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East Kolkata Wetlands

East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW) known as the “kidney” of Kolkata, naturally purifies the sewage water of the City and its surroundings through a resource recovery mechanism. EKW was included in the Ramsar list as a rare or unique wetland type under Criteria 1 of the Ramsar Convention on 19th August, 2002. Located between 22°25'N to 22°35'N and 88°20'E to 88°35'E, with the city of Kolkata on the west and River Kulti on the east, the EKW is a consortium of predominantly water dominated areas (used as fish farms) to land centric usages for agriculture, horticulture and settlements.

It is a world-renowned model of multiple use wetland complex through resource recovery mechanism developed by local people with the effluxion of time. This wetland complex saves the city Kolkata from the huge costs of constructing and maintaining waste water treatment plants. It is a



natural process for treating the city's waste water and utilizing the treated water for pisciculture and agriculture through the recovery of nutrients. As nutrient-rich effluent moves through the system, it is progressively cleaned, and nutrients are redirected to the growth of algae or agricultural products grown along the pond edges and agricultural lands. This wetlands complex naturally recycles nearly 910 Million Litres per day (MLD) of sewage water generated by Kolkata and its outskirts.

EKW is the world's largest sewage-fed pisciculture system. This kind of pisciculture practice provides survival opportunities for a large, economically underprivileged community living in EKW area. This traditional waste recovery system saves the State exchequer from capital expenditure of around Rs. 500 crores and from the subsequent recurring expenses. It produces more than 20,000 tons of fish and more than 50,000 tons of vegetables per annum. This area is also known as part of Kolkata's lung system. Sixty percent of carbon found in the wastewater is sequestered by the plant and animal life of the wetlands. The wetlands act as carbon sink for Kolkata.



For proper conservation and management of East Kolkata Wetlands, the Government of West Bengal framed the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 [EKW(C&M) Act, 2006]. The Government of India has also framed the Wetlands (Conservation

and Management) Rules, 2017 [Wetlands (C&M) Rules, 2017] under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for conservation and management of the 'wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention' like East Kolkata Wetlands.

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East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority

East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA) is a nodal government agency mandated to ensure wise use of the wetlands within the regulatory framework defined by the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 and the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Government of India under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2.1 Composition of the EKWMA

EKWMA is a thirteen-member body chaired by the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal is the Member Secretary of the EKWMA. The Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, District Magistrates of South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas are permanent Invitee Members of the EKWMA. There are four expert members from the field of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, and socio-economics, who have been nominated in the Authority by virtue of Environment Department notification no. 1075/EN/EKW-05/2016(Pt-1) dated 18.08.2020.

1.	Expert Member, Wetland Ecology	Prof. Arunabha Majumder
2.	Expert Member, Hydrology	Dr. Kalyan Rudra
3.	Expert Member, Fisheries	Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Government of West Bengal
4.	Expert Member, Socio-economics	Prof. Debasis Das

Copy of the Notification dated 18.08.2020 is annexed in Annexure-I.

2.2 Chairperson, Member Secretary and Chief Technical Officer during 2021-22

Chairperson of EKWMA	
Minister-in-Charge, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal	Prof. (Dr.) Saumen Kumar Mahapatra (01.04.2021 to 13.05.2021)
Minister-of-State, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal	Dr Ratna De Nag (14.05.2021-31.03.2022)
Member Secretary of EKWMA	
Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal.	Shri Vivek Kumar, IAS
Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA	Shri Kaliyamurthi Balamurugan, IFS

2.3 Staff Strength of EKWMA

Division	Number of Officers	Function
Legal	One Senior Law Officer One Technical Officer (Law) One Technical Assistant	Address all legal matters resulting from enforcement of East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 and the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017
Monitoring and Research	One Technical Officer One Scientific Officer Two Field Supervisor Five Technical Assistant	Monitoring of wetlands through GIS platform and field inspection for enforcement of EKW Act and Wetlands Rules. Scientific, technical and accounting documentation
Accounts	Two Technical Assistant	Maintenance of accounts and preparation of financial statement of the Authority
Office Support	Three Peon	Office Assistance

(* Head of the division)

3

State Wetlands Authority (SWA)

West Bengal State Wetlands Authority (SWA) has been constituted under Rule 5(1) of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India.

3.1 Composition of the SWA

The SWA is headed by the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal with Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal being the Vice-Chairperson and the Additional Chief Secretary to the Department of Environment being the Member Secretary. There are twenty other members including five expert members in the field of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, landscape planning and socio-economics. The Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal vide its notification no. 509/EN/SWA/09/01/2021-22 dated 28.03.2022 nominated the following five expert members:

1.	Expert Member, Wetland Ecology	Dr. Subir Ghosh, Member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society (IWGS).
2.	Expert Member, Hydrology	Prof. Gopinath Bhandari, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Jadavpur University
3.	Expert Member, Fisheries	Dr. Srikanta Samanta, Head, Riverine and Estuarine Fisheries Division, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI)
4.	Expert Member, Landscape Planning	Prof. Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of Geography, Calcutta University
5.	Expert Member, Socio-economics	Prof. Lakshmi Sivaramakrishnan, Head, Department of Geography, Jadavpur University

Copy of the Notification dated 28.03.2022 is annexed in Annexure-II.

3.2 Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Member Secretary during 2021-22

Chairperson of SWA	
Minister-in-Charge, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal	Prof. (Dr.) Saumen Kumar Mahapatra (01.04.2021 to 13.05.2021)
Minister-of-State, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal	Dr Ratna De Nag (14.05.2021-31.03.2022)
Vice Chairperson of SWA	
Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal	Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS – till 31.05.2021
	Shri Hari Krishna Dwivedi, IAS – from 01.06.2021
Member Secretary of SWA	
Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal.	Shri Vivek Kumar, IAS

3.3 Staff strength of SWA

The staffs of EKWMA have also been engaged to discharge the work of the State Wetlands Authority in addition to their normal duties.

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Major Activities During 2021-22

4.1 Conservation / Protection of East Kolkata Wetlands

To conserve and protect the East Kolkata Wetlands, the State Government framed East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 and Rules thereunder. As per Section 3 of the EKW(C&M) Act, 2006, East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority was constituted to enforce the Act, 2006 properly for conservation of the wetlands. Further, the EKW was governed by the Wetlands (C&M) Rules, 2010 which has now been superseded by the Wetlands (C&M) Rules, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India.

