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### GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

#### ORDERS

Imphal, the 31st January, 2018

No. 56/19/2002-F&E: In pursuance of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Notification No.GSR1203(E), dated 26-09-2017, the Governor of Manipur is pleased to notify the constitution of Manipur State Wetlands Authority comprising the following members:

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| i.     | Minister (Forest & Environment), Manipur.  | - Chairperson       |
| ii.    | Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur   | - Vice-Chairperson  |
| iii.   | Secretary In-charge (Forest & Environment),<br>Government of Manipur.  | - Member ex-officio |
| iv.    | Secretary (Urban Development), Government of Manipur   | - Member ex-officio |
| v.     | Secretary (Rural Development), Government of Manipur   | - Member ex-officio |
| vi.    | Secretary (Fisheries), Government of Manipur   | - Member ex-officio |
| vii.   | Secretary (Water Resources), Government of Manipur   | - Member ex-officio |
| viii.  | Secretary (PHED), Government of Manipur  | - Member ex-officio |
| ix.    | Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur   | - Member ex-officio |
| x.     | Secretary (Revenue), Government of Manipur   | - Member ex-officio |
| xi.    | Chief Wildlife Warden, Manipur.  | - Member ex-officio |
| xii.   | Member Secretary, Manipur Pollution Control Board  | - Member ex-officio |
| xiii.  | Member Secretary, Manipur Biodiversity Board.  | - Member ex-officio |
| xiv.   | Director, Manipur Remote Sensing Application Centre  | - Member ex-officio |
| xv.    | Project Director, Loktak Development Authority   | - Member ex-officio |
| xvi.   | Addl. PCCF (Regional Office, MoEFCC), Govt. of India   | - Member ex-officio |
| xvii.  | Prof. W. Vishwanath Singh, Manipur University<br>(Fisheries Expert).   | - Member            |
| xviii. | Prof. E. Bijoy, Manipur University (Socio-economic<br>Expert)  | - Member            |
| xix.   | Prof. Th. Binoy Singh, Manipur University (Wetland<br>Ecology Expert).   | - Member            |
| xx.    | Th. Somchand, Head of Department(Civil), Manipur<br>Institute of Technology, Takyel (Hydrology Expert)                               | - Member            |
| xxi.   | Dr. Manichandra Sanoujam, Scientist-C, Department of<br>Earth Sciences, Manipur University, Canchipur<br>(Landscape Planning Expert) | - Member            |
| xxii.  | Director, Directorate of Environment, Manipur.   | - Member Secretary  |

2. The Manipur State Wetlands Authority may co-opt other members, not exceeding three in number, if required.

3. The Manipur State Wetlands Authority shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:-

- a. prepare a list of all wetlands of the State 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 State 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 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 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 Administration 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 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 Administration.

4. The Directorate of Environment, Manipur shall provide all necessary support and act as Nodal Department and Secretariat to the Authority.

5. The Authority shall, within ninety days of publication of this Notification, 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;

6. The Committee referred to in sub-rule (5) shall meet at least once in every quarter to perform their functions.

7. The Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.

8. The term of non-official members of the Authority shall be for a period not exceeding three years.

By Orders & in the name of the Governor,

**A. HEERA SINGH,**  
Under Secretary (For. & Env't.),  
Government of Manipur.