

East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority

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No: 200/CTO/EN/200(4)/2022-23

Date: 26.06.2023

From: Kaliyamurthi Balamurugan, IFS

Chief Technical Officer

To:

The District Magistrate South 24 Parganas

Sub: Demolition of illegal construction at Mouza-Dakshin Dhapa Manpur, J.L.No. 1, G.P.-Bamonghata, P.S. Kolkata Leather Complex, Dist.- South 24 Parganas

Sir

It has come to the notice of this office that some illegal constructions are going on at Mouza-Dakshin Dhapa Manpur, J.L.No. 1, G.P.-Bamonghata, P.S. Kolkata Leather Complex, Dist.- South 24 Parganas which is falling within the East Kolkata Wetlands area (Photographs attached).

The East Kolkata Wetland is governed by the East Kolkata Wetlands(Conservation & Management) Act, 2006 and Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017. Section 9 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006 states that any change of character or mode of use of land within the East Kolkata Wetlands is not permitted without previous sanction of the Authority. Rule 4 of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India states that any construction of a permanent nature within East Kolkata Wetlands (being a Ramsar Site) is prohibited. The above-mentioned construction works are being carried out without any permission from the Authority, thereby violating the statutory provisions.

As the name of violator/owner/developer could not be identified, the staffs of EKWMA pasted one notice vide no. 147/CTO/EN/200(4)/2022-23 dated 12.05.2023 upon the said structures with a request to hand it over to the violator/owner/developer of the construction to appear for hearing before CTO, EKWMA on 24.05.2023. In the said notice, the violator/owner/developer was directed to stop the illegal work of construction immediately and to show cause why legal action should not be initiated against them for violating the provision(s) of the said laws(copy enclosed).

A copy of notice was also forwarded to the Inspector-in-charge/Officer-in-charge, Kolkata Leather Complex Police Station, Block Development Officer, Bhangor-2 Block, Pradhan, Bamanghata Gram Panchayet to take steps to stop the illegal work immediately and preserve the character of wetlands as per section 20 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006 (copy enclosed).

However, no one appeared for hearing on the said date.

In light of the above, and as per directives of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court dated 04.03.2022 passed in W.P.O.541/2017 and Order passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Bench dated 10.02.2020 and 28.04.2022 in O.A.32/2019/EZ you are directed to demolish the said illegal construction within 30 days from the date of issuing this letter and restore the land to its previous condition and send a report of compliance to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

Enclo: stated as above.

(Kaliyamurthi Balamurugan)

No: 2003-CTO/EN/200(4)/2022-2023

Date: 2606.2023

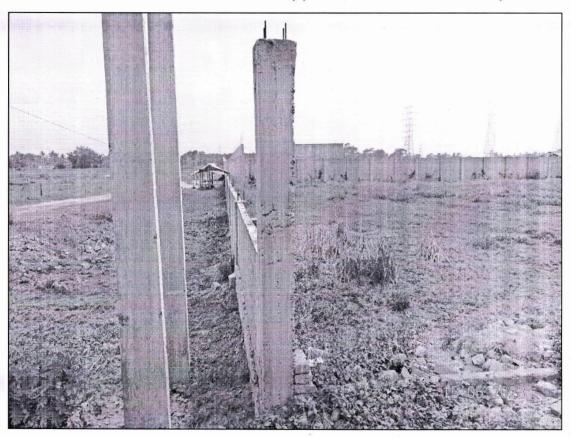
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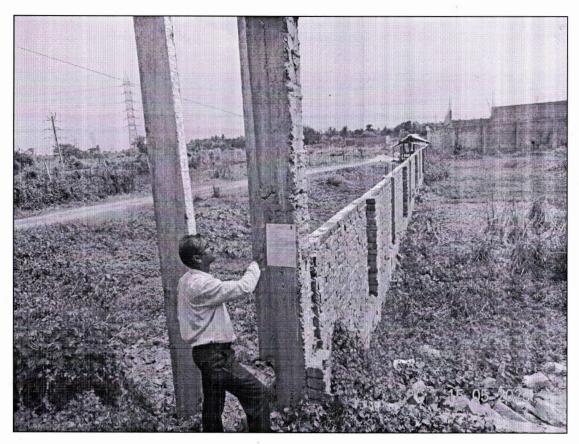
- 1. The Officer-in-Charge, P.S.Kolkata Leather Complex, South 24 Parganas.
- 2. The OSD to Hon'ble Minister -in-Charge, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal.
- 3. Sr. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal.

