

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Environment Department- River Rejuvenation Committee, District Level Special Environment Suveillance Task Force, State Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force constituted in compliance with the Order dated 20-09-2018 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in O.A.No.673/2018 - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No.135/2018/Envt

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12-12-2018

Read: 1. Order dated 20-09-2018 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in O.A.No.673/2018 regarding news item " More river stetches are now critically polluted: CPCB" published in 'The Hindu'.

2. Letter No. PCB/HO/EE1/NGT/673/2018 dated 22/11/2018 of the Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

<u>ORDER</u>

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in its Order read as 1st paper above has directed the State to constitute River Rejuvenation Committee, District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force, State Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force inorder to prepare action plans within two months for bringing all the polluted river stetches to be fit atleast for bathing purposes. (i.e BOD<3mg/L and FC<500 MPN/100ml) within six months from the date of finalization of the action plans. The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board as per the letter read as 2nd paper above has requested Government to constitute above committees for complying with the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi.

- 2) Government have examined the matter in detail and hereby constitute the following committees in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in its Order read as 1st paper above.
 - A) River Rejuvenation Committee comprising the following members under the overall supervision and co-ordination of Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department.
 - 1. Director, Environment Department.
 - 2. Director, Urban Development Department.
 - 3. Director, Industries Department.
 - 4. Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board.

The River Rejuvenation Committee will sent the progress report on or before 15-12-2018 through e-mail id 'filing.ngt@gmail.com'.

- B) District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force comprising the following members.
 - 1. District Magistrate.
- 2. Superintendent of Police.
- 3. Regional Officer of the State Pollution Control Board.
- 4. One person will be nominated by the District Judge in every District in his capacity as Head of the District Legal Services Authority.
- C) State Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force comprising the following members
- 1. Chief Secretary.
- 2. Secretary, Environment Department.
- 3. Secretary, Urban Development Department.
- 4. Secretary, Local Self Government Department.

(By order of the Governor)

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Additional Secretary

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The Standing Counsel, National Green Tribunal, New Delhi (with C/L).

The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with C/L).

The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Urban Development Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Industries Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

The District Magistrates in all districts.

The Superintendent of Police in all districts.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board (through the Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board).

The District Judges in all districts.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department (for uploading in the Government website).

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