डिजिटल मानचित्र में संकेतित उसका भूमि उपयोग और आच्छादित भूमि क्षेत्र;
- (ग) पारिस्थितिक-स्वरूप का विवरण;
- (घ) पूर्वतः विद्यमान अधिकारों तथा विशेषाधिकारों का लेखा;
- (ङ.) आर्द्रभूमि तथा इसके प्रभाव क्षेत्र के भीतर अनुज्ञप्त स्थल-विशिष्ट क्रियाकलाप की सूची;
- (च) आर्द्रभूमि और उसके प्रभाव क्षेत्र के भीतर विनियमित किये जाने वाले स्थल-विशिष्ट क्रियाकलापों की सूची; और
- (छ) विनियमों के प्रवर्तन की रीति;
- (2) प्राधिकरण, संक्षिप्त दस्तावेज के आधार पर, आर्द्रभूमियों को अधिसूचित किये जाने के लिए राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्यक्षेत्र प्रशासन को सिफारिश करेगा।
- (3) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन संबंधित और प्रभावित व्यक्तियों से प्राप्त आक्षेपों, यदि कोई हों, पर विचार करने के पश्चात् प्राधिकरण द्वारा की गयी सिफारिश की तारीख से दो सौ चालीस दिन से अनधिक की अवधि के भीतर राजपत्र में आर्द्रभूमियों को अधिसूचित करेगी।
- (4) (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार सीमा-पार आर्द्रभूमियों के मामले में, संक्षिप्त दस्तावेज, जिसमें उप-नियम (1) में यथा सूचीबद्ध सूचना दी गई हो, को तैयार करने में संबद्ध राज्य सरकार और संघ राज्यक्षेत्र प्रशासनों के साथ समन्वय करेगी।
- (ख) संक्षिप्त दस्तावेज के आधार पर, राष्ट्रीय आर्द्रभूमि समिति आर्द्रभूमि को अधिसूचित किये जाने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को सिफारिशें करेगी।
- (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार संबद्ध और प्रभावित व्यक्तियों से प्राप्त आक्षेपों, यदि कोई हों, पर विचार करने के पश्चात् समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिश की तारीख से दो सौ चालीस दिन से अनधिक की अवधि के भीतर आर्द्रभूमियों को राजपत्र में अधिसूचित करेगी।
- (5) (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार आर्द्रभूमियों से संबंधित सूचना के लिए एक समर्पित वेब पोर्टल का सृजन करेगी।
- (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकार और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन अपनी अधिकारिता में की आर्द्रभूमियों के विषय में, सभी संबंधित सूचना अपलोड करेगी।

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th September, 2017

G.S.R. 1203(E).—Whereas the wetlands, vital parts of the hydrological cycle, are highly productive ecosystems which support rich biodiversity and provide a wide range of ecosystem services such as water storage, water purification, flood mitigation, erosion control, aquifer recharge, microclimate regulation, aesthetic enhancement of landscapes while simultaneously supporting many significant recreational, social and cultural activities, being part of our rich cultural heritage;

And whereas many wetlands are threatened by reclamation and degradation through drainage and landfill, pollution (discharge of domestic and industrial effluents, disposal of solid wastes), hydrological alteration (water withdrawal and changes in inflow and outflow), over-exploitation of their natural resources resulting in loss of biodiversity and disruption in ecosystem services provided by wetlands;

And whereas clause (g) of article 51A of the Constitution stipulates that it shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures;

And whereas the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is a comprehensive legislation to provide protection and improvement of the environment, including *inter-alia*, wetlands, and for matters connected therewith;

And whereas the National Environment Policy, 2006 recognises the ecosystem services provided by wetlands and emphasizes the need to set up a regulatory mechanism for all wetlands so as to maintain their ecological character, and ultimately support their integrated management;

And whereas India is a signatory to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and is committed to conservation and wise use of all wetlands within its territory;

And whereas the Central Government has published the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010, vide number G.S.R. 951(E), dated the 4th December, 2010;

And whereas conservation and wise use of wetlands can provide substantial direct and indirect economic benefits to state and national economy, and thereby the Central Government stands committed to mainstreaming full range of wetland biodiversity and ecosystem services in development planning and decision making for various sectors;

And whereas the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations need to take into account wetland ecosystem services and biodiversity values likewise within their developmental programming and economic well-being, also taking into cognizance that land and water, two major ecological constituents of wetland ecosystems, are enlisted as State subjects as per the Constitution;

And whereas the Central Government considered it necessary to supersede the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 for effective conservation and management of wetlands in the country;