Sincerely,

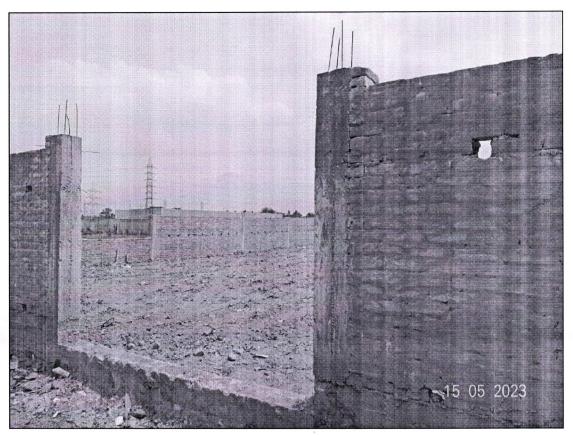
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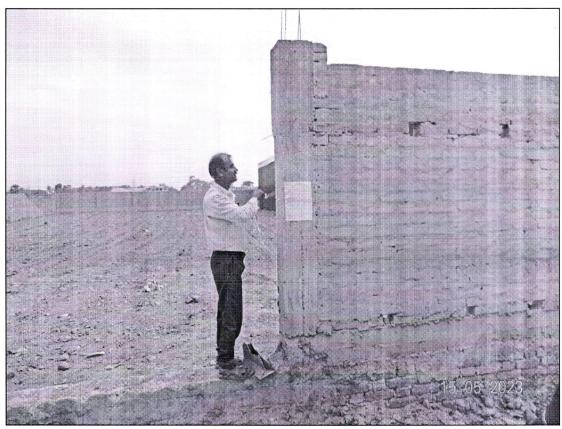
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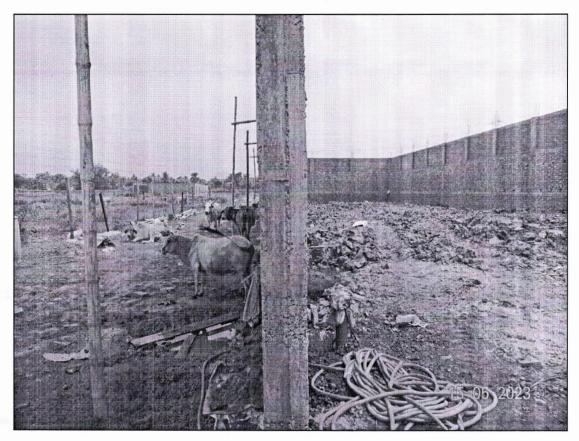


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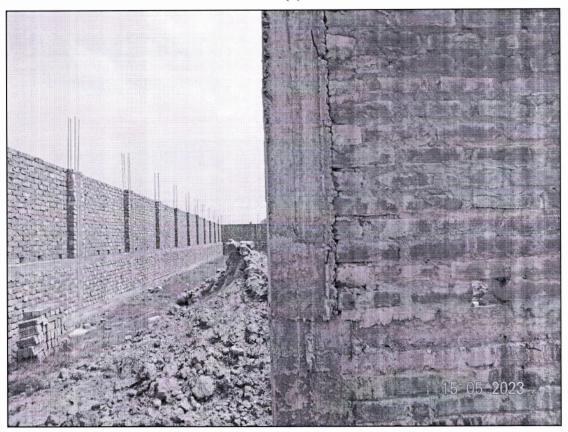


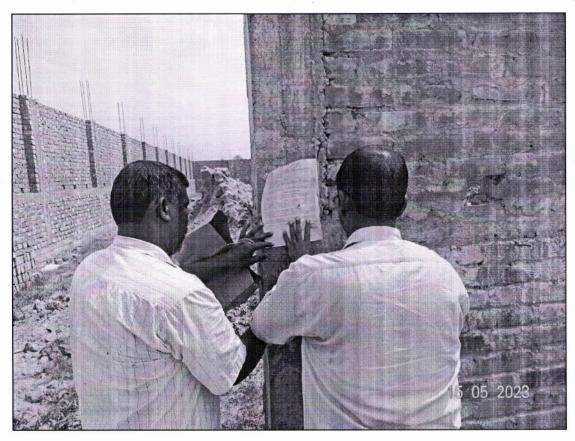
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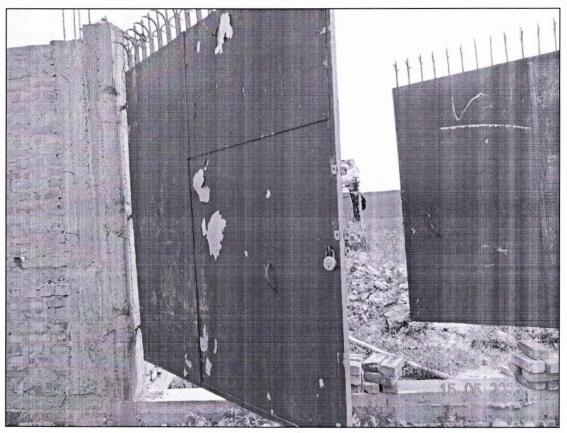


