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Date :10/06/2025

From: Senior Special Secretary  
to the Govt. of West Bengal

To: 1. Director, Land and Land Record Survey, Government of West Bengal  
2. District Magistrate, All Districts, West Bengal


Sub: Notification regarding clearance for conversion or alteration of water bodies.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward the Notification No.1134/ENV/O-8/2025 dt. 10.06.2025 for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo. : As stated.

Yours faithfully,

  
Senior Special Secretary  
to the Govt. of West Bengal

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Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB), Paribesh Bhawan.
2. Director, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management (IESWM).
3. Member Secretary, West Bengal Biodiversity Board.
4. Chief Technical Officer, East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority.
5. The CTO, State Wetlands Authority.
6. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment Department.
7. PS to Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal.
8. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department.

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Whereas the water bodies form a vital part of hydrological cycle, are highly productive, support exceptionally large biodiversity, and

Whereas the water bodies act as regulator of water regime, source for underground recharge source of underground water recharging, mechanism for waste water treatment air quality purifier and store of water for fire fighting and whereas the water bodies are essential for productive pisciculture, and

Whereas it is expedient to provide for protection to the extent of water bodies within a region to ensure sustainable use of the ecological services provided by the water bodies, and

Whereas conversion or alteration of water bodies for implementation of developmental projects also become necessary in some cases, in the interest of sustainable development, and

Whereas the Government of West Bengal, in the Department of Land and Land Reforms, Land Reforms Branch, vide their Notification vide No. 4297-LR/1A-05/07 GE(M) dated 17.09.2009, have stipulated that all applications for conversion and alteration of any land having water body shall have to be accompanied by an affidavit in prescribed Form for creation of compensatory water body, and that the District Land and Land Reforms Officer shall not make any order directing change, conversion or alteration of the land having water body without prior consultation in writing with the Fisheries Department and the Environment Department at the block or regional level for obtaining necessary clearance in this regard.

Whereas in the year 2017 to preserve, manage and protect wetlands all over the West Bengal, State Wetlands Authority has constituted in compliance with Rule 5(1) of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Whereas on 16.02.2024, District Level Wetlands Committee have been formed to provide support to State Wetlands Authority to protect, conserve and manage wetlands at district level.

Therefore, the notification vide no. 425/EN/O-42/2014 which states that West Bengal Pollution Control Board, through its regional offices in different district locations is hereby authorised to receive, examine and respond to all such proposals received from respective District Land and Land Reforms Officers for conversion or alteration of water bodies is quashed.

Furthermore, it is now ordered that State Wetlands Authority shall examine and respond to all such proposals which are received by the Environment Department for conversion or alteration of water bodies at district level. In this regard, help of District Level Wetlands Committee or West Bengal Pollution Control Board may be taken if deemed necessary. After proper verification, final clearance may be issued by the State Wetlands Authority on behalf of the Department of Environment.



Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department,  
Government of West Bengal