And whereas the Central Government had, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 25, read with sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, published the draft Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2016, vide number G.S.R. 385 (E) dated 31st March, 2016 for information of the public likely to be affected thereby; and notice was given that the said draft rules would be taken into consideration by the Central Government after expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette notification is made available to the public;

And whereas the Central Government has received the suggestions and objections from the State Governments, Union Territories and its organisations, individuals and civil society organisations on the draft Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2016;

And whereas the suggestions and objections received in response to the above mentioned draft rules have been duly considered by the Central Government in consultation with State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 25, read with sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 and section 23 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and in supersession of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules for conservation and management of wetlands, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.—

- (1) These rules may be called the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.
- (2) These shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.—

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) "Act" means the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;
 - (b) "Authority" means the State Wetlands Authority or Union Territory Wetlands Authority, as the case may be;

- (c) "Committee" means the National Wetlands Committee referred to in rule 6;
 - (d) "ecological character" means the sum of ecosystem components, processes and services that characterise the wetlands;
 - (e) "integrated management plan" means a document which describes strategies and actions for achieving wise use of the wetland and the plan shall include objectives of site management; management actions required to achieve the objectives; factors that affect, or may affect, the various site features; monitoring requirements for detecting changes in ecological character and for measuring the effectiveness of management; and resources for management implementation;
 - (f) "Ramsar Convention" means the Convention on Wetlands signed at Ramsar, Iran in 1971;
 - (g) "wetland" means an area of marsh, fen, peatland or water; whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six meters, but does not include river channels, paddy fields, human-made water bodies/tanks specifically constructed for drinking water purposes and structures specifically constructed for aquaculture, salt production, recreation and irrigation purposes;
 - (h) "wetlands complexes" means two or more ecologically and hydrologically contiguous wetlands and may include their connecting channels/ducts;
 - (i) "wise use of wetlands" means maintenance of their ecological character, achieved through implementation of ecosystem approach within the context of sustainable development;
 - (j) "zone of influence" means that part of the catchment area of the wetland or wetland complex, developmental activities in which induce adverse changes in ecosystem structure, and ecosystem services.
- (2) The words and expressions used in these rules and not defined, but defined in the Act, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.

3. Applicability of rules.—These rules shall apply to the following wetlands or wetlands complexes, namely:—

- (a) wetlands categorised as 'wetlands of international importance' under the Ramsar Convention;
- (b) wetlands as notified by the Central Government, State Government and Union Territory Administration:

Provided that these rules shall not apply to the wetlands falling in areas covered under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the State Forest Acts, and the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 as amended from time to time.

4. Restrictions of activities in wetlands.—(1) The wetlands shall be conserved and managed in accordance with the principle of 'wise use' as determined by the Wetlands Authority.

- (2) The following activities shall be prohibited within the wetlands, namely,-
- (i) conversion for non-wetland uses including encroachment of any kind;
 - (ii) setting up of any industry and expansion of existing industries;
 - (iii) manufacture or handling or storage or disposal of construction and demolition waste covered under the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016; hazardous substances covered under the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 or the Rules for Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms Genetically engineered organisms or cells, 1989 or the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008; electronic waste covered under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016;
 - (iv) solid waste dumping;
 - (v) discharge of untreated wastes and effluents from industries, cities, towns, villages and other human settlements;
 - (vi) any construction of a permanent nature except for boat jetties within fifty metres from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years calculated from the date of commencement of these rules; and,
 - (vii) poaching.

Provided that the Central Government may consider proposals from the State Government or Union Territory Administration for omitting any of the activities on the recommendation of the Authority.

5. Wetlands Authorities.—(1) The Central Government hereby constitutes the State Wetlands Authority in each State with the following members, namely:—

- (i) Minister In-charge of the Department of Environment/Forests of the State Government or Minister In-charge of the Department handling wetlands - Chairperson;
- (ii) Chief Secretary of the State or Additional Chief Secretary equivalent - Vice Chairperson;
- (iii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Environment - Member *ex-officio*;
- (iv) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Forests - Member *ex-officio*;
- (v) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Urban Development - Member *ex-officio*;
- (vi) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Rural Development - Member *ex-officio*;
- (vii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Water Resources - Member *ex-officio*;
- (viii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Fisheries - Member *ex-officio*;
- (ix) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Irrigation and Flood Control - Member *ex-officio*;
- (x) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Tourism - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xi) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Revenue - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xii) Director, State Remote Sensing Centre - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xiii) Chief Wildlife Warden - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xiv) Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xv) Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xvi) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xvii) One expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, landscape planning and socio-economics to be nominated by the State Government; and
- (xviii) Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary/Director in the Department of Environment/Forests or Department handling wetlands - Member Secretary.

