

சுற்றறிக்கை

ந.க.எண்.16648/ 2021/டிபி2

நாள் : 21.09.2021

பொருள்: நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்புகள் - நகர்பகுதியில் உள்ள நீர்நிலையின் நிலை மற்றும் நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்புகள் குறித்த ஆய்வுக் கூட்டம் - கூட்ட குறிப்புகள் (Minutes of the Meeting) தெரியப்படுத்துதல் - அறிவுரை வழங்குதல் - தொடர்பாக.

- பார்வை:**
1. அரசுக் கடிதம் எண்.15386/ந.நி 5 (1)/2021-1, நகராட்சி நிர்வாகம் மற்றும் குடிநீர் வழங்கல் துறை, நாள்.30.07.2021.
 2. நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்பு அகற்றுவது குறித்து தலைமைச் செயலர் தலைமையில் 31.07.2021 அன்று நடைபெற்ற கூட்ட குறிப்புகள் (Minutes of the Meeting)
 3. இவ்வலுவலகக் கடிதம் ந.க.எண்.16648/2021/டிபி2, நாள்.07.09.2021.

பார்வை (1)-ல் காணும் அரசுக் கடிதத்தில் தெரிவித்துள்ளவாறு, நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்புகளை அகற்றுவது குறித்து அரசு தலைமைச் செயலர் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் 31.07.2021 அன்று நடைபெற்ற முதற்கட்ட ஆய்வுக் கூட்ட குறிப்புகள் இத்துடன் இணைத்து அனுப்பப்படுகிறது.

மேலும், மேற்படி ஆய்வுக் கூட்டத்தில் அரசுத் தலைமைச் செயலர் தெரிவித்துள்ள வழிகாட்டுதலுக்கிணங்க கீழ்க்காணும் அறிவுரை வழங்கப்படுகிறது.

- 1) நகர்பகுதியில் உள்ள அரசு புறம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் / நீர்நிலைகள் போன்றவற்றில் ஆக்கிரமித்து கட்டியுள்ள குடியிருப்புகளுக்கு சம்பந்தப்பட்ட நகர்புற உள்ளாட்சி அமைப்புகள் குடிநீர் இணைப்பு வழங்கக் கூடாது. மின்சார வாரியத்தால் மின் இணைப்பு வழங்கப்படுவதையும் தடை செய்ய வேண்டும்.
- 2) தொடர்ச்சியாக புகார் வரப்பெற்ற நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்பு மீதும், நீர் வரத்து அதிகம் உள்ள நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்பு மீதும் அதிக கவனம் செலுத்தி முதற்கட்ட நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட வேண்டும்.

- 3) நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்புகளை அகற்றிய பின்னர், மீட்டெடுத்த நீர்நிலை இடங்களை பாதுகாத்திடவும், அவ்விடத்தில் மீண்டும் ஆக்கிரமிப்பு ஏற்படா வண்ணம் மரங்கள் நட்டு பாதுகாத்திட வேண்டும்..
- 4) ஆக்கிரமிப்பிலிருந்து மீட்டெடுத்த நீர்நிலைகளை மீண்டும் பழைய நிலைமைக்கு கொண்டு வந்து பராமரிக்க வேண்டும்.
- 5) மேலும், பார்வை (3)-ல் காணும் இவ்வலுவலகக் கடிதத்தில் கோரியுள்ளவாறு நகர்பகுதியில் உள்ள நீர்நிலையின் நிலை மற்றும் நீர்நிலை ஆக்கிரமிப்பு குறித்த விவரங்களை அனுப்பி வைக்கும்படி அறிவுறுத்தப்படுகிறது.

இணைப்பு : மேற்படி

ஓம்/-பா. பொன்னையா
நகராட்சி நிர்வாக இயக்குநர்.

பெறுநர்

அனைத்து மாநகராட்சி ஆணையர்கள்.

அனைத்து நகராட்சி ஆணையர்கள்.

நகல்

அனைத்து நகராட்சி நிர்வாக மண்டல இயக்குநர்கள்.

// ஆணைப்படி அனுப்பப்படுகிறது //

கண்காணிப்பாளர்.
S. S. S.
21/09/21



**Municipal Administration
and Water Supply [MA-V(1)]
Department, Secretariat,
Chennai- 600 009.**

Letter No.15386/MA-V(1)/2021-2, dated:31.08.2021

From

Thiru Shiv Das Meena, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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To

The Director of Municipal Administration,
Chennai-600 028.(w.e)

The Principal Secretary / Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai - 600 003 (w.e)

The Commissioner of Town Panchayats,
Chennai - 600 028 (w.e)

The Managing Director,
Chennai Metropolitan and Water Supply Sewage Board,
Chennai - 600 028 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Water Resources Department - Eviction of encroachment
in water bodies / water courses - action to be taken -
Preliminary meeting on 31.7.2021 at 3.30 P.M - Minutes
of the meeting - Sent - Regarding.

