

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI  
OA.NO. 1117 OF 2024**

**In the matter of:**

News Item titled "From oasis to forsaken Where did" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 16.08.2024.

**NDOH:- 11.12.2024**

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Delhi Pollution Control Committee

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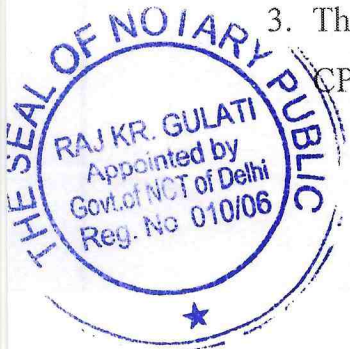
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RESPONSE OF DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE  
(RESPONDENT NUMBER 1 ) WITH RESPECT TO THE ORDER  
DATED 30.08.2024.

I, Deepak Kumar Singh, Additional Director, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, 3th Floor, Block-B, IT Park, Shastri Park, Delhi- 110053, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

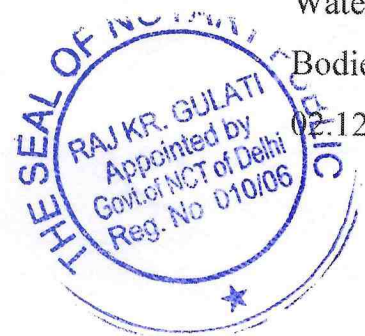
1. That, I am working as Additional Director, Delhi Pollution Control Committee and am conversant with the facts of the present case on the basis of record maintained by Delhi Pollution Control Committee in its ordinary course.
2. That, this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has taken up this matter suo motu on the basis of the news item titled "From oasis to forsaken Where did" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 16.08.2024 related to increased urban flooding in Delhi and its connection to the disappearance of water bodies in the capital.
3. That, This Hon'ble Tribunal on 30.08.2024 pleased to issue notice to DPCC, CPCB, Ministry of Jal, Delhi Watland Authority and Geospatial Delhi



Limited to file its response.

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4. That, this Hon'ble Tribunal has taken up similar issue related to Delhi's disappearing water bodies in Original Application No. 633 of 2024 in the matter News Item titled "The curious case of Delhi's disappearing water bodies" appearing in The Hindu dated 25.04.2024. DPCC has filed its response in the said matter on 11.09.2024.
5. That, Wetland Authority of Delhi has been constituted vide Notification dated 25.04.2019 of Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife, Government of NCT of Delhi for the purpose of the conservation and management of wetland for the Union Territory of Delhi. Copy of the Notification dated 25.04.2019 of Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife, Government of NCT of Delhi is enclosed herewith as Annexure-1.
6. That, in compliance of decisions taken by the Integrated Drain Management Cell (IDMC) in its 17th Meeting held on 18.04.2024 w.r.t. orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 08.04.2024 in W.P.(C) No. 7594/2018 in the matter of "Court on its own motion Vs. Union of India & Ors" and W.P.(C) No. 9617/2022 "Court on its own motion Vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Ors. , DPCC vide email dated 20 May, 2024 received two lists of 1045 & 322 Water Bodies along with Geo-coordinates (Latitude, Longitude) from Wetland Authority of Delhi. These lists were forwarded to concerned District Magistrates vide letter dated 24.05.2024 for ground truthing etc. Copy of the letter dated 24.05.2024 issued by DPCC is enclosed herewith as Annexure-2.
7. That as per the information provided by Wetlands Authority of Delhi by email dated 02.12.2024 there are total 1367 Water Bodies (1045 Listed Water Bodies + 322 Water bodies identified through Satellite Imagery). Out of 1367 Water Bodies, Ground Truthing has been done in case of 674 (631+43) Water Bodies. Total Number of visible Water bodies is 674. Copy of the email dated 02.12.2024 of Wetlands Authority of Delhi is enclosed herewith as





Annexure-3.

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8. That, the Response of DPCC may kindly be taken on record.

