



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Pollution of Vembanad Lake- Interim order dated 27.10.25 of NGT in MA No. 58/2024 in OA No.147/2022 - Strengthening of enforcement to close illegal drains-Compliance - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (WM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.117/2026/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14-01-2026

Read 1 Interim order dated 27.10.25 of NGT in MA No. 58/2024 in OA No.147/2022.

2 Minutes of the Meeting convened by the Chief Secretary held on 08.12.25 at 3.30 PM

3 Letter no.KSPCB/1617/2024-AE-10 dated 13.01.2026 from the Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board

ORDER

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide its interim order read as 1st paper above has directed Government to file affidavit to disclose the drains which are still discharging untreated sewage in the two wetlands viz Ashtamudi and Vembanad .The Tribunal further required the State Pollution Control Board to take the water samples from these two wetlands and the storm water drains immediately after one month and to submit the analysis report.

As per the decisions taken in the meeting read above , which was convened based on the direction in the order dated 27.10.2025 of the Hon'ble NGT in OA No.147 of 2022, the Member Secretary, KSPCB, has

submitted the water quality analysis report for the drains mentioned in the NGT order.

As per the notified Primary Water Quality Criteria for Bathing Water under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, The BOD (3 day at 27oC) should be 3 mg/l or less and maximum permissible value of Fecal Coliform is 2500 MPN/100ml. But the water samples from the KV Canal, Anthakarathodu, and the drain from Mahadeva Temple in Vaikom Municipality, Kottayam District and Edapally thodu , Mullassery Canal and Thevara-Perandoor Canal in Ernakulam District are seen to be contaminated and exceed safety limits.

In the circumstances, Government hereby order that the Principal Director, Local Self Government Department shall take urgent necessary steps to close all the illegal drains leading into these water bodies by constituting a team of Officers from Kottayam, Kochi Corporations , Vaikom Municipality and the concerned District Suchitwa Mission Coordinators and to furnish Action Taken Report to Government by 17th January 2026 for filing report before the Hon'ble NGT before the next posting date. Necessary legal action shall also be initiated. Chairperson, KSPCB shall extend necessary support to the inspection team.

(By order of the Governor)

ANUPAMA T V I A S

SECRETARY

Principal Director, Local Self Government Department, Thiruvananthapuram

Chairperson, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram

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District Collector, Ernakulam

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Joint Director, WM Cell, LSGD

Joint Director, LSGD, Kottayam

Joint Director,LSGD,Ernakulam

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Secretary,Vaikom Municipality

District Suchitwa Mission Coordinators,Kottayam,Ernakulam

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