4.1.1 Complaint Lodges against violation of the EKW Act, 2006

Being on the eastern fringes of the developing city of Kolkata, EKW faces several threats of encroachments and illegal constructions from the rapidly expanding city. EKWMA undertakes various activities to protect and conserve the vast land of 12,500Ha of land. Upon finding any unauthorized



activity in the EKW, the staffs of the EKWMA conducts field inspection with the assistance of concerned police authorities to confirm whether any illegal activity has taken place or not. After being confirmed that an illegal activity has taken place, EKWMA serves notice to the

violator to immediately stop the illegal activity, and lodges complaint with the local police station to take action in accordance with law. EKWMA also uses the GIS platform for ground level validation of the violation. To date, 440 complaints with various police stations have been lodged by the EKWMA against the violation of the EKW(C&M) Act, 2006; while during this financial year 31 complaints have been lodged.

4.1.2 Implementation of Section 11 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006 and Orders of the Hon'ble High Court

EKWMA issues order to restore the land / water body to its original character at his own expense, after providing hearing opportunity to the violators. During the financial year 2021-2022, EKWMA provided opportunity of hearing to the violators in compliance with the provisions of Section 11 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006 and in compliance of the Orders of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta vide case no. WPO/541/2017 dated 24.12.2021 and case no. W.P.A.No.1323 of 2022 dated 23.02.2022, EKWMA provided opportunity of hearing to the violators and passed Reasoned Orders:

Name of the Violator	Violation	Reasoned Order
Kajeul Sardar	Unauthorized two-storey building by filling up three water bodies at Mouza Dhapa Manpur, Dist North 24 Parganas	To dismantle the unauthorized building and restore the subject land
Sandhya Sardar, Rabin Bayen, Biswanath Bayen, Sankar Bayen, Samir Bayen	Unauthorized building at Mouza Dharmatala Pachuria, Dist South 24 Parganas	To demolish the unauthorized building and restore the subject land

- i) Copy of the Orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 24.12.2021 and 23.02.2022 are annexed in Annexure III and IV.
- ii) Copy of the Reasoned Orders are annexed in Annexure V and VI.

4.1.3 Demolition of Unauthorized Constructions and Restoration of Water Body

As per section 11 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006, failing the compliance of the directions of the reasoned order EKWMA undertakes restoration work of the land / water body to its original character and recover the cost thereof as arrears of land revenue. During this financial year following restoration works have been taken place.

i) EKWMA noticed that an illegal two-storey building has been constructed by filling up three adjacent water bodies namely Boro Bongheri, Choto Bongheri and Rabi Ghosher Bheri at Mouza Dhapa Manpur under North 24-Parganas district. EKWMA lodged complaint to South Bidhannagar Police Station



and served a Stop Work Notice. Incompliance with the Orders of Hon'ble High Court vide case no. WPO/541/2017 and section 11 of the EKW (C&M) Act, 2006, EKWMA passed reasoned order

with the direction upon the violator to dismantle the unauthorized building within a stipulated period at his own cost after providing them an opportunity of hearing. Due to non-compliance with the aforesaid reasoned order, EKWMA requested the District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas to demolish the unauthorized building. Accordingly, the demolition of the building took place in March 2022.



ii) EKWMA lodged complaint with Pragati Maidan Police Station after finding construction of an illegal boundary wall by filling up a part of water body at RS Dag No. 305, 306 and 307 of Dhalenda Mouza under South 24 Parganas district. Accordingly, as per section 11 of the EKW (C&M)

Act, 2006 and in compliance with the Order of National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Branch, Kolkata in case no. O.A. No. 32/2019/EZ, EKWMA requested KMC to dismantle the boundary wall and restore the water body in its original character. In this regard, EKWMA released a fund of Rs. 9,04,780/- in favour of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC). The restoration work was completed in February 2022.

4.2 Reply to Right to Information Act

Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI) mandates timely response to public queries for government information. The basic object of the RTI Act is to empower the citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government and make the democracy work for the people in real sense. Being a 'Public Authority', the EKWMA is committed to maintain accountability and transparency, and make the Right to Information Act, 2005 effectively operational. 22 applications under RTI Act, 2005 has been received and subsequently replied to the people during the financial year 2021-2022.

4.3 Status of Court Cases

Besides the criminal cases filed in the lower courts by the police based on complaints of the EKWMA, there are several civil suits filed against East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority in the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court and the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata. At present, all cases before NGT is disposed. The list of pending cases before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta relating to East Kolkata Wetlands is given in Annexure-VII.

4.4 Boundary Demarcation of East Kolkata Wetlands

Notwithstanding the area of East Kolkata Wetlands is defined in Section 2 of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006, there is a provision for demarcating the EKW area physically. National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Branch, Kolkata on 27.10.2021 in the matter of (Subhas Dutta -Vs- State of



West Bengal & Ors. vide no. O.A. No. 32/2019/EZ) directed to demarcate the boundary of the EKW on the ground level by erecting pillars. In compliance with the above directions, the EKWMA has taken initiative in physical demarcation of EKW boundaries. The Authority requested Directorate of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS) for putting monolith pillars along the vast area of the East Kolkata Wetlands. The DLRS has engaged Zilla Parishad, South 24-Parganas for the jurisdiction of South 24- Parganas district and Public Works Department of Dist. North 24 Parganas for North 24 Parganas district. Subsequently, EKWMA has released Rs. 10.86 Lakhs in total for this purpose.

4.5 Plantation Programme within East Kolkata Wetlands

Like every year, EKWMA initiated tree plantation programme at different locations within the EKW area for this year. This year 5,269 fruit bearing tree species has been planted. All saplings are protected by tree protection guard. Sign board is also erected in all locations where plantation has been carried



out for awareness of the local community about plantation programme. The cost of the plantation programme is Rs. 1,02,13,265/-.

4.6 Revision and Approval of Integrated Management Plan of East Kolkata Wetlands 2022-2027

East Kolkata Wetlands has its immense value to the city Kolkata and its surroundings. Despite being a wetlands complex of international importance the water bodies of the EKW are being depleted due to several challenges like water body filling and unauthorised construction. As per the provision of the prevailing Act and Rules and considering numerous challenges, it is necessary to formulate a Management Action Plan of EKW for conservation of wetlands and sustainable development of this area by ensuring livelihood opportunity for the wetland communities.

