



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA No 147/2022 - Ashtamudi & Vembanad Environmental Restoration Works – Ring-Fenced Allocation of ₹10 Crores – Fund Utilization – Sanctioned – Orders Issued.

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### LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (WM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1699/2025/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 09-07-2025

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Read 1 Order dated 22/03/2023 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA No 147/2022

2 G O (Rt) No. 2993/2024/Fin Dated 25/03/2024

3 G O (Rt) No. 1456/2025/LSGD Dated 12/06/2025

### ORDER

As per the direction contained in the order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal had directed the State Government to ring-fence an amount of ₹10 Crores for undertaking conservation and restoration activities in the Ramsar-designated Ashtamudi and Vembanad wetlands.

2. Accordingly, a new budget head 8550-00-104-88 – 'Compensation imposed for non-compliance of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, on the basis of the Order of the Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 147/2022' was created as per the Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above.

3. As per the Government Order read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above, Administrative Sanction has been accorded for transferring ₹10,00,00,000 (Rupees Ten Crores only) from the above-mentioned budget head to Treasury Savings Bank Account No. 799011400007763, maintained in the name of the Principal Director, Local Self Government Department, at Vellayambalam Treasury, for meeting the expenditure towards environmental restoration/prevention of pollution measures in Ashtamudi-Vembanad wetlands.

4. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) of the Local Self Government

Department has taken necessary steps to transfer the money to the specified account.

5. Government have further examined this matter with respect to the utilization of the ring-fenced amount. Out of the ring-fenced amount, sanction is hereby accorded for the disbursement of ₹2,39,80,993 (Rupees Two Crores Thirty Nine Lakhs Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Three only) towards the bills raised under the Suchitwa Keralam (Rural) projects listed in *Annexure 1*, implemented by Local Bodies in the Ashtamudi–Vembanad wetland region, as per the list furnished by Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission. Sanction is also accorded to utilize the balance amount from the ring-fenced ₹10 Crores for the Brahmapuram Biomining Project, being implemented by the Kochi Municipal Corporation. Secretary, Kochi Municipal Corporation shall place the claim and bills before Principal Director immediately.

6 . The Principal Director, Local Self-Government Department shall take the necessary administrative and financial measures immediately for the release of the said amounts.

(By order of the Governor)  
ANUPAMA T V I A S  
SPECIAL SECRETARY

To :

The Principal Director, Local Self Government Department  
The Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission  
The Director of Urban Affairs  
Secretaries of concerned Local Bodies  
The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala  
The Finance (Development/Budget Wing – A) Department  
The Environment Department  
The Sub Treasury Officer, Vellayambalam  
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Enclosure :

Annexure - 1 : List of projects under Suchitwa Kerala (Rural) for Ring Fenced allocation