(2) The Central Government hereby constitutes the Union Territory Wetlands Authority for each Union Territory with the following members, namely:—

- (i) Administrator or Chief Secretary of the Union Territory - Chairperson;
- (ii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Environment - Vice Chairperson;
- (iii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Forests - Member *ex-officio*;
- (iv) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Urban Development - Member *ex-officio*;
- (v) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Rural Development - Member *ex-officio*;
- (vi) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Water Resources - Member *ex-officio*;
- (vii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Fisheries - Member *ex-officio*;
- (viii) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Irrigation and Flood Control - Member *ex-officio*;
- (ix) Secretary in-charge of the Department of Tourism - Member *ex-officio*;
- (x) Secretary in-charge of the Departments of Revenue - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xi) Director, Remote Sensing Centre - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xii) Member Secretary, Union Territory Pollution Control Committee - Member *ex-officio*;

- (xiii) Member Secretary, Biodiversity Board of the UT - Member *ex-officio*;
 - (xiv) Chief Wildlife Warden - Member *ex-officio*;
 - (xv) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change- Member *ex-officio*;
 - (xvi) One expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, landscape planning and socio-economics to be nominated by the Union Territory Administration; and
 - (xvii) Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary/Director in the Department of Environment/Forests or Department handling wetlands - Member Secretary.
- (3) The State Wetlands Authority or Union Territory Wetlands Authority may co-opt other members, not exceeding three in number, if required.
- (4) The State Wetlands Authority or Union Territory Wetlands Authority shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:-
- (a) prepare a list of all wetlands of the State or Union Territory within three months from the date of publication of these rules;
 - (b) prepare a list of wetlands to be notified, within six months from the date of publication of these rules; taking into cognizance any existing list of wetlands prepared/notified under other relevant State Acts;
 - (c) recommend identified wetlands, based on their Brief Documents, for regulation under these rules;
 - (d) prepare a comprehensive digital inventory of all wetlands within a period of one year from the date of publication of these rules and upload the same on a dedicated web portal to be developed by the Central Government for the said purpose; the inventory to be updated every ten years;
 - (e) develop a comprehensive list of activities to be regulated and permitted within the notified wetlands and their zone of influence;
 - (f) recommend additions, if any, to the list of prohibited activities for specific wetlands;
 - (g) define strategies for conservation and wise use of wetlands within their jurisdiction; wise use being a principle for managing these ecosystems which incorporates sustainable uses (such as capture fisheries at subsistence level or harvest of aquatic plants) as being compatible with conservation, if ecosystem functions (such as water storage, groundwater recharge, flood buffering) and values (such as recreation and cultural) are maintained or enhanced;
 - (h) review integrated management plan for each of the notified wetlands (including trans-boundary wetlands in coordination with Central Government), and within these plans consider continuation and support to traditional uses of wetlands which are harmonized with ecological character;
 - (i) in cases wherein lands within boundary of notified wetlands or wetlands complex have private tenancy rights, recommend mechanisms for maintenance of ecological character through promotional activities;
 - (j) identify mechanisms for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing State/Union Territory level development plans and programmes;
 - (k) ensure enforcement of these rules and other relevant Acts, rules and regulations and on half-yearly basis (June and December of each calendar year) inform the concerned State Government or Union Territory Administration or Central Government on the status of such notified wetlands through a reporting mechanism;
 - (l) coordinate implementation of integrated management plans based on wise use principle through various line departments and other concerned agencies;
 - (m) function as nodal authority for all wetland specific authorities within the State or Union Territory Administration;
 - (n) issue necessary directions for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands to the respective implementing agencies;

- (o) undertake measures for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on values and functions of wetlands; and
- (p) Advise on any other matter *suo-motu*, or as referred by the State Government/Union Territory Administration.
- (5) The concerned Department of the State Government or Union Territory shall provide all necessary support and act as nodal Department and Secretariat to the Authority.
- (6) The Authority shall, within ninety days of publication of these rules, shall constitute,—
 - (a) a technical committee to review brief documents, management plans and advise on any technical matter referred by the Wetland Authority; and
 - (b) a grievance committee consisting of four members to provide a mechanism for hearing and forwarding the grievances raised by public to the Authority;
- (7) The Committees referred to in sub-rule (6) shall meet at least once in every quarter to perform their functions.
- (8) The Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.
- (9) The term of non-official members of the Authority nominated by State Government or Union Territory Administration, shall be for a period not exceeding three years.