Accordingly, EKWMA prepared East Kolkata Wetlands Management Action Plan 2021-2026 (MAP) as per the Guidelines of the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA) with technical support from Wetland International South Asia (WISA). The budget of the Management Action Plan is Rs. 119.8 crore. The MAP is also approved by the Authority.

Thereafter, the Integrated Management Plan of East Kolkata Wetlands 2021-2026 (IMP) (formerly East Kolkata Wetlands Management Action Plan 2021-2026) is revised as per the suggestion of MoEF&CC with budgetary provision of Rs. 110.72 crore. As the IMP is under a centrally sponsored scheme (CSS) of the NPCA, the Central Government's share of the total budget is 60%, whereas the State Government's share of the total budget is 40% for a period of 5 years. The State Government of West Bengal approved the IMP in August, 2021 in principle and committed to provide the share i.e. 40% of the budget of IMP (Rs. 110.72 crore) after release of Central's share. The revised IMP along with the Letter of Commitment of State Share was sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for final approval.

Several activities have been taken to conserve and maintain the EKW in a sustainable manner in the IMP of EKW. Following work components are prescribed in the IMP:

- Maintaining Land use and land cover of the wetland in line with regulatory requirements under Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 and East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Act, 2006.
- Treating efficiently the quality and quantity of sewage received within the wetland applying traditional waste recovery practices.
- Maintaining the Biodiversity within East Kolkata Wetlands.
- Reducing invasion species threats in fisheries.
- Reducing risk of sustainable livelihood.
- Enhance Individual and collective capacity and opportunities of stakeholders and wetland communities for participation in wetland management and contribute wise use of the wetland.
- To take decision and assess effectiveness through Systematic wetlands inventory, assessment and monitoring system.
- Enhance Integration of multiple values of wetlands for sectoral development planning.

4.7 Canal De-siltation Work

For conservation of the ecosystem services of East Kolkata Wetlands it is imperative to maintain optimum water level conducive to pisciculture and overall water management within the water bodies. As water is infused into water bodies of EKW through different canals, it is necessary to de-



silt canals within EKW area. It is proposed in the Integrated Management Plan (IMP), 14 canals need to be de-silted at present because these are highly silted. Accordingly, Water Resources Investigation & Development Department (WRI&DD) has been requested for de-siltation of the canals in the EKW area.

4.8 Solid Waste Management

Two Civil Society Organizations namely Amra Susama Jalprapat and BITAN Institute of Training Awareness and Networking showed their interest to implement Solid Waste Management in EKW area and submitted the proposal for the project. In this regard, EKWMA approached Department of Environment for allocation of fund to implement the Solid Waste Management project. The Department has given administrative approval for an amount of Rs. 25.31 Lakhs for this purpose. Accordingly, the Authority has initiated to implement of Solid Waste Management at Kheadaha II Gram Panchayats and Bamanghata Gram Panchayats in the EKW area.

5

Awareness Generation Programme

5.1 World Wetlands Day

Every year 2nd February is celebrated as World Wetlands Day. The Day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. That's why this convention is known as Ramsar Convention.



World Wetlands Day was observed as the 'United Nations International Day' in 2022 following its adoption by the General Assembly on 30th August 2021. The theme for the 2022 edition was 'Wetlands Action for People and Nature', and it highlights the importance of actions that ensure that wetlands are conserved and sustainably used. It's an appeal to invest financial, human and political capital to save the world's wetlands from disappearing and to restore those which have been degraded. The overriding message behind this year's campaign was to Value, Manage, Restore, and of course — Love — Wetlands, because if we are to inspire action, we also must ignite greater empathy for these rapidly disappearing ecosystems.

- Value wetlands for the multiple benefits and nature-based solutions they provide for human well-being and a healthy planet.

- Manage wetlands wisely and use them sustainably so that we can conserve them and maintain the health of these critically important ecosystems.
- Restore lost and degraded wetlands to revive the rich biodiversity and life found in these life-sustaining ecosystems.

The day is celebrated to aware people across the world about the importance of wetlands and its ecosystem for the planet. Wetlands are the source of freshwater and it's a solution of nature for storm water buffering, flood control, water quality preservation and groundwater recharge, erosion protection and provide nurseries for fish and other freshwater and marine animals and carbon sequestration.



West Bengal has two Ramsar sites namely East Kolkata Wetlands and Sundarban Wetlands. Based on the theme of the World Wetlands Day, 2022 EKWMA celebrated World Wetlands Day this year at Nalban-1 Bheri. EKWMA organized one day programme by involving youth and local communities of EKW. A civil society organisation namely Nature Environment & Wildlife Society (NEWS) took a vital part to make the programme successful. Several activities have taken place for conservation of wetlands in this event:



quality monitoring including various physical and chemical tests such as pH, temperature, DO, transparency, turbidity, nitrate, TAN, phosphate. Fish farmers and citizens collect samples and take an active part in conducting the tests.

- A cleaning drive has been arranged to manage solid wastes at Nalban 1 Bheri area. Besides a 'Nature Walk' programme took place to study the aquatic species, bird species and butterflies dwelling in the EKW.

- Demonstration of the importance of East Kolkata Wetlands and spreading awareness to preserve it.

- Release of one quintal fingerlings of India Major Carp species (Rohu, Katla, Mrigel, Bata, etc.) in Nalban 1 Bheri.

- Conduct Water

5.2 Roaming of LED Mounted Mobile Van



As a part of awareness campaign two LED mounted mobile vans were moving in and around the East Kolkata Wetlands area with an audio-visual message on importance of East Kolkata Wetlands. This campaign attracted a lots of public attention and hadd positive impact among the local people.

Local Panchayats also appreciate this type of awareness campaign. During this financial year 2021-2022, EKWMA spent Rs. 1.06 crore for this purpose.

5.3 Workshop on East Kolkata Wetlands

East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority organized a workshop with the local fisherman community. The tag line of the programme was “Jalabhumi Baluk, Kolkata Shunuk”. The workshop was held at Bamanghata Gram Panchayat office on 5th October, 2021. Local people of EKW area took



part in the workshop and became the ‘Wetland Mitra’ (Wetland Friend) for saving East Kolkata Wetlands.

5.4 Trips to East Kolkata Wetlands

Cycling Trip:

A bicycle trip was conducted during the month of July, 2021 to aware the local people about the immense importance of wetlands.



