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Subject: Directions on protection and restoration of water bodies in Delhi.

To expedite protection and restoration of Water Bodies in Delhi in a time bound manner and to support scientific conservation and management of wetlands in consonance with (Wetland [Conservation & Management] Rules, 2017), following instructions/directions are issued for strict compliance:-

1. Protection of water bodies in the district through the following actions:-
 - (1) To ensure that 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 Wetland Rules, 2017; and,
 - (vii) poaching.
 - (2) To ensure that the above prohibited activities in water bodies are taken cognizance of, swiftly acted upon and removed, if needed through existing mechanisms of STF for encroachment removal constituted vide order no. F.36(35)Div.Comm/Pt.File/201/1038-1045 dated 26.03.2014, or the grievance committee constituted vide F.5(01)/WA/2019/519-531 dated 01.07.2021.

(3) To identify all water bodies and ensure listing of all water bodies in the concerned district as per the definition of Wetlands in Wetland Rules, 2017 with the master list of the Wetland Authority of Delhi, so that none of the water bodies in the district is left unlisted and unmapped under the statutory framework. The department owning the water body shall also identified and communicated to the Wetland Authority of Delhi. The enumeration of water bodies and cross checking with revenue records including Geo tagging, identification and classification of all encroachments (Temporary or Permanent) and removal of temporary encroachments shall also be part of District Water Conservation Plan.

(4) To undertake measures for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on values and functions of wetlands. For organizing IEC Activities, the Rain Centre/Jal Shakti Kendra constituted under control of DM's vide no. DJB/DOR/201/2021/2816 dated 17.03.2021 as below, shall play a central role: -

ADM (Distt.)	-	Head of JSK
EE (DJB)	-	Technical Advisor
BDO/Tehsildar	-	Member
NYKS	-	Member
Co-Ordinator	-	An educated person appointed on contract.

(5) To consider the objections, if any, referred to by Wetland Authority of Delhi from the concerned and affected persons, during the process of notification of wetlands in the district by the Government of NCT of Delhi.

(6) To verify ownership of all wetlands in the district and identify departments or agencies or entities responsible for the preservation of waterbodies and communicate to Wetland Authority of Delhi. In case of wetlands in the process of being handed over to DDA, the committee shall liaise with concerned agencies and ensure handing over of water bodies to DDA.

(7) To identify mechanisms for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing development plans and programmes including flagship programs like Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Jal Jeevan Mission etc.

2. In addition, the District Magistrates should complete the following actions within one month and communicate to Wetland Authority of Delhi through the office of Divisional Commissioner:

- (1) Coordinate and decide the landowning departments of 36 water bodies (List annexed).
- (2) Conduct grievance committee meetings and resolve the grievances with wetlands.
- (3) Complete restoration of identified 118 model ponds in the districts.

This issues with the approval of Chief Secretary, GNCTD/Chairperson, Wetland Authority of Delhi.


(K.S. Jayachandran)
Member Secretary
Wetland Authority of Delhi

To,

1. All District Magistrates, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Copy to:-

2. Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD with a request to monitor and submit the action taken reports on a monthly basis.



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