

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, FOREST DEPARTMENT
SRINAGAR/ JAMMU

Subject: Wullar Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA) – assignment of powers, functions, components, funding & carrying out of accounts and audit – reg.

Reference: Cabinet Decision No: - 156/23/2012 dated: -30-08-2012

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Sanction is hereby accorded to the assignment of powers, functions, components, funding and carrying out of accounts and audit for the works to be executed/performed by the "Wullar Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA)" notified under SRO 311 dated 25th September, 2012 read with SRO 314 dated 26th September, 2012 as per the details indicated here under:

(A). The powers and functions of the Authority shall be:-

- (i) To administer the affairs of Wular lake and its associated marshes
- (ii) To protect the Lake Ecosystem and catchments directly draining into it in accordance with Management Action Plan.
- (iii) To execute various multidimensional and multidisciplinary activities on its own or through outsourcing.
- (iv) To co-operate and collaborate with other institutions of the State and National/International institutions for development of lake.
- (v) To involve/ engage a multidisciplinary research team for periodic evaluation of ecological and hydrological restoration interventions in the wetland ecosystem.
- (vi) To upgrade the management and professional skills of members/ staff of the management intervention teams.
- (vii) To acquire by gift, purchase, exchange, lease, hire or otherwise any property movable or immovable and to construct, improve, alter, any work for carrying on the activities of the Authority.

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- (viii) To prepare the budget estimates of Authority for each year and sanction the expenditure within limits of the budget.
- (ix) To consider and approve the Annual Reports, Audit Reports, Annual Accounts and Financial Estimates.
- (x) To perform such additional functions and carry out such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the State Government in Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment
- (xi) The Chief Executive Director of WUCMA shall exercise the powers of a major HOD/ Chief Engineer as far as administrative & financial matters are concerned. The subordinate officers shall have similar Administrative and Financial Powers as were in their respective parent departments.

The Administrative Department may further constitute committees for better implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

(B). (i) Components of Wular Conservation & Management Authority (WUCMA):-

The Authority, has to execute multi dimensional and multi disciplinary activities in an integrated manner under the Administrative control of Forest Department and has to collaborate with stakeholders (Government Departments) and Communities living in and around the Wular and associated wetlands. It will be headed by an Officer of the rank of a senior Chief Conservator of Forests and will be designated as Chief Executive Director. The Authority will have Catchment Conservation Division, Water Management Division, Survey and Demarcation Division, Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Planning Division, and Administration and Human Resources Development Division.

(ii) Officers and Employees of the Authority

Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology shall be the Administrative Department for the Authority. The State Government (Forest Administrative Department) shall appoint an officer of the rank of a Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) to be the Chief Executive Director of the Authority, and two officers of the rank of Conservator of Forests as Executive Directors and get other required staff on deputation from other Departments. No new creation of regular posts shall be made. Initially, the officers to be drawn from different line departments for functioning of the Authority shall be borne on the establishment of their parent departments.

(C). Funds of the Authority

Funds received from State and Central Government or external aid routed through Central and State Governments.

(D). Accounts and Audit

The accounts of the Authority shall be audited by the Accountant General, J&K. The forms in which accounts should be presented shall be as prescribed for the Forest Department.

(E). Any other changes in the Authority if required in future would be made with the concurrence of Planning and Finance Department.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.


Sd/-
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Dated: 10.10.2012

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2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J & K, Srinagar
3. Addl. PCCF/Chief Executive Director, Wullar Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA).
4. Secretary to Government, General Administration Department, Srinagar.
5. Addl. Secy./ Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.
6. OSD to Hon'ble Forest Minister.
7. Pvt. Secretary to Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, Forest Department.
8. P.A to Special Secretary (Technical), Forest Department.
9. Government Order file/Stock file.


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