*Supal Singh*  
DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:

I, the above-named deponent, declare the contents of the present affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge based upon the documents and records available in the office and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

*Supal Singh*  
DEPONENT

ATTESTED

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

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PART—IV

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GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI

पर्यावरण विभाग

अधिसूचना

दिल्ली, 23 अप्रैल, 2019

सं.फा.1(07)/डी.पी.जी.एस./सी.केस/2017-18/9397.9429.—पर्यावरण वन, वन्यजीव एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, जी.एस.आर. 1203(ई) दिनांकित 26 सितंबर, 2017 द्वारा अधिसूचित आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण एवं प्रबंधन) नियम 2017 के नियम (5) व नियम (7) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल केंद्र शासित प्रदेश दिल्ली में आर्द्रभूमि (संरक्षण एवं प्रबंधन) के उद्देश्य से निम्नलिखित सदस्यों को निहित करते हुए, आर्द्रभूमि प्राधिकरण का गठन करते हैं:-

i.	मुख्य सचिव	अध्यक्ष
ii.	उपाध्यक्ष, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण	सदस्य पदेन
iii.	सचिव, प्रभारी—पर्यावरण विभाग	उपाध्यक्ष
iv.	प्रधान सचिव, प्रभारी—लोक निर्माण विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
v.	सचिव, प्रभारी—शहरी विकास विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
vi.	आयुक्त—सह—सचिव, प्रभारी—विकास विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
vii.	मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी, दिल्ली जल बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
viii.	सचिव, प्रभारी—मतस्य पालन विभाग	सदस्य पदेन



ix.	सचिव, प्रभारी-सिचाई एवं बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
x.	सचिव, प्रभारी-पर्यटन विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
xi.	सचिव, प्रभारी-राजस्व विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
xii.	प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, वन एवं वन्यजीव विभाग, दिल्ली	सदस्य पदेन
xiii.	प्रबंध निदेशक, भू-स्थानिक तथ्य समिति (जी.एस.डी.एल.)	सदस्य पदेन
xiv.	सदस्य सचिव, दिल्ली प्रदूषण नियंत्रण समिति	सदस्य पदेन
xv.	सदस्य सचिव, जैव विविधता बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
xvi.	आयुक्त, दिल्ली नगर निगम (उत्तर, दक्षिण एवं पूर्व)	सदस्य पदेन
xvii.	प्रमुख, दिल्ली ईकाइ, केंद्रीय भू-जल बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
xviii.	सचिव, दिल्ली छावनी बोर्ड	सदस्य पदेन
xix.	अतिरिक्त प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, क्षेत्रिय कार्यालय पर्यावरण वन, वन्यजीव एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, लखनऊ, उत्तर प्रदेश	सदस्य पदेन
xx.	निदेशक, दिल्ली विडियाघर	सदस्य पदेन
xxi.	अधीक्षक, पुरातत्वविद, भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण	सदस्य पदेन
xxii.	निदेशक, पर्यावरण विभाग	सदस्य पदेन
xxiii.	वन संरक्षक / मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी, डी.पी.जी.एस.	सदस्य पदेन

निम्नलिखित सदस्यों को विशेषज्ञ के रूप में नामित किया जाता है:-

- I. श्री आई. एच. खॉन, प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, सेवानिवृत्त
- II. श्री मनु भटनागर, इनटेक
- III. निदेशक, डी.टी.यू./प्रतिनिधि, डी.टी.यू.
- IV. निदेशक, आई. ए. आर. आई./प्रतिनिधि, आई. ए. आर. आई.

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली  
के उपराज्यपाल के नाम व आदेश से,

मधुप व्यास, सचिव (पर्यावरण एवं वन)

