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To: Chief Conservators of Forests,
- Northern Circle / Hill Circle / Wild Life (North) / Conservation & Extension / Western Circle / Central Circle / South East Circle / South West Circle
Field Director, BTR / Field Director, STR / Joint Director, SBR


**Sub: Submission of Action Plan for Polluted River Stretches Priority on II, III, IV & V
in connection with the order of NGT O.A. 673 / 2017 & O.A. 727 / 2018**

Following the orders of National Green Tribunal quoted above, all the State Governments were requested to prepare Action Plans for bringing all the polluted river stretches fit at least for bathing purpose. Accordingly, Forest Department has submitted an Action Plan for raising plantations along 17 polluted river stretches in West Bengal. The details of the polluted river stretches are enclosed herewith. The Forest Department has to raise plantations and bio-diversity parks along both the sides of the river with the spacing of 5 meters x 3 meters.

Accordingly, you are requested to look into the matter and instruct your DFOs to get in touch with the District Magistrates and other Departments for identifying the land for the purpose of raising plantations in these stretches and setting up of bio-diversity parks by removing encroachments. As matter pertains to the orders of National Green Tribunal, the matter should be given highest priority and lands suitable for plantations should be identified within 7 days.

The undersigned would be holding a meeting on 24th May, 2019 at Aranya Bhawan and you are requested to come with the details of availability of land and make the presentations before the undersigned. You are also requested to bring along with you the information regarding plantations to be raised along these river stretches during the current year either by Forest Department or by any other agency.

Your immediate action in this regard is requested.


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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoFF
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Encl: As above.

POLLUTED RIVER STRETCHES IN WEST BENGAL

(ABSTRACT FROM: *Monitoring of Indian National Aquatic Resources Series: MINARS/37 /2014-15, RIVER STRETCHES FOR RESTORATION OF WATER QUALITY, CPCB, MoEF&CC*)

Water Quality of rivers West Bengal is measured at 38 locations on 18 rivers and among them 35 locations is non-complying to the Water Quality Criteria with respect to BOD. These 35 locations are on 17 rivers. The names of 17 polluted rivers are; Barakar, Churni, Damodar, Dwarkeshwar, Dwarka, Ganga, Jalangi, Kalijani, Kanshi, Karola, Mahananda, Mathabhanga, Mayurkashi, Rupnarayan, Silababti, Teesta and Vindhyadhari. These rivers are classified in priority class III, IV and V based on the level of BOD. The details of polluted river stretches are provided below

Polluted River Stretches in West Bengal

S No.	River Name	Stretch Identified	Towns Identified	Approx length of the stretch (in Km)
1.	BARAKAR	KULTI TO ASANSOL	CHITTARANJAN, KULTI, BURNPUR, ASANSOL	20
2.	CHURNI	SANTIPUR TOWN TO MAJHADIA	RANAGHAT	30
3.	DAMODAR	DURGACHAKM TO DISHERGARH VILL	UDAYANARAYANPUR, BAGNAN, DURGAPUR, ASANSOL	200
4.	DWARAKESHWAR	BANKURA TO KUSHTIA	BANKURA	20
5.	DWARKA	TARAPITH TO SADHAK BAMDEB GHAT	CHANDIPUR, TARAPITH, BISHNUPUR, MARGRAM	50
6.	GANGA	TRIBENI TO DIAMOND HARBOUR	KANCHRAPARA, HOOGHLY, NAIHATI, CHANDANNAGAR, BHATPARA, BARRACKPORE, BARANAGAR, KOLKATA, HOWRAH, BERHAMPORE, PALTA, DAKSHINESWAR, ULUBERIA	50
7.	JALANGI	LAAL DIGHI TO KRISHNA NAGAR	KRISHNANAGAR, CHAPRA	20
8.	KALJANI	BITALA TO ALIPURDWAR	HAMILTONGANJ, ALIPURDUAR	30
9.	KANSI	MIDNAPORE TO RAMNAGAR	MEDINIPUR	25

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10.	KAROLA	JALPAIGURI TO THAKURER KAMAT	JALPAIGURI	50
11.	MAHANANDA	SILIGURI TO BINAGURI	SILIGURI	50
12.	MATHABHANGA	MADHUPUR TO GOBINDAPUR	MAJHDIA, KRISHNAGANJ, DURGAPUR, SWARNAKALI	80
13.	MAYURKASHI	SURI TO DURGAPUR	SURI, SAINTHIA	95
14.	RUPNARAYAN	KOLAGHAT TO BENAPUR	BAGNAN, KOLAGHAT, TAMLUK	20
15.	SILABATI	GHATAL TO NISCHINDIPUR	GHATAL, NISCHINDIPUR	25
16.	TEESTA	SILIGURI TO PAHARPUR	JALPAIGURI, SILIGURI	10
17.	VINDHADHARI	HAROA BRIDGE TO MALANCHA BURNING GHAT	HAROA, MINAKHAN, MALANCHA	15