



## ABSTRACT

Forests – Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority – Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 – Reconstitution of Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority - Notifications - Orders - Issued.

### Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.9) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 219

Dated: 24.12.2024

குரோதி, மார்க்டி-9,  
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு, 2055

Read:-

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Notification dated 26.09.2017.
2. G.O.(Ms). No.148, Environment Forests (FR5) Department, dated 26.11.2018.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, TNSWA Letter No. TNSWA1/26211/2021, dated; 18.01.2024 and 12.8.2024.

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### ORDER:

In the notification first read above, by virtue of the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 the Government of India have constituted, State Wetland Authority in each State with the members specified therein as follows:-

i)	Minister In-charge of the Department of Environment/ Forests of the State Government or Minister In-charge of the Department handling wetlands	Chairperson
ii)	Chief Secretary of the State or Additional Chief Secretary equivalent	Vice Chairperson
iii)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Environment	Member ex-officio
iv)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Forests	Member ex-officio
v)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Urban Development	Member ex-officio

vi)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Rural Development	Member ex-officio
vii)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Water Resources	Member ex-officio
viii)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Fisheries	Member ex-officio
ix)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Irrigation and Flood Control	Member ex-officio
x)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Tourism	Member ex-officio
xi)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Revenue	Member ex-officio
xii)	Director, State Remote Sensing Centre	Member ex-officio
xiii)	Chief Wildlife Warden	Member ex-officio;
xiv)	Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board	Member ex-officio
xv)	Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board	Member ex-officio
xvi)	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change	Member ex-officio;
xvii)	One expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, landscape planning and socio-economics to be nominated by the State Government; and	
xviii)	Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary / Director in the Department of Environment / Forests or Department of handling wetlands	Member Secretary.

2. In the Government Order second read above, the Government have notified the reconstituted "Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority" under the Chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Minister (Forests).

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority has now furnished a proposal in the letter third cited for reconstitution of Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority as the three years tenure of five non official members (Expert Members) had expired.

4. The Government after careful consideration, accordingly hereby reconstitute the State Wetlands Authority of Tamil Nadu under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (Forests) and notify as follows:-

(i)	Hon'ble Minister (Forests)	Chairperson
(ii)	Chief Secretary to Government	Vice Chairperson
(iii)	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department	Member ex-officio
(iv)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Housing and Urban Development Department.	Member ex-officio
(v)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.	Member ex-officio
(vi)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department	Member ex-officio
(vii)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department.	Member ex-officio
(viii)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department.	Member ex-officio
(ix)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department.	Member ex-officio
(x)	Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.	Member ex-officio
(xi)	Professor and Director, Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University.	Member ex-officio
(xii)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden.	Member ex-officio
(xiii)	Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State, Bio-diversity Board.	Member ex-officio
(xiv)	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.	Member ex-officio

(xv)	<p>Under clause (xvii) of the Rule 5(l) of the Wildlife (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.</p> <p>One expert each in the fields of Wetland Ecology, Hydrology, Fisheries, Landscape Planning and Socio-economics.</p> <p>a) Dr.TV.Ramachandra, Co-ordinator, Energy &amp; Wetlands Research Group (CES TE 15) Centre for Ecological Sciences New BIOSCIENCE BUILDING, Third Floor, E Wing (Near D Gate) INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, Bangalore 560 012. (Expert in Wetland Ecology)</p> <p>b) Dr.V.Selvam, 23, Thillai Natarajar Road, Kanagasabai Nagar, Chidambaram – 608 001. Cuddalore District. (Expert in Hydrology)</p> <p>c) Dr.S.Felix, Former Vice Chancellor,TNJFU Founder Chairman, AQUAFIN D-3 Grace Castle, Vaanavil Vasal Senthil Nagar Sixth Street, Perungudi, Chennai – 600 096. (Expert in Fisheries)</p> <p>d) Dr.K.Sankar, Former Director, SACON, MOEFCC 13/14 State Bank Colony, Extension of 7th Cross Street, Shastri Nagar, Adayar, Chennai – 600 020. (Expert in Landscape Planning)</p> <p>e) Dr.Vineeta Hoon, Centre for action research on environment science and society, 160 Sivananda Road, Gillnagar ext 2, Chennai - 600 094. (Expert in Socio-Economics)</p>	Members
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(xvi)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and /Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and /Chief Conservator of Forests	Member Secretary
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5. The Government co-opted the following person from Civil Society as per para (13) of Guideline for the wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017:-

Thiru.Darwin Annadurai,  
852, Kalaivanar Salai,  
Dhayakar Avenue,  
Chitlapakkam,  
Chennai-600 064

Term of the expert Members above shall be three years. Traveling Allowances and Dearness Allowances to the expert members shall be permitted as equivalent to the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> class committee of the State Government.

6. Accordingly, the appended Notification shall be published both in English and Tamil in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

7. The Tamil Development and Information Department is requested to send immediately a Tamil Translation of the Notification to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai 600 079 for publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

8. The Works Manager, Government Central Press is requested to send twenty copies of each (in English and Tamil) of the Notification to the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority and to the Government.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**P. SENTHILKUMAR**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-79.  
The Director of Stationery and Printing, Chennai-2.  
Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Housing and Urban Development Department, Chennai-9.  
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Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State, Bio-diversity Board, Chennai-100.  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Nungambakkam, Chennai-34.  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, Chennai-15.  
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force), Chennai-15.  
Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government,  
Tamil Development and Information Department, Chennai-9. (for Tamil translation)  
All Expert Members (Through Member Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority)

Copy to :

Hon'ble Chief Minister Officer, Chennai-9.  
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister  
(Finance & Environment, Climate Change), Chennai-9.  
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai-9.  
The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Chennai-9.  
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//FORWARDED / BY ORDER//

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**APPENDIX**  
**NOTIFICATION**

In pursuance of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the State Wetlands Authority of Tamil Nadu under sub-rule (1) of Rules 5 of the said Rules, as follows:-

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