Madras School of Economics:

One field visit was arranged in the month of September, 2021 to share the needs of the East Kolkata Wetlands with the students and faculty of the Department of Environmental Economics of the Madras School of Economics for their research on the valuation of the ecosystem service of EKW.



Judicial Visit:

Visit of Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Amit Sthalekar, Judicial Member and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saibal Dasgupta, Expert Member of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench visited East Kolkata Wetlands in the month of February, 2022.



5.5 Hoarding within East Kolkata Wetlands

This year EKWMA erected two hoardings at important location of Basanti Highway to aware the citizens on International Importance of the East Kolkata Wetlands.

6

Finances

Abstracts of receipts and expenditure, and Budget Estimate of EKWMA for the period of 2021-2022 are given below.

Table 1: Abstract of receipts and expenditure of the EKWMA for 2021-22

Financial year	Name of Head	Opening Balance (Rs.)	Receipts (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Closing Balance (Rs.)
2021-2022	3435-03-102-002-36-00	31,301.00	47,01,000.00	46,50,608.00	81,693.00
	3435-03-102-002-31-02	21,08,589.00	30,73,673.00	51,82,262.00	0.00
	3435-03-101-001-31-02	0.00	7,41,750.00	7,41,750.00	0.00
	3435-03-003-001-31-02	0.00	1,06,20,000.00	1,06,20,000.00	0.00
	3435-03-102-001-31-02	0.00	1,68,200.00	1,68,200.00	0.00
	3435-04-103-004-31-02	11,800.00	0.00	0.00	11,800.00
	3435-04-800-002-31-02	0.00	17,65,000.00	0.00	17,65,000.00
	3435-03-003-002-31-02	0.00	9,00,000.00	0.00	9,00,000.00

Table 2: Budget for the year 2021-22

Financial year	Name of Head	Budget Estimate (Rs.)
2021-2022	3435-03-102-002-36-00	70,00,000.00
	3435-03-102-002-31-02	1,20,00,000.00

**Government of West Bengal
Department of Environment**

Pranisampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB-2, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 106

NOTIFICATION

No. 1075/EN/EKW-05/2016 (Pt-I)

Kolkata, the 18th August, 2020

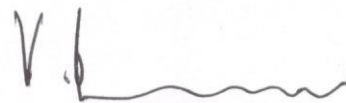
WHEREAS it is necessary to nominate four Expert Members of the East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority under Section 2(2)(x) of East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Act, 2017 and Rule 3(1) of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2006;

Now, therefore, the Governor is pleased to nominate four Expert Members as follows:-

1. Wetland Ecology - Prof. Arunabha Majumder, AA-268, Salt Lake city, Sector I, Kolkata- 700064
2. Hydrology - Dr. Kalyan Rudra, 453 Dum Dum Park, Flat # 4A, Kolkata- 700055
3. Fisheries - Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Govt. of West Bengal
4. Socio-economics - Prof. Debasis Das, 17/1, Charu Chandra Place (East), Kolkata- 700033

The Expert Members shall have a term of three years from this day or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

By order of the Governor,



Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106

NOTIFICATION

No. 509/EN/SWA/09/01/2021-22

Kolkata, the 28th March, 2022

In terms of the Notification No. GSR. 1203(E) dt. 26th September, 2017 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, notified under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 and in supersession of the Notification No. 3803/EN/SWA/03/01/18-19 dated 24/12/2018 of Environment Department, the State Wetlands Authority is hereby reconstituted under Rule 5(1) of the said rules, comprising the following members—

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| (i) Minister in Charge / Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal | — | Chairperson; |
| (ii) Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal | — | Vice Chairperson; |
| (iii) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal | — | Member Secretary; |
| (iv) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal | — | Member; |
| (v) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal | — | Member; |
| (vi) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of West Bengal | — | Member; |
| (vii) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Water Resources Investigation and Development, Government of West Bengal | — | Member; |

(viii) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(ix) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Irrigation and Waterways, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(x) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Tourism, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(xi) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(xii) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Science and Technology &, Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(xiii) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, as the case may be, Department of Land and Land Reforms and Refugee, Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(xiv) Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal	—	Member;
(xv) Member Secretary, West Bengal Biodiversity Board	—	Member;
(xvi) Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board	—	Member;
(xvii) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional office of MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar	—	Member;
(xviii) Chief Environment Officer, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal	—	Member;
(xix) (a) Dr. Subir Ghosh, Member of IUCN and IWGS	—	Expert Member, Wetland Ecology;
(b) Prof. Gopinath Bhandari, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Jadavpur University	—	Expert Member, Hydrology;
(c) Dr. Srikanta Samanta, Head, Riverine and Estuarine Fisheries Division, CIFRI	—	Expert Member, Fisheries;
(d) Prof. Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of Geography, Calcutta University	—	Expert Member, Landscape Planning;
(e) Prof. Lakshmi Sivaramakrishnan, Head, Department of Geography, Jadavpur University	—	Expert Member, Socio-economics;

The powers and functions of the State Wetlands Authority will be as specified under Rule 5(4) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017.

By Order of the Governor,

VIVEK KUMAR

Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

ORDER

OD-1

WPO/541/2017
IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

PEOPLE UNITED FOR BETTER LIVING IN CALCUTTA (PUBLIC) & ANR.
VERSUS
THE UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

BEFORE:
THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA
AND
THE HON'BLE JUSTICE RAJARSHI BHARADWAJ
DATE : 24TH DECEMBER, 2021.

[Via Video Conference]

APPEARANCE:

Mr. Siddhartha Mitra, Sr. Advocate,
Ms. Rituparna Chatterjee, Advocate
.....for the petitioners.

Mr. S. N. Mookherji, AG,
Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, Sr. Standing Counsel
.....for State of WB.

Mr. Parth Ghosh, Advocate,
Mr. Debu Chowdhury, Advocate
.....for Union of India

Mr. Nayan Chand Bihani, Advocate,
Ms. Papiya Banerjee Bihani, Advocate,
Mr. Soumyajit Ghosh, Advocate
.....for WBPCB.

Mr. Jishnu Chowdhury, Advocate
Mr. Chayan Gupta, Advocate
Mr. Sandip Dasgupta, Advocate
Mr. Saaqib Siddiqui, Advocate
.....for the HIDCO.

Mr. Arindam Sen, Advocate,
Mr. Sagnik Bhattacharya, Advocate
.....for Intervenor.