6. Constitution of National Wetlands Committee.—(1) The Central Government, hereby constitutes the National Wetlands Committee with the following members, namely:—

- (i) Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India - Chairperson;
- (ii) Special Secretary or Additional Secretary dealing with wetlands, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India-Vice Chairperson;
- (iii) Additional Director General, Wildlife, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India - Member *ex-officio*;
- (iv) Adviser or Joint Secretary dealing with wetlands, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member *ex-officio*;
- (v) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India- Member *ex-officio*;
- (vi) Joint Secretary , Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India- Member *ex-officio*;
- (vii) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India- Member *ex-officio*;
- (viii) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India- Member *ex-officio*;
- (ix) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India- Member *ex-officio*;
- (x) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India- Member *ex-officio*;
- (xi) The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xii) Director, Zoological Survey of India or Scientist F- Member *ex-officio*;
- (xiii) Director, Botanical Survey of India or Scientist F- Member *ex-officio*;
- (xiv) Director, Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad or Scientist F- Member *ex-officio*;
- (xv) Member, Central Water Commission - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xvi) Adviser, Niti Aayog - Member *ex-officio*;
- (xvii) Three representatives of State Government or Union Territory Administration on a rotational basis for a tenure of two years each;
- (xviii) One expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, landscape planning & socio-economics; and

- (xix) Director/Additional Director/Joint Director dealing with wetlands, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Member Secretary.
- (2) The National Wetlands Committee may co-opt other members, not exceeding three in number, if required.
- (3) The National Wetlands Committee shall perform the following functions, namely:-
- advise the Central Government on appropriate policies and action programmes for conservation and wise use of wetlands;
 - evolve norms and guidelines for integrated management of wetlands based on wise use principle;
 - monitor implementation of these rules by the Authority;
 - advise the Central Government on proposals received from State Governments or Union Territory Administrations for omission of the prohibited activities as referred in sub-rule (2) of rule 4;
 - recommend designation of wetlands of international importance under Ramsar Convention;
 - recommend trans-boundary wetlands for notification;
 - review progress of integrated management of Ramsar sites and transboundary wetlands;
 - advise on collaboration with international agencies on issues related to wetlands; and
 - advise on any other matter *suo-moto*, or as referred by the Central Government.
- (4) The tenure of non-official members of the Committee shall not exceed three years.
- (5) The Committee shall meet at least once in every six months.
- 7. Delegation of powers and functions to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.—**
- (1) The concerned Department of the State Government or Union Territory Administration shall, within a period of one year from the date of publication of these rules, prepare a Brief Document for each of the wetland identified for notification, providing:—
- demarcation of wetland boundary supported by accurate digital maps with coordinates and validated by ground truthing;
 - demarcation of its zone of influence and land use and land cover thereof indicated in a digital map;
 - ecological character description;
 - account of pre-existing rights and privileges;
 - list of site-specific activities to be permitted within the wetland and its zone of influence;
 - list of site specific activities to be regulated within the wetland and its zone of influence; and
 - modalities for enforcement of regulation;
- (2) Based on the Brief Document, the Authority shall make recommendations to the State Government or Union Territory Administration for notifying the wetlands.
- (3) The State Government or Union Territory Administration shall, after considering the objections, if any, from the concerned and affected persons, notify the wetlands in the Official Gazette, within a period not exceeding 240 days from the date of recommendation by the Authority.
- (4) (a) In case of trans-boundary wetlands, the Central Government shall coordinate with concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to prepare the Brief Document containing information as listed in sub-rule (1).
- (b) Based on the Brief Document, the National Wetlands Committee shall make recommendations to the Central Government for notification of the wetland.
- (c) The Central Government shall, after considering the objections, if any, from the concerned and affected persons, notify the wetlands in the Official Gazette, within a period not exceeding 240 days from the date of recommendation by the Committee.

- (5) (a) The Central Government shall create a dedicated web portal for information relating to wetlands.
- (b) The Central Government, State Government and Union Territory Administration shall upload all relevant information and documents pertaining to wetlands in their jurisdiction.

