



ABSTRACT

Forests – Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority - Reconstitution of the District Level Wetlands Management Committee – Orders – Issued.

Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.9) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.152

Dated: 09.09.2022

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Read:

1. G.O (Ms.) No.113, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 20.09.2017.
2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification G.S.R.1203(E), dated: 26.09.2017.
3. G.O (Ms.) No.148, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 26.11.2018.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Letter Ref.No. TNSWA/33805/18, dated 11.10.2019.
5. G.O.(Ms)No.132, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department, dated 13.11.2019.
6. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority, Letter Ref. No.TNSWA1/46389/19, dated 04.07.2022.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, the Government have issued orders for constitution of District level Wetland Management Committee under the Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority. In the Notification second read above, the Government of India, Environment, Forests and Climate Change have notified the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017. Based on the above said rule, the Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (Forests) was constituted vide Government Order third read above.

2. In the Government Order fifth read above, the Government have reconstituted the District Level Wetlands Management Committee with the following officials:-

Sl. No.	Details of the Committee Members / Chairman	Designation
1.	District Collector	Chairman
2.	District Revenue Officer	Member

3.	Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency	Member
4.	Superintendent Engineer / Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board / Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewage Board	Member
5.	Superintendent / Executive Engineer, Water Resources Organization, Public Works Department of the District	Member
6.	Assistant Director of Town Panchayat	Member
7.	Executive Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer, Agriculture Engineering Department	Member
8.	District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
9.	Regional Deputy Director, Town and Country Planning Department	Member
10.	An expert on Wetland Management and Conservation to be nominated by the Chairman	Member
11.	District Forest Officer / Deputy Director / Wildlife Warden	Member Secretary

3. Now, in the letter sixth read above, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority, has requested the Government to reconstitute the District Level Wetlands Management Committee, for all the Districts including Chennai District, as detailed therein.

4. The Government after careful examination, accept the request of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority and reconstitute the District Level Wetlands Management Committee for all the Districts including Chennai District, with the following Members:-

(a) District Level Wetlands Management Committee (Except Chennai District).

Sl. No.	Details of the Committee Members / Chairman	Designation
1.	District Collector	Chairperson
2.	District Revenue Officer	Member
3.	Project officer, District Rural Development Agency	Member
4.	Superintendent Engineer / Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board	Member

5.	Superintendent / Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department	Member
6.	Assistant Director of Town Panchayat	Member
7.	Executive Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer, Agriculture Engineering Department	Member
8.	District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
9.	Regional Deputy Director, Town and Country Planning Department	Member
10.	An expert on Wetland Management and Conservation to be nominated by the Chairperson	Member
11.	District Forest Officer / Deputy Director / Wildlife Warden of concerned District	Member Secretary

(b) District Level Wetlands Management Committee in Chennai District.

Sl. No.	Details of the Committee Members / Chairman	Designation
1.	District Collector	Chairperson
2.	District Revenue Officer	Member
3.	Superintendent Engineer (Storm Water Drain) / Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai	Member
4.	Superintendent Engineer, Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewage Board	Member
5.	Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department	Member
6.	Executive Engineer (STP) (S) / Special Initiatives, Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewage Board, Chennai	Member
7.	Executive Engineer, Agriculture Engineering Department	Member
8.	District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (Jurisdiction Engineer), Chennai.	Member
9.	Chief Planner (Master Plan), Chennai Metropolitan Development Agency (CMDA), Chennai.	Member

10.	An expert on Wetland Management and Conservation to be nominated by the Chairperson	Member
11.	District Forest Officer / Deputy Director / Wildlife Warden	Member Secretary

The tenure of the expert member, shall be three years.

5. The following are the functions of the District Level Wetland Management Committee constituted in para 4 above:-

- The District Level Wetlands Management Committee shall be responsible for management and conservation of Wetlands in the District and will report to the Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority.
- It may recommend any activity related to development and management of Wetlands in their District to Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority for approval.
- It may co-opt experts and specialists in Technical and Scientific fields to undertake study, as may be required from time to time.
- The District Level Wetland Management Committee shall be responsible for preparation of Brief Documents on prioritized Wetlands as well as delineating zone of influence.
- The Management Committee shall formulate District Wetland Inventory Team for collecting data as well the delineation of boundary and zone of influence of enlisted Wetlands to enable field validation. The team will involve assessment based on the scientific sampling as well data derived from stakeholder consultations and indigenous traditional knowledge. After detailed assessment and to ensure standardization the team will prepare the brief report on prioritized Wetlands.
- The District Level Management Committee will be entrusted with the responsibility of managing district level database.
- The District Level Management Committee will also oversee the monitoring of the water sources available in the respective Districts, Eco system monitoring service, facts adversely affecting the Wetlands, analysis of Wetland Management needs, etc.,
- The Committee will enforce the Wetland Conservation Management Rules, 2017 in their respective Districts.
- To interact with the line departments viz., Revenue, Forest, Agricultural Engineering, Public Works Department, Water Supply and Drainage Board, Local bodies etc., for the purpose of coordination.

- The District Level Committee will function as advisory body for a smooth functioning of the State Wetland Authority.
- Implementation of schemes allocated by the Government of Tamil Nadu and State Wetland Authority from time to time.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force), Chennai-15.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai - 15.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority and Mission Director (ex-officio),
Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission,

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.

All the District Collectors and Members

[through:- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority and
Mission Director (ex-officio), Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission,
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15]

Copy to:

The Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Land Administration,
Chepauk, Chennai-5.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Finance Department, Chennai-9.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration & Water Supply Department, Chennai-9.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Water Resources Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Fishermen Department,
Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowment Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Housing and Urban Development Department, Chennai-9.

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The Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Highways and Minor Ports Department, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Chennai-9.

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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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