The Court:- Mainly two issues have been raised by learned counsel appearing for the petitioners. First is in respect of a double storied unauthorised construction which has been raised at Baro Bon Bheri, Chhoto Bon Bheri and Rabi Ghosher Bheri under P.S. Bighannagar (South), District North 24 Parganas and second larger issue in respect of the illegal construction on the wetlands in violation of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006.

and also in violation of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

So far as the first issue in respect of the double storied illegal construction on the wetlands as noted above is concerned, in the affidavit dated 20th December, 2021 filed by Sri Supratim Sarkar, IPS, it is clearly stated that initially, a mere single storied building was constructed and within one and a half years, this building has been turned into doubled storied building. Affidavit further mentions about registration of FIR at Bidhannagar South P.S. being Case No.69 of 2020 and filing of Charge Sheet No.132/2021 against the accused. Affidavit dated 21st December 2021 filed on behalf of respondent Nos.4 and 5 mentions that the above building has been sealed.

Learned Advocate General has submitted that in terms of Section 11 of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 [for short, 'Act of 2006'], the person responsible for raising the construction is required to be noticed and demolition is to be done at his own expense for restoration of the land to the original character. He has submitted that since the necessary facilities are available with the Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, therefore, a direction be issued to extend the help to the State Authority for carrying out the demolition.

The person who has allegedly raised the above construction is represented today through his advocate who has submitted that he has not been impleaded in this petition. The concerned person will be given due opportunity of hearing by the State Authority under the Act before taking action of demolition, therefore, his impleadment is not necessary in this petition.

Hence, we direct the concerned authority under the Act to take expeditious action in terms of Section 11 of the Act and give an opportunity of hearing to the person responsible for the illegal construction and complete the exercise in terms of the said Section as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks from today. Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation is directed to extend full

help and cooperation to the concerned authority for the purpose of restoration of the land to its original position.

A larger issue has been raised by learned counsel for the petitioner in respect of the maintenance of the wetlands in the entire State. In this regard, he has referred to the orders of the Supreme Court dated 03.04.2017 and 16.08.2017 passed in WP (S) (Civil) No.230/2021 in the case of M.K. Balakrishnan & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors. and has highlighted the importance of management and preservation of the wetlands. He has also referred to the preamble of the Act of 2006, which emphasizes the need for such conservation and management of the East Kolkata Wetlands. Detailed rules i.e. the Rules of 2017 have been framed by the Central Government in exercise of the powers under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rule 4 thereof clearly provides for restriction of activities in wetlands and in terms of Rule 5, the State Wetlands Authority in each State has been constituted.

This Court, by an order dated 14th June 2019, had impleaded the State Wetlands Authority of the State of West Bengal in this petition as additional respondent and the Learned Advocate General had taken notice on behalf of the Authority on that date. The record further reflects that on 14th June 2019, this Court had directed the Government of West Bengal as well as all the executive authorities and police authorities to ensure that that there is no activity in any part of the wetlands to which the 2017 Rules apply except in strict conformity with these Rules and after taking requisite permission from the competent authority under these Rules. Schedule-1 of the Act of 2006 contains the details of East Kolkata Wetlands by mentioning the Dag number, Sheet number etc. Therefore, the wetland area of the East Kolkata has already been identified and specified under the Act.

The Chief Secretary being the Vice Chairman of the West Bengal State Wetlands Authority is directed to get the details of the existing position of illegal construction on the East Kolkata Wetlands prepared through the concerned authority and place it before this Court in tabulated form on or before the next

date of hearing. He is also directed to get all the wetlands of the State identified and place the details thereof before this Court on or before the next date of hearing.

List on 21st February 2022.

(PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, C.J.)

(RAJARSHI BHARADWAJ, J.)

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23.02.2022
Sl. No.15
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W.P.A. No. 1323 of 2022
With
CAN 1 of 2022
Sandhya Sardar
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee,
Mr. Debabrata Mondal
...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Malay Kumar Singh,
Mr. Sayak Chakraborty
...for the State-respondents.

Mr. Falguni Bandyopadhyay
...for the Respondent Nos.10 to 13.

Affidavit of service is taken on record.

The petitioner alleges that a construction is going on at Plot No.1463, J.L. No.6 under Mouza-Dharmatala, Police Station-Kolkata Leather Complex, District-South 24-Parganas, without appropriate permission from the East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the said Authority).

The petitioner relies on a communication from the Technical Officer of the said Authority dated December 21, 2021 by which the Inspector-in-Charge, Kolkata Leather Complex Police Station, was requested to enquire into the matter on the basis of the complaint of the petitioner. It has

been specifically mentioned in the said communication that the entire area under J.L. No.6 falls within the jurisdiction of the said Authority and except with the sanction from the said Authority under Section 9 of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), no construction of permanent nature, could be made. The petitioner, thus, bases his entire claim for demolition of the construction made by the respondent Nos.10 to 13 on the basis of such communication.

Records reveal that the panchayat authorities had granted due permission to the respondent Nos.10 to 13 to raise the construction. The panchayat authorities are not present before the Court despite service. The police authorities have filed a report indicating the on the basis of the communication of the Technical Officer, Kolkata Leather Complex Police Station Case No.07 dated January 29, 2022 under Section 18 of the said Act, has been registered and the investigation is in progress.

As the police authorities have already acted on the basis of the communication of the Technical Officer of the said Authority, it is directed that no further construction shall take place for a period of 10 (ten) days. Within such time, the competent authority of the East Kolkata Wetlands

Management Authority shall dispose of the complaint of the petitioner, which is annexure P2 at page 18 of the writ petition, in accordance with law upon hearing the petitioner, representative of the respondent Nos.10 to 13 and all other interested parties including the Pradhan of Beonta Gram Panchayat, District-South 24-Parganas. A reasoned order shall be passed and communicated to all concerned.

It is made clear that the authority will only decide as to whether the construction by the petitioner as well as the respondents Nos. 10 to 13 were in accordance with law. The same law shall apply to all.

The question of validity of the sanction plan will come into question, only when the said Authority decides that the construction made by the respondent Nos.10 to 13 were not permissible in law.

This writ petition is, thus, disposed of.

In view of disposal of the writ petition the connected application has become infructuous and the same is disposed of accordingly.

There will be no order as to costs.

The petitioner shall serve a copy of the writ petition along with a server copy of this order to the office of the East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority, 5th Floor,

LB-2, Sector-II, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106, within February
25, 2022.