- Ref:**
1. From the Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Letter No.11685/W2/
2021-1, dated: 30.07.2021.
 2. Government Letter No.15386/MA5(1)/2021-1, dated
30.07.2021.
 3. From the Special Secretary to Government, Public
Works Department, Letter No.11685/W2/ 2021-3,
dated 13.08.2021.

In continuation of the Government letter second cited I am directed to
enclose a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 31.07.2021 under the

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Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government and request you to take necessary action mentioned therein and send the action taken report to Government on or before 03.09.2021 Positively.

2. This may be treated as 'Most Immediate'.

Yours faithfully,

N. Shrivastava
1-9-2021

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government
01/09/21



Letter No.11685 /W2/2021- 3, dated 13.08.2021.

From
Thiru.T. Ravindra Babu, B.E.,
Special Secretary to Government.

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
MAWS Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment and Climate Change Forest Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and PR Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Chairman cum Managing Director, TNEB,
NP K R Ramasamy Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600002.

The Managing Director, TWAD Board, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76,
Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

The Engineer in Chief and Chief Engineer (General),
Water Resources Department Chennai-5.

All Regional Chief Engineers, Water Resources Department.

Sir,

Sub:- Water Resources Department – Eviction of
encroachment in water bodies / water courses – Action
to be taken – Minutes of the meeting held on
31.07.2021 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Chief
Secretary to Government – Communicated – Reg.

Ref: Government Letter No. 11685 / W2 / 2021 -2, Public
Works Department, dated 30.07.2021.

I am directed to invite your attention to the above reference cited and to enclose the approved minutes of the meeting held on 31.07.2021 at 3.00 PM under the

Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government regarding the implementation of eviction process in water bodies and water courses in all over Tamil Nadu.

Yours faithfully

R. Aravindan
13.8.2021.
for Special Secretary to Government

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13/8/2021

Public Works (W2) Department

**Public Works Department
Water Resources Department**

**Minutes of Review Meeting conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government
regarding Eviction of Encroachment on 31.07.2021**

The Chief Secretary to Government conducted a Review on action plan for Eviction of water bodies water course poramboke Encroachments on 31.07.2021 at 3.30 PM in the Chief Secretary Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Secretariat, Chennai - 9. The list of officers present is furnished in Annexure -I.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary to Government, welcomed all the officers to the meeting and highlighted the importance of Eviction of Encroachment in view of series of judgements by Courts and National Green Tribunal (NGT) with the following introductory points.

- An Integrated approach / mechanism has to be evolved to evict and prevent further encroachment.
- All departments have to play appropriate role in eviction of encroachments and preserving water bodies.
- Water bodies are not holding water to its full capacity due to siltation, therefore desilting must be done.
- Hon'ble Courts and NGT Benches have reiterated the necessity of eviction of encroachments and prevention of pollution.
- Further, status of Water bodies upkeep is being adversely portrayed in media also.

With these opening remarks, the Chief Secretary stressed the importance of eviction of encroachments and requested the Heads of the Departments who are attending to suggest action plan to protect water bodies from encroachment, pollution and garbage dumping.

Then Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department made a brief power point presentation highlighting the essentiality of Eviction of Encroachment and stressed the following points:-

1. Highly objectionable encroachments that are likely to cause damages to properties due to flood, reduction in storage, are to be removed immediately well before onset of North East Monsoon. Further objectionable and seasonal

encroachments are to be identified and removed in a phased manner for this field survey & demarcation may be done by Revenue Survey Department officials.

2. To monitor the process of the eviction, it is proposed to constitute Multi Department Committees at District and Division level.
3. District Level Committee may meet once in 3 months and Division Level Committee may meet every month to monitor the eviction activity.
4. The Committee will ensure inter departmental coordination for disconnecting which are identified as encroachments.
5. Local body shall not provide water supply and other facilities to any type of habitations or dwellings coming up in Government poramboke / Water body and which are declared as encroachments. TNEB shall disconnect Power Supply to encroachers immediately and new connections shall not be given to encroachments made in water course poramboke.
6. Responsibility / Accountability to be fixed against
 - Officials who are not vigilant enough to protect water bodies.
 - Officials who provide power and water supply to any type of habitations on Encroached Poramboke / water body.

7. Local Authorities, Industries Department, Pollution Control Board, Environment & Forest Department may take required action to stop any solid or liquid waste is not dumped in water bodies which draws criticism in media and critical remarks from Judiciary.