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND WILDLIFE

#### NOTIFICATION

Delhi, 23rd, April, 2019

No. E.1(07)/DPGS/C.Case/2017-18/9397-9429.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule (5) and Rule(7) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017 notified by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide GSR 1203(E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Lt. Governor of Delhi is pleased to constitute Wetlands Authority for the purpose of the conservation and management of wetland for the Union Territory of Delhi consisting of the following members:-

i.	Chief Secretary, Delhi	Chairperson
ii.	Vice Chairman, DDA	Member, Ex-officio
iii.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Environment	Vice-Chairman
iv.	Pr. Secretary-in-Charge PWD	Member, Ex-officio
v.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Urban Development	Member, Ex-officio

vi.	The Commissioner-cum-Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Development	Member, Ex-officio
vii.	CEO, Delhi Jal Board	Member, Ex-officio
viii.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Fisheries	Member, Ex-officio
ix.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Irrigation & Flood Control	Member, Ex-officio
x.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Department of Tourism	Member, Ex-officio
xi.	The Secretary-in-Charge of the Departments of Revenue	Member, Ex-officio
xii.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Delhi	Member, Ex-officio
xiii.	Managing Director, Geo Spatial Data Limited (GSDL)	Member, Ex-officio
xiv.	Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee	Member, Ex-officio
xv.	Member Secretary, Biodiversity Board of UT	Member, Ex-officio
xvi.	Commissioner of MCD(North, South and East)	Member, Ex-officio
xvii.	Head of Delhi unit of CGWB	Member, Ex-officio
xviii.	Secretary, Delhi Cantonment Board	Member, Ex-officio
xix.	Addl. PCCF of the regional office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Lucknow	Member, Ex-officio
xx.	Director, Delhi Zoo	Member, Ex-officio
xxi.	Superintendent, Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India	Member, Ex-officio
xxii.	Director, Environment	Member, Ex-officio
xxiii.	Conservator of Forest/CEO(DPGS)	Member Secretary

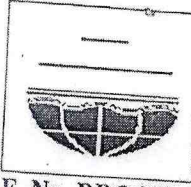
The following members are nominated as experts :-

- (i) Sh. I.H. Khan, PCCF (Retd.)
- (ii) Sh. Manu Bhatnagar, INTACH
- (iii) Director, DTU/Representative of DTU
- (iv) Director, IARI/Representative of IARI

By Order and in the Name of  
Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi,  
MADHUP VYAS, Secy. (Env. & Forest)



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By Speed Post/ Email  
Urgent / High Court Matter

**DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI-110006**  
 visit us at : <http://dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in>

F. No. DPCC/WMC-II/IDMC/2020/ 768-782

Dated: 24.05.2024

**Sub: List of 1045 & 322 Water Bodies received from Wetland Authority of Delhi**

Sir / Madam,

This has reference to the decisions taken by the Integrated Drain Management Cell (IDMC) in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 18.04.2024 w.r.t. orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 08.04.2024 in W.P.(C) No. 7594/2018 in the matter of "Court on its own motion Vs. Union of India & Ors" and W.P.(C) No. 9617/2022 "Court on its own motion Vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Ors."

In view of the decisions taken in the said meeting in respect of Water Bodies in Delhi, please find enclosed herewith two lists of 1045 & 322 Water Bodies along with Geo-Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude) received from the Wetland Authority of Delhi for urgent necessary action (Ground Truthing etc.).

It is requested to send the Action Taken Report to this office at the earliest.

This is to be treated as most urgent since Next Date of Hearing in the above mentioned High Court Case is 29.05.2024 and Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT is to attend the said hearing.

Yours Sincerely

Addl. Director &amp; In-Charge (WMC-II)

Enclosures : As Above (Through E-mail)

To,

1. District Magistrate (South) M.B. Road, Saket, New Delhi-110068
2. District Magistrate (Central) 14, Darya Ganj, New Delhi- 110002
3. District Magistrate (East) L.M. Bund, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31
4. District Magistrate (New Delhi) 12/1, Jam Nagar House, Sahajahan Road, New Delhi 110011
5. District Magistrate (North) Alipur, Delhi - 110036
6. District Magistrate (North East) D.C. Office Complex, Nand Nagri, Opposite Gagan Cinema, Delhi-93
7. District Magistrate (North West) Kanjhawala, Delhi - 110081
8. District Magistrate (Shahdara) Nand Nagri, Opposite Gagan Cinema, Delhi-93
9. District Magistrate (South East) Old Gargi College Building, Lajpat Nagar -IV, Delhi -110024
10. District Magistrate (South West) Old Terminal Tax Building Kapashera, New Delhi-37
11. District Magistrate (West) Plot No.3, Shivaji Place, Near West Gate Mall, Raja Garden, Delhi-110027

