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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Wetland Division)

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Notification of Wetlands under provisions of Wetlands (Conservation and Management Rules) 2017.

Consequent to notification of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 (Rule 2017), Ministry has issued guidelines for implementation of the provisions under the said rules including Rule (7).

The notification of the wetlands shall be based on the ground truthing of the information provided in the Atlas-2021 published by Space Applications Centre (SAC)- ISRO. Further, provision of Rules 2017 stipulates that the Brief Documents for all notified wetlands and Ramsar sites must be prepared within one year from the date of notification of the above referred rules.

Considering the enormous numbers of wetland suggested in the said Atlas, all States/UTs were requested to expedite the process of preparation of brief documents and its notification. Secretary, MoEFCC vide DO. no. 10.08.2021 (**copy enclosed**) has also emphasized to expedite the process of preparation of brief documents and consequent notification of all identified wetlands for compliance of Hon'ble NGT order in the matter O.A. 351/2019 dt. 25.11.2021.

To aggregate the work carried out by States/UTs in this regard, MoEFCC has launched a webportal (www.indianwetlands.in) wherein wetland Authorities can upload the work carried out in this regard.

In view of above, it is requested that work completed with regard to inventory of wetlands including their brief documents shall be uploaded on the web portal on priority. Compliance report on the above referred Hon'ble NGT order is to be submitted by MoEF&CC on regular basis.

This issue with the approval of competent authority.


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To

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D.O. No. J-22012/36/2020 CS(W)

10th August, 2021

Dear Chief Secretary

I am writing to you in connection with the Hon'ble NGT order dated 22.07.2021 in OA No.351 of 2019 in the matter of Raja Muzafar Bhat Vs State Government of Jammu and Kashmir (copy enclosed).

NGT has asked for compliance of the National Wetland Conservation and Management Rules (2017) as per which, all States/UTs had to constitute State Wetland Authorities, inventorise all the wetlands in the State, make a list of wetlands which had to be notified under the Rules and then start the process of notification.

However, as per the status received from the States(enclosed), it is seen that while the SWAs have been constituted in all the States, the process of inventorisation and preparation of Brief Documents hasn't even started in many of the States. As on date, only two wetlands, Ramgarh Taal in UP and Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh have been notified under the wetland Rules though Goa has placed draft notifications of 11 wetlands in the public domain.

I would request you to please direct the SWAs of your State of which statutorily, the Chief Secretary is the Vice-Chairperson, to initiate the process of notification of wetlands in the State. Detailed guidelines for implementation of the Rules and how to go about the process of notification has already been circulated by the Ministry on 13th March, 2020 and the same is also available on our website www.moef.gov.in.

The status of compliance of rules and notification of wetlands is to be informed to the NGT in two months' time and therefore, the same may please be expedited. In case of any queries, the state may communicate with Smt. Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary (manju.pandey@nic.in).

With Regards

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secretaries / Administrators of all the States / Union Territories