After the presentation, the Chief Secretary made the following observation regarding the role played by our ancestors, Kings in storing rain water.

Then he requested the Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries participated in the meeting to offer their views.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Department offers the following remarks:-

1. Licensed surveyors may be deployed for this purpose and the expenditure may be incurred by Water Resources Department.
2. GIS Mapping is a long term task and already in progress. This need not be linked to eviction but shall continue independently.
3. As eviction process throughout the State is a massive one, this may be taken up in phased manner based on priority.
4. As per the Tamil Nadu Protection of Tanks and Eviction of Encroachment Act in 2007, Committees at District, Division and Taluk Level have already been

formed. They may be revived and made use for effective eviction. The Committees now proposed shall function as a Monitoring Committees.

- 5. After reclaiming the land, boundaries may be fenced to protect from further encroachments.

The Additional Chief Secretary, MAWS Department explained about various issues that can arise during the process of eviction and made his observation as follows:-

- 1. As many of the encroachers are from very low income group and their livelihood is linked to their work places, Relocation and Resettlement becomes a challenge.
- 2. Necessary funds to be provided for Relocation and Resettlement particularly in urban area.
- 3. Funding from Government of India may be obtained under various schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- 4. Housing and Urban Development Department should be involved in the resettlement process and sufficient number of houses should be made available.

The Principal Secretary, Rural Development suggested the following:-

- 1. There are large number of Minor Irrigation tanks, Ponds, Ooraries and Inlet & Outlet channels under the purview of Rural Development.
- 2. MNREGA has been effectively used for desilting the waterbodies and standardizing bunds.
- 3. Focused attention is to be paid to control Garbage dumping in waterbodies.
- 4. WRD Engineers may take a proactive role to check encroachment.
- 5. Rain water harvesting should be encouraged to conserve precious rain water that flows into sea.

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) informed that the Corporation has planned to rejuvenate 100 waterbodies out of 210 waterbodies under the control of GCC. Slums that have been identified as encroachments have been cleared in phased manner by providing suitable alternative houses at different places.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Highways Department suggested the following:-

- 1. Water Resources Department Engineers may identify the obstructions made in water course / water bodies by roads, culverts, low level causeway etc., and

communicate the same to the Highways Department so that they can be replaced suitably to allow free flow of water and avoid inundation.

2. Boundaries may be demarcated by erecting boundary stones so that public may easily identify new encroachments coming in the form of Residential / Commercial building on Government Poromboke land and inform the respective Committees to take action.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate change & Forest department has stated the following:-

1. Action will be taken to arrest the infall of sewage in to waterbodies by construction of STPs.
2. Pollution in the waterbodies will be monitored and steps will be taken to clear all solid waste from the waterbodies.

The Chief Secretary to Government state the following as the recap of the discussions:-

- ✓ 1. Eviction in all water bodies in a single phase is a mammoth task and should be planned and implemented in phased manner throughout the State. (Action – All Department concerned).
2. Detailed work plan may be charted out by Public Works Department (Water Resources) for implementing the eviction drive in co-ordination with WRD, MAWS, RD, E & F, Revenue, Industries, TNEB, Highways and Agricultural Engineering Departments wherever Court matters are involved, assurance may be given to the Hon'ble Court expressing the commitment of the Government towards evicting encroachment and preserving waterbodies. Necessary guidelines will be issued based on the inputs from WRD, MAWS, Revenue, RD & PR, E & F, TNPCB.
- ✓ 3. Highly objectionable encroachments may be prioritized and taken up in Phase-I and farm encroachments in the upstream water spread area also must be removed as this leads to encroachers causing damages to bunds and sluices of waterbodies apprehending inundation.
- ✓ 4. The Evicted land shall be adequately protected and wherever possible reclaimed area may be used for Parks, walkway etc, to prevent further encroachment. Usufruct trees / Avenue trees of native species may be planted.
- ✓ 5. MAWS Department may identify small Ponds / Kulams in the Urban Limits and restore them to their original condition so as to recharge Groundwater.
6. Farmers and dynamic youth of the locality may be encouraged to take up the ownership in protecting precious water bodies. They shall also be involved in identifying buried water course and restore them.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Public Works Department thanked all the officials for their active participation and valuable suggestion. With this the meeting came to a close.

**V. IRAI ANBU
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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*D. H. S. 27/08/2021
13.8.2021.*

SECTION OFFICER

13/8/2021

Annexure-I

LIST OF OFFICERS ATTENDED THE MEETING

The meeting in respect of implementing of eviction of encroachment in waterbodies was held on 31.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government. The following Officers attend the meeting:-

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 9.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
MA&WS Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Industries Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and PR Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Highways and Minor Ports Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Energy Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Special Secretary to Government,
Industries Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Building, Chennai-3.

