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Sub: Ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT OA no. 325/2015 – restoration of water bodies in the state.

Ref: Online meeting convened by the Chief Engineer (I&A) (i/c) on 26.07.2022 regarding OA 325/2015


The Meta data of water bodies in the state are to be captured as per the action plan for restoration of water bodies in the state pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble NGT in OA 325/2015. A total list of 11456 ponds in the state have been identified from the inventory data available with the National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC). From the total number of 11456 ponds, 1406 ponds identified within the 3km buffer width of 21 polluted river stretches (identified under OA 673/2018) were prioritised, out of which 1279 ponds were located and their meta data (as per template of National Mission for Clean Ganga) has been collected using mobile application. The remaining 10,177 ponds (including 127 prioritised ponds) have to be located and also their Meta data are to be captured using mobile application.

In view of the above, an online meeting was held vide reference read above, to discuss the way forward. As per the deliberation of the meeting, it is decided to pursue the district wise data collection process under the leadership of Minor Irrigation Executive Engineers concerned. To facilitate the process, the Assistant Engineers / Overseers under Irrigation Divisions, Hydrology Wing, Quality Control Wing, Coastal field studies, Projects, etc. within the district can be suitably deployed in consultation with the Executive Engineers concerned without affecting regular duties of the officers.

The district wise list of remaining ponds for which Meta data are to be captured is to be collected by the concerned Minor Irrigation Executive Engineer from IDR. It is to be ensured that all the Meta data to be collected are captured to the highest level of accuracy attainable, to avoid confusion and re-examination.

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