All parties are to act on the basis of the server copy of
this order.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)

Government of West Bengal
Department of Environment
East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority
Pranisampad Bhavan, 5th Floor, LB-2, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 106

Reasoned Order

No. **043** /EN/3C-60/2017(Pt-1)

Date: **08** .02.2022

WPO 541 of 2017
People United for Better Living in Calcutta
Vs
The Union of India & Ors

Reasoned Order in compliance with the Order of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta dated 24.12.2021

Background of the case:

On 19.05.2021 East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA) was apprised of filing Case no. 69/21 dated 03.03.2021 by Bidhannagar South Police Station. In reply to the said communication the EKWMA informed the police that Dag nos. 1527, 1528, 1552, 1553, 1563, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1643, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1752, 1755, 1760, 1797, 1798 of Mouza Dhapa Manpur, JL no. 1 fall within the East Kolkata Wetlands. EKWMA also informed that *Choto Bongheri Bheri*, *Boro Bongheri Bheri* and *Rabi Ghosher Bheri* in Mouza Dhapa Manpur, JL no. 1, PS South Bidhannagar, Dist North 24 Parganas are within the East Kolkata Wetlands.

EKWMA on 30.06.2021 forwarded two complaints — i) from the People United for Better Living in Calcutta (PUBLIC) dated 22.06.2021 and (ii) from the Society for Creative Opportunities and Participatory Ecosystems (SCOPE), Kolkata dated 09.06.2021 — to South Bidhannagar PS. Chief Technical Officer, EKWMA sent another communication dated 16.07.2021 to the Commissioner of Police, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate with intimation that the aforesaid three water bodies were filled up and a two storey permanent building was constructed thereon by violating the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 and the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 notified by the Government of India.

On 26.08.2021 EKWMA wanted to know the name of the accused person and status of Case no. 69/21 dated 03.03.2021 filed by the police from South Bidhannagar PS. In reply dated 31.08.2021, the police informed the name of Kajeul Sardar, S/o. Oajed Sardar of Village Nittymananda Kathi, PS Swarupnagar, Dist. North 24 Parganas and also informed that a two storied building existed at the subject land since last 3 to 4 years.

Pertinently, in the matter of WPO No 541 of 2017 the Commissioner of Police, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate stated that Inspector-in-Charge of Bidhannagar South PS visited the spot and enquired about it. From the police

enquiry it came to the light that a single storey building was constructed four years back. But, within one and a half years the building was turned into a two storey building.

EKWMA requested the Commissioner of Police, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate and the Chairman cum Managing Director, West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited to comply with the Order dated 29.11.2021 passed by the High Court at Calcutta.

EKWMA served stop work notice on 17.09.2021 which was received by a representative of Kajeul Sardar namely Rajib Lal Dhar. The Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department and Member Secretary, East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority through a communication dated 17.12.2021 requested the District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas to lock and seal the building at Bon Gheri Bheri at Mouza Dhapa Manpur, JL no. 1, PS South Bidhannagar. In reply, the SDO, Bidhannagar on 19.12.2021 communicated that locking and sealing of the subject property was done.

In compliance with the Order dated 24.12.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta an opportunity of hearing was provided to Kajeul Sardar under Section 11 of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 on 24.01.2022. But, owing to non-delivery of the hearing notice the accused person was not present at the hearing. So, he was again provided with another opportunity of hearing on 31.01.2022.

Hearing:

Kajeul Sardar was called for the hearing on 31.01.2022 where he was present with his lawyer Shri Arindam Sen. They submitted a written submission which is as follows:

During the hearing he has admitted that he made the construction without securing permission of the East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority for providing accommodation to his labourers. In the written statement he has stated that he made some addition and alteration, and some repairing in the subject construction. However, he has also admitted to demolish the constructed structure within the stipulated timeline of the order as and when issued.

Considering the above facts, Kajeul Sardar is hereby directed to dismantle the constructed building within 15 days from the date of issue of this letter, failing which East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority will take necessary steps under Section 11 of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006.

All concerned may be informed accordingly.



Chief Technical Officer,

East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority

Chief Technical Officer

East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority
Deptt. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal

No. 043 -/EN/3C-60/2017(Pt-1)

Date: 08 .02.2022

Copy to:

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&
Chairman, East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority
Government of West Bengal
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal
3. The Commissioner, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation
4. District Magistrate, Dist. North 24 Parganas
5. The Commissioner, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate
6. Block Development Officer, Rajarhat
7. The Inspector-in-Charge, P.S. South Bidhannagar
8. Kajeul Sardar
9. Guard File



Chief Technical Officer,

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Reasoned Order

No. 105 /CTO/EN/472/2022

Date: 24 .03.2022

WPA 1323 of 2022

Sandhya Sardar

Vs

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Reasoned Order in compliance with the Order of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta dated 23.02.2022

Background of the case:

Smt. Kamini Bayen and her daughter Smt. Sandhya Sardar submitted complaint letters to East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA) against the unauthorized building construction made at RS Dag no. 1463, Mouza Dharmatala Pachuria, JL no. 06, PS Kolkata Leather Complex (KLC), Dist 24 South Parganas (hereinafter referred to as the "subject land"), which is within the East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW). On the basis of the said complaint, the EKWMA on 21.12.2021 lodged a complaint against violation of the provisions of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the "EKW Act of 2006") with PS KLC. The police started KLC PS Case no. 07 dated 29.01.2022, which is under investigation.

As per Schedule I of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 the subject land is classified as "Urban/Rural settlement area (full)". As per the Record of Rights (RoR) the subject land is classified as "Bastu".

Smt. Sandhya Sardar filed WPA No. 1323 of 2022 before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta against Shri Rabin Bayen, Biswanath Bayen, Sankar Bayen and Samir Bayen (Respondent nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively of the instant Writ Petition) *et al* for the alleged unauthorized construction of building. From the Writ Petition it has come to the knowledge of the EKWMA that a Partition Suit bearing TS no. 3481 of 2008 was filed by the instant Writ Petitioner in Alipore Court for the same subject land, which is still pending.

