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**MINUTES OF FOURTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UNDER WETLAND AUTHORITY OF DELHI, THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF DR. MADHU ON TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE' 2022 AT 11:30 AM.**

The following members attended the meeting:

1. **Dr. Madhu Verma**, Chief Economist, World Resources Institute, New Delhi (Chairperson)
2. **Prof. J.K. Garg**, Director, Tribhuvan College of Environment and Development Sciences, Neemrana, Rajasthan
3. **Dr. Ritesh Kumar**, Director, Wetlands International South Asia (WISA), New Delhi
4. **Prof. Man Singh**, Professor & Project Director, Water Technology Centre, IARI, Janakvihar, Pusa, New Delhi
5. **Sh. Pranay Lal**, Member of Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC), Noida (UP)
6. **Dr. K.S. Jayachandran**, Member Secretary, Technical Committee under Wetland Authority of Delhi

The Member Secretary (Technical Committee) made a presentation on the progress made on Wetland Authority of Delhi.

After detailed discussion the following decisions were taken: -

1. Brief Documents highlighting parameters (area, biodiversity, ecosystem services, pre-existing rights and privileges etc.) of the following ten wetlands were presented before the committee:-

**Natural Wetlands**

1. Sawada Kh. No. (a) 229 (38-1)
  2. Ghonda Gujran Khaddar
  3. Jaunti Kh. No. (f) 225 (29-7)
  4. Naini lake, Model Town
  5. Kitchner Lake, Dhula Kuan
  6. Shikarpur Kh. No. 96 (17-18)
  7. Auchandi Kh. No. 89
  8. Neela Hauz, Vasant Kunj
  9. Kanganheri Kh. No. 111 (13-10)
  10. Satpula Lake, New Delhi
2. After detailed deliberations the Technical Committee recommended the following:

- i. The Neela Hauz and Kitchner Lake, Dhula Kuan are not natural wetlands.
  - ii. The Chairperson suggested ground assessment shall be done of these 14 prioritised wetland have done (**field-visits**) by the team of 2-3 committee members along with WA members.
  - iii. A clear demarcation of natural and man-made wetlands should be done (Desktop Demarcation).
  - iv. The master table shall include the lat/long details.
  - v. Flora mentioned in the BDs shall be reanalysed .
  - vi. **Section-6, 7, 8 and 9** {as per Wetland (C&M) Rule, 2017} parameters shall be re-analysed and amended, if required.
3. For newly identified wetlands, Survey of India Topo sheet shall be accessed at 1:50,000 and 1:25,000 scale. The Survey Topo sheet of 1951 and 1971 shall be accessed. The sources of Identification of new wetlands shall be provided. The focus shall be on the Natural Lakes. Land records shall be look into for the newly identified wetlands.
4. The draft restoration manual prepared by the Wetland Authority was floated among the Technical Committee Members. Comments and/or Inputs were received. Following incorporations were suggested:
- a. Sources and/or References should be mentioned.
  - b. The Chapter numbers 1, 2 and 3 are not required.
  - c. Importance and History of GNCTD's Wetlands shall be included.
  - d. Involving stakeholders for maintenance of restoration.
  - e. List of native species shall be incorporated.
  - f. Documentation of Success stories.
  - g. Categorise the interventions.
  - h. Funding required.
  - i. Restoration plan and Monitoring of restoration.
  - j. Restoration manual shouldn't be named as low-cost.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
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