



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Environment Department- Wetlands(Conservation & Management) Rules-
Formation of State Wetland Authority- Designation of Vice Chairperson and
the Member Secretary-Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.14/2017/Envt

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28/12/2017

Read:- Notification No. G.S.R 1203(E) dated 26-09-2017 of the Ministry of
Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New
Delhi.

ORDER

Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change as per the notification
read above has issued the wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules-
2017. Clause 7 (1), (2) &(3) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management)
Rules 2017 has defined the delegation of powers and functions of the State
Governments and Union Territory Administrations. 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:-

- (a) demarcation of wetland boundary supported by accurate digital
maps with coordinates and validated by ground truthing;
- (b) demarcation of its zone of influence and land use and land cover
there of indicated in a digital map;
- (c) ecological character description;
- (d) account of pre-existing rights and privilages;
- (e) list of site-specific activities to be permitted within the wetland
and its zone of influence;
- (f) list of site -specific activities to be regulated within the wetland and
its zone of influence; and
- (g) modalities for enforcement of regulation;

Based on the Brief Document, the Authority shall make recommendations
to the State Government or Union Territory Administration for notifying the
wetlands. The State 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 Authority. In case of trans- boundary wetlands,
Central Governments shall co-ordinate with concerned State Governments and
Union Territory Administrations to prepare the Brief Document containing
information as listed in sub-rule (1).

2) As per the section 5(1) of the Wetlands(Conservation and Management) Rules 2007, the Central Government have constituted 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.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to designate the Chief Secretary to Government as the Vice Chairperson and the Director of Environment and Climate Change as the Member Secretary of the newly constituted State Wetlands Authority.

4) The Member Secretary shall suggest panel for selecting two Expert Members from the field of Wetland Management & submit the details of further action to be taken with time line within a week to Government.

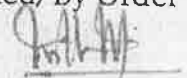
(By Order of the Governor)
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Additional Secretary to Government

To

- 1) The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer, State Wetland Authority Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3) The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4) All Members of the State Wetlands Authority.
- 5) The Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Department.
- 6) The Secretary, Water Resources Department.
- 7) The Secretary, Agriculture Department.
- 8) The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Thiruvananthapuram.
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