While delivering its judgment dated 23.02.2022, the Hon'ble High Court has directed the EKWMA to dispose of the complaint in accordance with law upon hearing the petitioner, respondent nos. 10 to 13 and all other interested parties including Pradhan of Beonta Gram Panchayat, Dist South 24 Parganas. In compliance with the said judgment dated 23.02.2022, the EKWMA called all the interested parties including Smt. Sandhya Sardar (the writ petitioner) and all the respondents to a hearing on 16.03.2022.

Hearing:

The writ petitioner, the respondent nos. 10 to 13 along their lawyer Shri Dilip Kumar Mandal and a representative of the Officer-in-Charge of PS KLC attended the hearing. During the hearing the writ petitioner and the respondent nos. 10 to 13 stated that the aforesaid Partition Suit bearing TS no. 3481 of 2008 for partition of the subject land is still pending in the Alipore Court. The respondent nos. 10 to 13 admitted that the unauthorized construction has been made by them in the year 2021, and the same has been submitted in their written statements.

Decision of the EKWMA:

Considering the above facts, it is clear that Shri Rabin Bayen, Shri Biswanath Bayen, Shri Sankar Bayen and Shri Samir Bayen (respondent nos. 10 to 13) have made unauthorized construction at RS Dag no. 1463, Mouza Dharmatala Pachuria, JL no. 06, PS Kolkata Leather Complex (KLC), Dist South 24 Parganas. The said unauthorized building construction has been made by violating the provisions of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006 as well as the provisions of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017. As per Rule 4(2)(vi) of the Wetlands Rules of 2017, any construction of a permanent nature is prohibited within the East Kolkata Wetlands. Therefore, respondent nos. 10 to 13 namely Shri Biswanath Bayen, Shri Sankar Bayen and Shri Samir Bayen are, hereby, directed to demolish the unauthorized building construction and restore the subject land to its previous status at their own cost **within a period of one month from the date of issue of this Reasoned Order** under Section 11 of the East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Act, 2006. In case of default by them, the EKWMA shall direct Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) to undertake the demolition of the said unauthorized building and restoration of the subject land to its previous status, and thereafter, take steps to recover the cost thereof from the aforesaid persons.

All concerned may be informed accordingly.



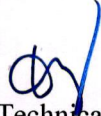
Chief Technical Officer
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Department of Environment
Government of West Bengal

No. 105(19)/CTO/EN/472/2022

Date: 24.03.2022

Copy to:

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&
Chairperson, East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority
Government of West Bengal
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development
4. Director of Panchayat, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development
5. District Magistrate, Dist. South 24 Parganas
6. Superintendent of Police, Baruipur Police District
7. Sabhadhipati Zilla Parishad, Dist South 24 Parganas
8. Block Development Officer, Bhangore II
9. Block Land & Land Reforms Officer, Bijoyganj Bazar, Dist South 24 Parganas
10. The Officer-in-Charge, P.S. Kolkata Leather Complex
11. Pradhan, Beonta Gram Panchayat
12. Executive Assistant, Beonta Gram Panchayat
13. Smt. Sandhya Sardar, W/o. Basudeb Sardar and D/o. Nagen Bayen
14. Shri Rabin Bayen, Shri Biswanath Bayen, Shri Sankar Bayen and Shri Samir Bayen, S/o. Late Ananda Bayen
15. Guard File


Chief Technical Officer,
East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority
Department of Environment
Government of West Bengal

List of Un-disposed Cases before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta

SL No.	Case No	Cause Title	Case in Brief
1	CPAN No 428 of 2014. WP No 17841(W)/13. AST No 142 of 2013 with ASTA 84 of 2013	Bikash Kumar Ray & Anr-Vs-State of WB & Ors [Resp no. 27]	Illegal construction by violation of the High Court Order.
2	WP 14850(W)/ 17	MK Balakrishnan & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors.	Conversion of wetlands throughout India including West Bengal
3	WP 22198(W)/ 15	Vishal Water World Pvt. Ltd. Vs. EKWMA & Others	To revoke the reasoned order no. CTO/EN/104/385/2014-15 dt. 22/04/15 passed by EKWMA
4	WP 541/17	PUBLIC Vs. Union of India & Others (Resp no. 2. Dept of Env, 3. EKWMA)	Constnution of flyover bridge over the EKW and restrain any ongoing construction over the aid wetland.
5	CAN 12196 of 2019 in WP 23341(W) of 2018	Vaidic Dharma Sansthan & Anr. Vs. The State of WB & Ors. CAN 5863[Resp. 2,3,4]	CAN 12196: CAN 4921: For condonation of delay in challenging the HC's Order dt. 28.11.17. WP 23341(W) of 2018: [Resp no. 4, 5] a) to quash the EKW Act, b) to prepare the Brief Docs, c) to quash the order(s) which stands in the way of preparing the Brief Documents
6	WP 9223(W)/18	Leisure Country Club and Resorts Pvt Ltd Vs Union of India [3. PS, Env Dept., 4. EKWMA, 5. Chairperson, EKWMA, 6. MS, EKWMA, 7. Members, EKWMA, 8. CEO & CTO]	Prayer: a. To pass an order delaring that the EKW Act is ultra vires to Article 253 of the Constitution, d. To prepare brief documents as per Rule 7 of the Central Rule of 2017, f. To quash the criminal proceedings, i. to quash the notice dt 20.06.17.
7	WP 25913(W)/ 18	Sri Bibhuti Bhushan Mondal & Ors. Vs. The National Wetlands Committee & Ors. [Resp. 2, 5, 6]	Prayer: a. EKW Act stands otiose, b. To declare the land of the petitioner at Mouza Mukundapur as not a wetland.
8	WP 25791(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018. [Para-wise reply]
9	WP 25803(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 223 dt. 13.02.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 223/18.
10	WP 25804(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 255 dt. 19.02.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 255/18.
11	WP 25809(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
12	WP 25811(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
13	WP 25813(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
14	WP 25815(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
15	WP 25817(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
16	WP 25819(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
17	WP 25820(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.
18	WP 25823(W)/ 18	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring that EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f. 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being SNP 90/2018 dt 21.01.18, c) Stay of all further proceedings in SNP 90/2018.

