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Notification

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Whereas the water bodies form a vital part of hydrological cycle, are highly productive, support exceptionally large biodiversity, and

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Whereas the water bodies act as regulator of water regime, source for underground recharge source of underground water recharging, mechanism for waste water treatment air quality purifier and store of water for fire fighting and whereas the water bodies are essential for productive pisciculture, and

Whereas it is expedient to provide for protection to the extent of water bodies within a region to ensure sustainable use of the ecological services provided by the water bodies, and

Whereas conversion or alteration of water bodies for implementation of developmental projects also become necessary in some cases, in the interest of sustainable development, and

Whereas the Government of West Bengal, in the Department of Land and Land Reforms, Land Reforms Branch, vide their notification No. 4297-LR/1A-05/GE(M) dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, have stipulated that all applications for conversion or alteration of any land having water body shall have to be accompanied by an affidavit in prescribed Form for creation of compensatory water body, and that the District Land and Land Reforms Officer shall not make any order directing change, conversion or alteration of any land having water body without prior consultation in writing with Fisheries Department or Environment Department at the Block or Regional Level for obtaining necessary clearance in this regard,


Therefore, it is now ordered that the West Bengal Pollution Control Board, through its Regional Offices in different district locations is hereby authorized to receive, examine and respond to all such proposals received from respective District land & land reforms officers for conversion or alteration of water bodies, except WATER BODIES FALLING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF EAST KOLKATA WETLAND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

  
Principal Secretary  
(Department of Environment)

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. Principal Secretary, Land and Land Reforms Department.
2. Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, with a request to advise all the regional offices of WBPCB accordingly
3. Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board
4. All District Magistrates, West Bengal.

The District Magistrate, Malda District.

  
Principal Secretary  
(Department of Environment )