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Environment Department - Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017 -  
Nomination and appointment of Expert Members to the State Wetland Authority -  
Orders issued.

**ENVIRONMENT (A) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms)No.05/2021/Envt

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16.12.2021

Read: (1) G.O.(Ms)No.14/2017/Envt dated 28.12.2017.  
(2) G.O.(Ms)No.03/2018/Envt dated 25.06.2018.  
(3) Letter No.SWAK/A1/2017 dated 14-09-2021 from the Administrative  
Officer, State Wetland Authority Kerala.

**ORDER**

As per section 5 (1) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India constituted State Wetlands Authority (SWAK). As per Government order as paper 1<sup>st</sup> above, Government has designated Chief Secretary as the Vice Chairperson and the Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change as Members Secretary of State Wetland Authority Kerala.

2) Section 5 (1) (xvii) of the Wetlands (Conservation & management) Rules 2017 allows one expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, fisheries, landscaping planning and socio - economic to be nominated by the State Government. The term of non-official members of the authority nominated by the State shall be for a period not exceeding three years.

3) As per letter read above, the Administrative Officer, State Wetland Authority Kerala has reported that the term of the non official members vide Government Order read as paper 2<sup>nd</sup> was expired as on 24-06-2021 and submitted a panel of experts each in the fields of wetland ecology, fisheries, landscaping planning and socio - economics to be designated to the authority.

4) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to appoint the following persons in the aforesaid fields as expert members of State Wetland Authority under the proviso 5(1)(xvii) of the Wetlands (Conservation & management) Rules 2017.

Field	Name of the Expert
Socio Economic	Sri. T.K.A.Nair, former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India
Wetland Hydrology	Dr.E.J.James, Former Executive Director, Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM)

Wetland Ecology	Prof.Dr.A Bijukumar, Professor, Department Aquatic Biology & Fisheries, University Kerala
Wetland Fisheries	Dr. Dinesan Cheruvat, Additional Director of Fisheries
Landscape Planning	Dr. T.V.Ramachandra, Co-ordinator, Energy & Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Econological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangaluru

(By order of the Governor)

**SHARMILA.C**

**Additional Secretary**

To

- . The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, Delhi (withC/L)
- ✓ The Member Secretary, State Wetland Authority Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- All the expert Members (through the Member Secretary, State Wetland Authority Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Director, Information & Public Relations ( Web & New media) Department (for uploading in the Government Website).
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