

Government of Chhattisgarh
Department of Housing and Environment
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan,
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, District-Raipur (C.G.)



ORDER

F.No: 04-02/2020/32

Nava RapurAtal Nagar, Dated: 01/12/2020

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 recognizes 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 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, the Central Government published Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 vide G.S.R 1203(E) dated 26th September 2017.

And whereas taking into cognizance that land and water, two major ecological constituents of wetland ecosystems, are enlisted as State subjects as per the Constitution; the State Government, in accordance with Rules 5(1) of the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017, and in suppression of the earlier order dated 1.07.2020 (No. F4-02/2020/32) hereby amends the constitution of Chhattisgarh State Wetlands Authority (CSWA) with the following members:-

1. Minister, Department of Forest, Government of Chhattisgarh – Chairperson;
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh – Vice Chairperson;
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest – Member ex-officio;

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4. Secretary in-charge, Department of Housing and Environment– Member *ex-officio*;
5. Secretary in-charge, Department of Urban Administration and Development – Member *ex-officio*;
6. Secretary in-charge, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development - Member *ex-officio*;
7. Secretary in-charge, Department of Water Resource and Irrigation -Member *ex-officio*;
8. Secretary in-charge, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries - Member *ex-officio*;
9. Secretary in-charge, Department of Revenue and Disaster Management - Member *ex-officio*;
10. Secretary in-charge, Department of Tourism - Member *ex-officio*;
11. Director, Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology, Raipur – Member *ex-officio*;
12. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) – Member *ex-officio*;
13. Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board – Member *ex-officio*;
14. Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board – Member *ex-officio*;
15. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur – Member *ex-officio*;
16. Professor M.L. Nayak (Retd.), ex-Head of Department, School of Life Sciences, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University (Life Science Specialist)- Technical Member (Wet Land Ecology);
17. Dr. NinodBothankar, Professor, PanditRavishankar Shukla University, Raipur- Technical Member (Water Science);
18. Director, Department of Fisheries, Raipur- Technical Member (Fisheries and Ecology);
19. Dr. K Subramaniam, Member, State Planning Commission, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- Technical Member (Socio Economic Expert);
20. Mr. MohitSahu, Wetland Expert, Raipur (Wetland Ecology and National Level Ornithologist)- Technical Member (Landscape Planning);
21. Secretary (In-charge), Department of Housing and Environment - Member Secretary.

The Chhattisgarh State Wetlands Authority (CSWA) constituted above shall meet at-least thrice a year and exercise such powers and functions as prescribed in Rule 5(4) of the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017.

The term of expert members laid down from Serial No.16-20 above, shall be for a period not exceeding 3 (three) years.


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Special Secretary (Independent Charge)