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19	WP 2127(W)/ 19	Bhola Paik Vs. Union of India & Ors [Resp no. 2. PS Env Dept, 4. CEO]	Prayer: a) An order declaring EKW Act stand otiose, and EKWMA has become functus officio w.e.f 26.09.17, b) Certiorari quashing all proceedings being Narendrapur 181 dt. 24.12.2018, c) Stay of all further proceedings in Narendrapur PS case no. 181/18. [Para-wise reply]
20	WP 8462(W) of 19	Salt Lake Fishworkers' Welfare Organisation & Anr Vs. CWRA & Ors [Resp no. 3 Chief Secretary, Resp no. 4 Chairperson EKWMA]	Illegal filling up of water bodies, illegal conversion and sale of land within EKW, building of multistorey buildings
21	WP 16751(W) of 2019	Sukumar Mandal Vs. State of WB & Ors [Resp no. 2 EKWMA, reps no. 3 MS, EKWMA, reps no. 4 CTO]	Illegal construction in the EKW
22	WP 20251(W) of 2019, MAT 1863 of 2019	Insta Concretex Pvt Ltd & Another Vs. The Union of India & Ors [2. ACS Env Dept, 3. SWA, 4. PS Env Dept, 5. CTO EKWMA]	a) Direction declaring that the provisions of EKWMA are ultra vires to Article 253 of the Constitution of India and so it stands otiose, (b) to reidentify the boundaries of the EKW, (c) cancel impugned order no. 280-CTO/EN/389/2015-16 dt 25.09.2019, (d) an injunction till disposal of the suit.
23	WP 16383(W) of 2019	Outdoor Advertising Association & Others Vs. EKWMA & Others	Restraining the EKWMA from giving any effect to the order no. 318/CTO/EN/018/2006-07 dt 13.11.2019.
24	WP 24268(W) of 2019	Sant Shri Asaramji Ashram Trust, Kolkata Branch Vs The State of WB & Ors [Resp no. 1. Secy, Env Dept & Member Secy EKWMA, 4. CTO, EKWMA]	The prayer is: Refrain from demolishing the buildings raised by Asaram Ashram.
25	WP 5958(W) of 2020	Jyote Motors (Bengal) Pvt Ltd & Anr Vs State of WB & Ors [Resp no. 2, 3, 4, 5]	a) To cancel the order no. 152/CTO/EN/108(1)/2012-13 dt 04.06.20 passed by the EKWMA, (b) to permit the petitioner to continue with their automobile workshop cum service centre.
26	WP 4940(W) of 2020	Wander Land Regency Pvt Ltd Vs State of WB & Ors	Revoking Notice no. CTO/EN/307(2)/108(1)/2012-13 dt 13.08.2018 and to consider the case U/S. 10 of the EKW Act, 2006.
27	WPA 5693 of 2021	Motilal Mondal Vs The State of WB	Unauthorized filling up of water body at Mouza Kalikapur and Mukundapur namely Heder Bheri
28	WPA(P) 251 of 2021	Diti Majumdar and Ors Vs State of WB and Ors	Management plan for the old Dhapa dump site, to take action against illegal tree felling, stop construction at old dump site
29	WPA(P) 360 of 2021	Biplab Kr Chowdhury Vs The State of WB & Ors	Restore those water bodies at RS Dag nos. 898 and 1407 of Mouza Dhapa



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কলকাতাকে বাঁচাতে একে সংরক্ষণ করুন।



1. মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মমতা বন্দোপাধ্যায়ের অনুপ্রেরণায় ১১০ কোটি টাকার Integrated Management Plan of East Kolkata Wetlands (Management Action Plan 2021-2026) তৈরী করা হয়েছে।
2. পূর্ব কলকাতা জলাভূমি এলাকায় বছরে ২০০০০ টন মাছ ও দৈনিক ১৫০ টন শাক-সবুজ উৎপাদন হয়।
3. পূর্ব কলকাতা জলাভূমি এলাকায় প্রতিদিন কলকাতা শহরের প্রায় ১১০ মিলিয়ন লিটার নিকাশী জল পরিশোধিত হয়।
4. কলকাতা শহরের নিকাশী জল পরিশোধনের জন্য এই জলাভূমি কলকাতার কিডনি বলে পরিগণিত হয়।
5. এই জলাভূমির উদ্ভিদ ও প্রাণীকুল বাতাসে এবং ময়লা জলে জমে থাকা কার্বনের ৬০ শতাংশ পৃথকীকরণ করে কলকাতার ফুসফুস বলেও আখ্যাত হয়ে থাকে।
6. মাটির নীচের জলস্তরের ভারসাম্য বজায় রেখে পূর্ব কলকাতা জলাভূমি শহরকে ঘরা ও জলসমৃদ্ধ থেকে রক্ষা করে।
7. কলকাতা শহরের অতিরিক্ত বৃষ্টির জল স্পঞ্জের মতো গবে নিয়ে পূর্ব কলকাতা জলাভূমি শহরকে প্লাবনের হাত থেকে রক্ষা করে।

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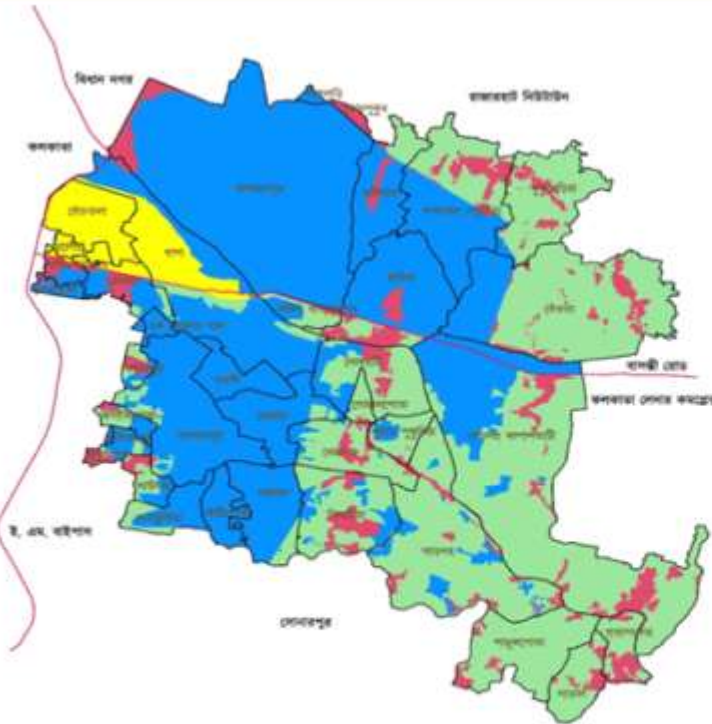
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