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i.	मुख्य सचिव	अध्यक्ष
ii.	उपाध्यक्ष, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण	सदस्य पदेन
iii.	सचिव, प्रभारी—पर्यावरण विभाग	उपाध्यक्ष
iv.	प्रधान सचिव, प्रभारी—लोक निर्माण विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
v.	सचिव, प्रभारी—शहरी विकास विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
vi.	आयुक्त—सह—सचिव, प्रभारी—विकास विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
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viii.	सचिव, प्रभारी—मतस्य पालन विभाग	सदस्य पदेन

ix.	सचिव, प्रभारी—सिचाई एवं बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
x.	सचिव, प्रभारी—पर्यटन विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
xi.	सचिव, प्रभारी—राजस्व विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
xii.	प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, वन एवं वन्यजीव विभाग, दिल्ली	सदस्य पदेन
xiii.	प्रबंध निदेशक, भू-स्थानिक तथ्य समिति (जी.एस.डी.एल.)	सदस्य पदेन
xiv.	सदस्य सचिव, दिल्ली प्रदूषण नियंत्रण समिति	सदस्य पदेन
xv.	सदस्य सचिव, जैव विविधता बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
xvi.	आयुक्त, दिल्ली नगर निगम (उत्तर, दक्षिण एवं पूर्व)	सदस्य पदेन
xvii.	प्रमुख, दिल्ली ईकाइ, केंद्रीय भू-जल बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
xviii.	सचिव, दिल्ली छावनी बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
xix.	अतिरिक्त प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, क्षेत्रिय कार्यालय पर्यावरण वन, वन्यजीव एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, लखनऊ, उत्तर प्रदेश	सदस्य पदेन
xx.	निदेशक, दिल्ली चिड़ियाघर	सदस्य पदेन
xxi.	अधीक्षक, पुरातत्वविद, भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण	सदस्य पदेन
xxii.	निदेशक, पर्यावरण विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
xxiii.	वन संरक्षक / मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी, डी.पी.जी.एस.	सदस्य पदेन

निम्नलिखित सदस्यों को विशेषज्ञ के रूप में नामित किया जाता है:-

- I. श्री आई. एच. खॉन, प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, सेवानिवृत्त
- II. श्री मनु भटनागर, इनटेक
- III. निदेशक, डी.टी.यू./प्रतिनिधि, डी.टी.यू.
- IV. निदेशक, आई. ए. आर. आई./प्रतिनिधि, आई. ए. आर. आई.

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली
के उपराज्यपाल के नाम व आदेश से,

मधुप व्यास, सचिव (पर्यावरण एवं वन)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND WILDLIFE

NOTIFICATION

Delhi, 23rd, April, 2019

No. F.1(07)/DPGS/C.Case/2017-18/9397-9429.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule (5) and Rule(7) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017 notified by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide GSR 1203(E) dated 26th September, 2017, the Lt. Governor of Delhi is pleased to constitute Wetlands Authority for the purpose of the conservation and management of wetland for the Union Territory of Delhi consisting of the following members:-

i.	Chief Secretary, Delhi	Chairperson
ii.	Vice Chairman, DDA	Member, Ex-officio
iii.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Environment	Vice-Chairman
iv.	Pr. Secretary-in-Charge PWD	Member, Ex-officio
v.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Urban Development	Member, Ex-officio

vi.	The Commissioner-cum-Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Development	Member, Ex-officio
vii.	CEO, Delhi Jal Board	Member, Ex-officio
viii.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Fisheries	Member, Ex-officio
ix.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Irrigation & Flood Control	Member, Ex-officio
x.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Tourism	Member, Ex-officio
xi.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Departments of Revenue	Member, Ex-officio
xii.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Delhi	Member, Ex-officio
xiii.	Managing Director, Geo Spatial Data Limited (GSDL)	Member, Ex-officio
xiv.	Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee	Member, Ex-officio
xv.	Member Secretary, Biodiversity Board of UT	Member, Ex-officio
xvi.	Commissioner of MCD(North, South and East)	Member, Ex-officio
xvii.	Head of Delhi unit of CGWB	Member, Ex-officio
xviii.	Secretary, Delhi Cantonment Board	Member, Ex-officio
xix.	Addl. PCCF of the regional office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Lucknow	Member, Ex-officio
xx.	Director, Delhi Zoo	Member, Ex-officio
xxi.	Superintendent, Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India	Member, Ex-officio
xxii.	Director, Environment	Member, Ex-officio
xxiii.	Conservator of Forest/CEO(DPGS)	Member Secretary

The following members are nominated as experts :-

- (i) Sh. I.H. Khan, PCCF (Retd.)
- (ii) Sh. Manu Bhatnagar, INTACH
- (iii) Director, DTU/Representative of DTU
- (iv) Director, IARI/Representative of IARI

By Order and in the Name of
Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi,
MADHUP VYAS, Secy. (Env. & Forest)