



ABSTRACT

Septage Management – Provisions regarding removal of septage from unsewered areas, prevent illegal discharge of sewage, protection of water bodies in Local Bodies- Septage Management Regulation and Operative Guidelines – Approved – Orders issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY (MW) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.1

Dated: 02.01.2023

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Read :

- 1 G.O.(D)No.106, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA-3) Department, dated: 01.09.2014.
- 2 Orders of NGT (SZ) in O.A.No.48/2020 (SZ) dated 18.02.2021.
- 3 Orders of the NGT (SZ) in O.A.No.168/2020 (SZ) with O.A.No.25/2021(SZ) with O.A.No.140/2021 (SZ), dated 23.11.2021 and 17.12.2021.
- 4 From the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Lr.No.CMWSSB/CE(O&M)-II/STP(S)/Decanting/2020-2021, dated 12.06.2021.
- 5 From the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Letter No.CMWSSB/CE(O&M)-II/STP(S)/Decanting/ 2021-2022, dated 12.01.2022.
- 6 The Tamil Nadu Municipal Laws and the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 2022 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 2022)
- 7 G.O.(Ms).No.182, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA-3) Department, dated: 31.12.2022.
- 8 G.O.(Ms).No.183, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA-3) Department, dated: 31.12.2022.
- 9 Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, No.578 dated 31.12.2022.
- 10 Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, No.579 dated 31.12.2022.

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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, Operative Guidelines for Septage Management in Urban and Rural Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu have been issued.

2. In the letter fourth read above, the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has stated that frequent complaints regarding illegal discharge of sewerage in public places, which extend to areas beyond the limits of Greater Chennai Corporation are being received.

3. The National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone) had taken up a suomoto case [NGT (SZ) OA No.48/2020] based on newspaper report regarding illegal

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discharge by sewer lorries. The National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone) disposed of the case on 18.02.2021, vide the orders second read above with the following recommendations of the Joint Committee constituted by National Green Tribunal, to the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board:

- The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board shall expedite the process of establishment of underground sewer lines with Sewage Treatment Plant to handle the sewage generated from the Sholinganallur area.
- The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board shall regulate the sewage tanker lorries operating in their jurisdiction by properly registering them and streamlining the sewage tanker lorries in co-ordination with the Greater Chennai Corporation, the Public Works Department and the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

4. Further, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone) vide the orders second read above has issued the following direction:-

"The concerned authorities mentioned in the report are directed to strictly implement the recommendations made by the committee in this regard. The Greater Chennai Corporation as well as Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board are directed to maintain a register of vehicles which are entrusted with the collection of garbage and sewage with GPS installed in those vehicles so as to track their movement to find out whether the garbage/sewage entrusted to them are reaching the proper disposal facility centre".

5. In the letter fifth read above, the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has stated that the issue of regulation of sewer lorries engaged in septage management could not be unilaterally addressed by the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, since monitoring and controlling involves many agencies and has therefore requested the Government to issue comprehensive regulation with necessary operative guidelines regarding removal of septage from unsewered areas, regulation of sewer tanker lorries operating in the local bodies and prevention of illegal discharge of sewerage, thereby protecting water bodies.

6. In the above circumstances, it has become imperative to revise the guidelines, to have a holistic approach on regulating the issues relating to sewerage removal, illegal discharge, etc. in areas which are not connected to sewage treatment plants through underground sewerage system. The Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has therefore furnished the draft guidelines for septage management as recommended by the Committee constituted in Government letter dated 15.09.2021 for this purpose.

7. In the meantime, the Tamil Nadu Municipal Laws and the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 2022 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 2022) has been enacted to amend the laws relating to Municipal Corporations and Municipalities, as well as the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1978, so as to regulate the collection, transportation and disposal of faecal sludge/septage and matters connected therewith. The said Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 2022 has come into force with effect from 01.01.2023, vide the Government Order seventh read above and notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary ninth read above. The Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies and Chennai Metropolitan Area Septage Management (Regulation) Rules, 2022 have been issued vide the Government Order eighth read above and notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, tenth read above.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the above proposal of the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board accept the same and in supersession of the earlier Guidelines issued in the Government Order first read above, approve the Septage Management Regulations and Operative Guidelines as in the Annexure, regarding removal of septage from unsewered areas, regulation of sewer tanker lorries operating in the local bodies, prevention of illegal discharge of sewerage, thereby protecting the water bodies.

9. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, the Managing Director, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, the Director of Municipal Administration and the Director of Town Panchayats are requested to strictly implement the above guidelines in their respective jurisdictions.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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