Copy to:

1. Divisional Commissioner, 5 Sham Nath Marg, Delhi-54.
2. Principal Secretary (Environment & Forest), 6th Floor, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, Delhi - 02.
3. Member Secretary, Wetland Authority of Delhi, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Delhi Secretariat, I.P.Estate, Delhi-02.
4. Special Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 10<sup>th</sup> Level C-Wing, Delhi Sachivalaya, JP Estate, New Delhi

Addl. Director &amp; In-Charge (WMC-II)





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Annexure-3

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## Monthly Progress Report for the Month of November, 2024

1 message

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**Shyam Sundar Kandpal** <ceodpgsenv.delhi@delhi.gov.in> Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 4:44 PM  
To: wmc2dpcc2023@gmail.com, dpcc wmc2 delhi <dpcc.wmc2.delhi@gmail.com>

Sir,

Please find the progress report for the month of November' 2024

Thanks & Regards

CEO, DPGS/ Member Secretary (Wetland Authority)  
Tel. 011-23392736



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## 22 Conservation of water bodies in Delhi

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1. Wetland Authority for Delhi has been constituted vide notification dated 25.04.2019 of Govt. of NCT of Delhi for conservation and management of Wetlands in Delhi.
2. Revenue Department has carried out ground truthing of water bodies and submitted the report. Wetland Authority has decided to rejuvenate 631 number of water bodies out of 1045 listed water bodies in first phase through the land owning agencies. It is also to submit that 322 additional sites identified by GSDL were ground truthed by Revenue Department and as per the report only 43 numbers of sites were found visible on the field. Details are follows:-

S. Nos.	District	Total Number (1367)		Ground Truthing Report		Total No. of Water Bodies prioritized for rejuvenation in Ist Phase
		Listed Water Bodies (1045)	Sites identified through Satellite imagery by GSDL (322)	No. of Water Bodies prioritized for rejuvenation in Ist Phase (Out of 1045)	No. of sites requested to be entered in Revenue records. (Out of 322)	
1.	East	46	4	6	0	6
2.	North East	32	15	11	0	11
3.	Shahadara	28	9	6	1	7
4.	North	196	79	143	0	143
5.	North West	135	32	100	4	104
6.	South	135	55	64	14	78
7.	South East	50	17	22	4	26
8.	South West	274	56	209	7	216
9.	West	64	22	39	3	42
10.	New Delhi	62	12	17	3	20
11.	Central	23	21	14	7	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>1045</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>674</b>

3. Wetland Authority of Delhi requested Revenue Department to map these new 43 number of water bodies and enter the same into the revenue records and further a plan may be made by land owning agency for the restoration/rejuvenation of the water body. If the water body pertains to other land owning agency same may be intimated to Wetland Authority. The reply from Revenue Department is awaited.
4. That the following action are being taken in compliance to Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated 08.04.2024 :



- (i) Making entries of water bodies in revenue records, by assigning responsibilities of each of such water body to specific officer, who shall visit such water body every fortnight to ensure its upkeep.
  - (ii) Committees responsible for ground truthing and rejuvenation of these water bodies and execution of projects at ground at District Level was constituted.
  - (iii) Cleaning of water bodies through de-silting and removing of floating and other invasive aquatic plant species.
5. Wetland Authority of Delhi has requested to the concerned land owning agencies to clean the water bodies through de-silting and remove floating and other invasive aquatic plant species or else any other technology suiting local conditions and submit the report.
  6. Meeting of Wetland Authority of Delhi has been conducted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD on 09.08.2024 and the District Magistrates were directed that completion of the restoration of water bodies has to be ensured through the District Committees formed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated 08.04.2024 (W.P(C) No. 9617/2022) and it shall be ensured without fail that the work is completed after removal of encroachment before 31.12.2024.
  7. Wetland Authority of Delhi had directed the land-owning departments vide letter No.F.5(16)/WA/WB/DIRECTIONS/2023-24/3403-3400 dated 30.10.2024 to take several measures towards protection of water bodies under their jurisdiction as well as restoration and rejuvenation of water bodies.

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