



THE ASSAM GAZETTE

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 1st November, 2018

No.FRM.10/2010/Pt-I/16 : Consequent upon the constitution of the State Wetlands Authority by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India under rule 5(1) of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 issued 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, and in supersession of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, vide Notification No. G.S.R. 1203 (E) Dated 26th September, 2017, the Governor of Assam is pleased to bring to the notice of some provisions of the said notification applicable in respect of the State Wetlands Authority for the State of Assam which will be known as the Assam State Wetlands Authority, for general information, as below :-

1. Shri Parimal Suklavaidya - Chairperson
Hon'ble Minister, Environment and Forest etc.,
2. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam - Vice Chairperson
3. Senior-Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam - Member Ex-Officio
Environment & Forest Department
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Urban Development Department
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Rural Development Department
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Water Resources Department
8. Senior-Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam - Member Ex-Officio
Fisheries Department
9. Senior-Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam - Member Ex-Officio
Irrigation Department
10. Senior-Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam - Member Ex-Officio
Flood Control Department

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| 11. Senior-Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Tourism Department | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 12. Senior-Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Revenue & DM Department | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 13. Director, Assam Remote Sensing Authority | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 14. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 15. Member Secretary, Assam State Biodiversity Board | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 16. Member Secretary, Assam State Pollution Board | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 17. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
Govt. of India, NE Region, Shillong | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 18. Expert in the field of wetlands ecology (To be Nominated) | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 19. Expert in the field of wetlands hydrology (To be Nominated) | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 20. Expert in the field of Fisheries | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 21. Expert in the field of Landscape Planning & Socio-economics | - Member Ex-Officio |
| 22. Addl. Secretary, Environment & Forest Department | - Member Secretary |

Powers and Functions

The Authority shall under sub Rule 3 to sub rule of the Rule 5 of the Wetland rule shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions:

- (a) Prepare a list of all wetlands of the State or Union Territory 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 Central Government for the said purpose; the inventory to be updated 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 wetland 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, ground water recharge, flood buffering) and values (such as recreation and culture) are maintained or enhanced;
- (h) Review integrated management plan for its of the notified wetlands (including trans-boundary wetlands in coordination with Central Government), 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 complex have private tenancy rights, recommend mechanism for maintenance of ecological character through promotional activities of ecological character through promotional activities.
- (j) Identify mechanism for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing State/Union Territory level development plans and programme;
- (k) Ensure enforcement 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 or Union Territory administration or Central Government on the Status 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 of Union territory administration;
- (n) Issue necessary directions for conservations 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/Union Territory Administration.
- (q) The Authority shall , within ninety days of publication of these rules, shall constitute , - (a) a technical to review brief documents, management plans and advise of any technical matter referred by the Wetland Authority ;and
- (r) A grievance Committee consisting of four members to provide a mechanism for hearing and forwarding grievances raised by public to the authority ;
- (s) The Committee referred to in sub-rule (6) shall meet at least once in every quarter to perform their functions.
- (t) The Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.
- (u) The term of non official members of the authority nominated by State Government or Union Territory Administration , shall be for a period not exceeding three years.

By order and on behalf of Governor of Assam.

RAVI CAPOOR,

Addl. Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Environment and Forest Department.