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Water Resources Department – Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order in O.A. No. 673/2018 in the matter of pollution abatement and rejuvenation of critically polluted rivers- Nomination of nodal officer- Orders issued - Reg.



WATER RESOURCES (WATER SUPPLY - C) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Rt)No. 223/2020/WRD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12.03.2020

- Read: 1. Order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dated 06.12.2019 in O. A. No.673/2018.
2. Letter number F No. A- 14011/OA-673/2019-WQM-1 dated 16.12.2019 from DH, WQM-1 Division, Central Pollution Control Board.
3. G.O(Rt) No. 93/2020/WRD dated 28.01.2020.

As per the Orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal read as 1st paper above, the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories were directed to set up appropriate monitoring mechanism at State level and Union specifying accountability of nodal authorities not below the Secretary level and ensure appropriate adverse entries in the ACRs of erring officers. It was also directed to undertake monitoring at State Level on fortnightly basis and to maintain record of progress. There shall be an accountable person attached to the office of the Chief Secretary for the purpose.

2. As per letter read as 2nd paper above, DH, Central Pollution Control Board has requested to take necessary action for ensuring compliance to the Hon'ble National Green Green Tribunal order within the stipulated timelines and to submit action taken report/progress report to Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti on monthly basis with a copy endorsed to Central Pollution Control Board.

3. In compliance with the Order of Hon'ble National green Tribunal dated 06.12.2019 in O.A.No.673/2018, Government, as per G.O. read as 3rd paper above had nominated Deputy Secretary (Projects), Water Resources Department as the nodal authority for Government of Kerala. However, it was observed that, there is a need for a monitoring mechanism under a senior officer who can be the nodal officer as this task requires intense interdepartmental co-ordination and as the said O.A. calls for a monitoring mechanism headed by an officer not below the level of Secretary. Government are pleased to appoint a Monitoring Committee comprising of:

- I. Additional Chief Secretary, (WRD)- Chairperson
- II. Principal Secretary(LSGD)- Nodal Officer (LSGD)& Member
- III. Principal Secretary(Environment)- Nodal Officer(Environment)& Member
- IV. Secretary(WRD)- Nodal Authority.(Water)& Member
- V. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary- Nodal Authority from Office of CS

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The above committee is entrusted to:

1. to ensure furnishing to monthly progress report as directed by NGT
2. to report default if any in compliance of NGT directions at any level
3. to fix compensation against defaulting local bodies and other departments
4. to suggest responsibilities/ accountabilities to be fixed on the HoDs/ department level / feild level officers concerned.

The GO(Rt) No. 93/2020/WRD dated 28.01.2020 is modified to this effect.

By order of the Governor
Dr. B. Ashok
Secretary to Government

To,

The Deputy Secretary(Projects), Water Resources Department
The Chief Engineer , Irrigation and Administration
The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board.
The Information Officer, Web and New Media, I&PRD.
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Section Officer