



Minutes of the Discussion held on 22/03/2023 at 6 pm in the matter of National Green Tribunal in OA No. 147/2022 regarding Remedial Action for the protection of Ashtamudi & Vembanad – Kol Wetland.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department had directed the Member Secretary of Kerala State Pollution Control Board to appraise him of the status of action taken by the Board with regard to O.A 147/2022. Senior Environmental Engineer, Head Office was also present. The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board explained the action taken by the Board so far in the matter. After discussions, the Additional Chief Secretary directed that the following steps should taken by the

1) KSPCB should issue Closure Intention Notice to all polluting industrial units/establishments.

2) KSPCB should submit the reports to Government regarding the following.

- Notices issued to polluting units
- Closure orders issued

3) All local bodies abutting the Ashtamudi and Vembanad lakes should be inspected for the compliance of Municipal Solid Waste Rules and Water Act. If found non complying further actions should be taken, i.e issuing notice followed by direction regarding levy of Environmental Compensation as per NGT order and action taken shall be reported to Government.

4) Weekly meetings is to be submitted to Government for updation.

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