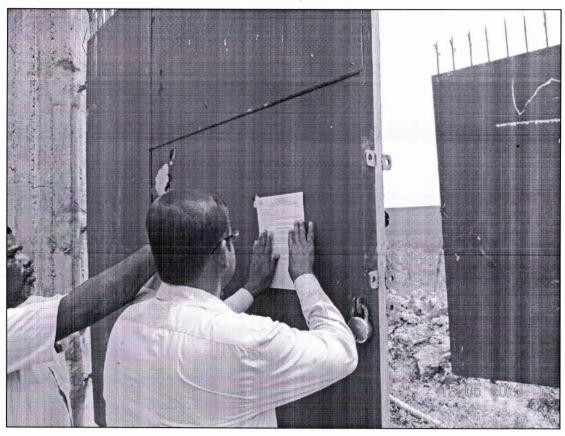
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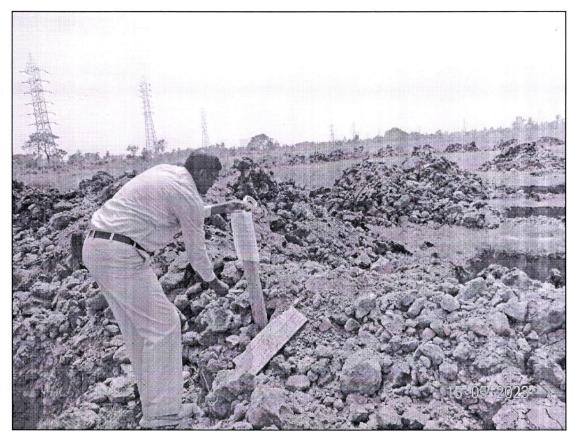
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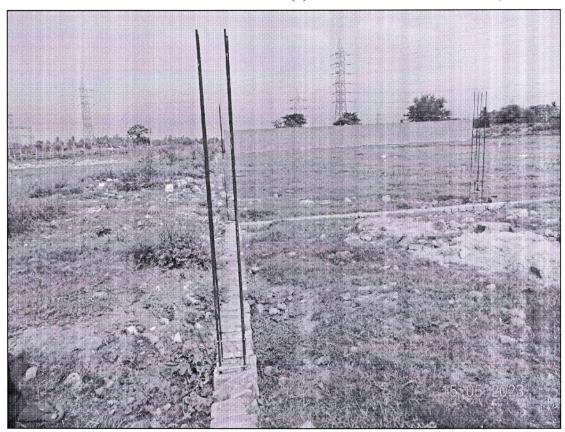


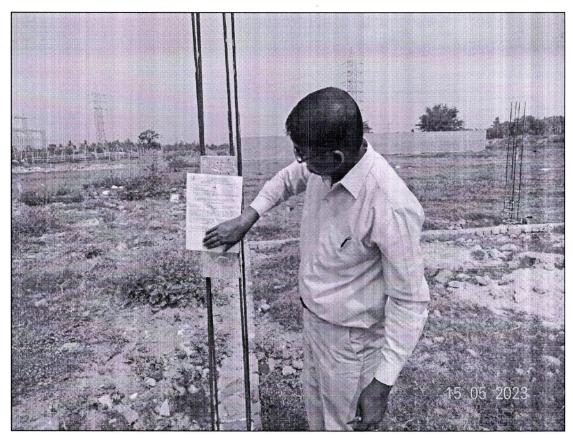
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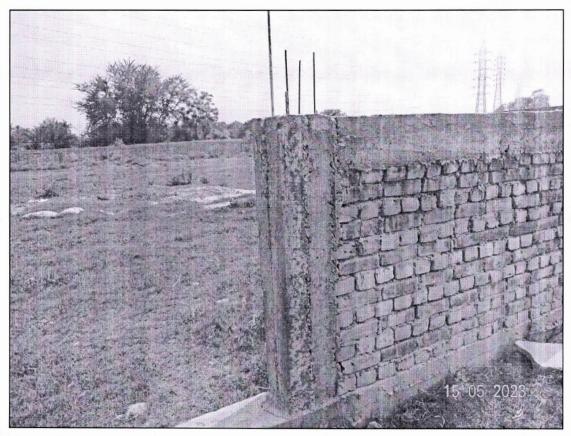


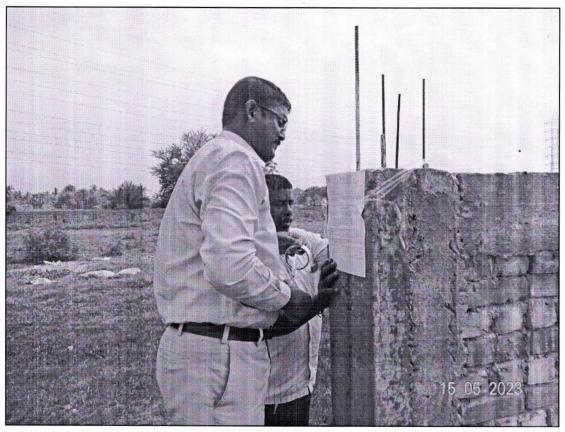
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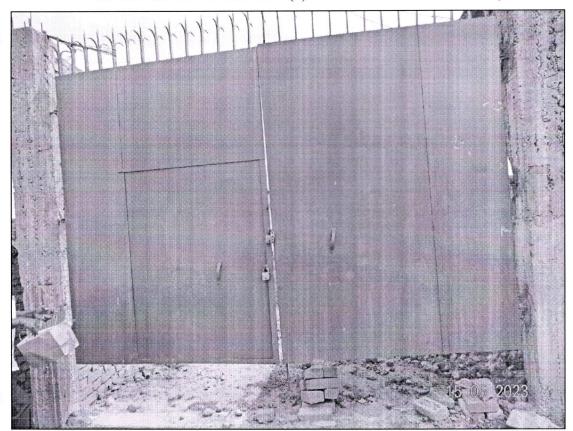


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No: 147-CTO/EN/200(4)/2022-2023

Date: 12.05.2023

From: K. Balamurugan, IFS Chief Technical Officer

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To: The Occupiers / The Violators/ Promoter/ Developer/ Owner/ Investor of this structure, upon which this notice is pasted/ served to/site worker or neighbour with a request to hand over to the violator/ owner/ developer of the construction.

Ref: 1. Order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 04/03/2022, in the matter of W.P.O541/2017

 Order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dated 10/02/2020 & 28/04/2022, in the matter of O.A 78/2016/EZ

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

With reference the above Orders, this is to inform you that this illegal construction is within the East Kolkata Wetlands area and is governed by the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 [EKW(C&M) Act, 2006] and the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

Any change of character or mode of use of land within the East Kolkata Wetlands is not permitted as per Section 9 of the EKW(C&M) Act, 2006 and it is a cognizable and non-bailable offence. Further as per Section 4 of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India any construction of a permanent nature within East Kolkata Wetlands (being a Ramsar Site) are prohibited. This construction work is noted to have been done illegally by violating provision(s) of the above said laws.

In this regard, you are directed to stop the illegal work of construction immediately and you are hereby Show Caused on why legal action should not be initiated against you for violating the provision(s) of the said laws. Further, as per Section 11 of the EKW(C&M) Act, 2006, you are given an opportunity of hearing which is scheduled on 24/5 /2023 at 11 am/pm at the Conference Hall of Environment Department, Government of West Bengal, 5th floor, Pranisampad Bhavan, LB-2, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106.

You are requested to attend the hearing along with relevant document(s) if any to justify your action as per law mentioned above, failing which, this office will be forced to presume that you have committed the offence and action will be taken in accordance with the law.

It is noted that you or your authorised representative along with the proof of identify may only take part in hearing.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA



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Copy forwarded with a request for identifying the violator and serving this notice as per section 20 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006. Accordingly a geo tagged photo mentioning the location is attached herewith:

Inspector-in-charge/ Officer-in-charge, Kolkata Leather Complex Police Station.

Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA



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Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA

Forwarded for necessary action to stop the illegal work immediately and preserve the character of wetlands as per section 20 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006. Accordingly a geo tagged photo mentioning the location is attached herewith:

1. Block Development Officer, Bhangor -2 Block.

2. Pradhan, Bamanghata Gram Panchayet

Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA