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# Army eyes patrol boats for water bodies in Sir Creek, Brahmaputra



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**New Delhi:** After Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, the Army has now kicked off its plan to acquire six fast-patrol boats and eight landing craft assault for other water bodies in border areas like Sir Creek and Brahmaputra river basin, as well as 118 integrated surveillance and targeting systems for mechanised forces.

The move comes after the Army, over the past two years, has inducted new specialised boats for patrolling Pangong Tso, the 134-km long lake at an altitude of 13,900-feet in eastern Ladakh, where troop disengagement with China took place on the two banks in February 2021.

The new initial tenders or RFIs (request for information) issued by the Army on Monday for six fast patrol boats and eight landing craft assault are meant for deployment in areas like Sir Creek in the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, as well as Brahmaputra river and Sundarban delta areas of West Bengal.

The Army said the fast patrol boats, capable of carrying eight fully-armed soldiers, should be "rugged and

versatile to facilitate seamless execution of small team insertion, surveillance, reconnaissance and patrolling". The landing craft assault, in turn, should be capable of carrying 35 soldiers with weapons and equipment for patrolling, fast attack and interception across a varying matrix of terrain and operating conditions. The last date to respond to the RFIs for the patrol boats and landing assault craft is November 28.

At Pangong Tso, the Army has inducted 12 fast patrol boats with advanced surveillance gear and other equipment under a Rs 65 crore contract with defence PSU Goa Shipyard.

Similarly, 17 troop-carrying, flat-bottom fibreglass boats were inducted from a private shipyard at Goa, which also supplies such vessels to the Navy.

Amid the continuing military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh, which is now set to enter the fourth successive winter, the People's Liberation Army has built two bridges on the part of the Pangong lake it controls as well as new troop shelters and jetties near the "no patrol buffer zone" created after the troop disengagement.

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## Yamuna revival: NGT seeks fresh CPCB report

*New Delhi:* Terming the status reports on the rejuvenation of the Yamuna submitted by states and authorities “deficient” and “cryptic,” the National Green Tribunal Tuesday directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to verify the facts and figures in them, and to “file a comprehensive report reflecting the correct position”.

The CPCB informed the tribunal that 44 drains discharge waste water into the Yamuna and that sewage flowing into Yamuna exceeds the treatment capacity.

The Delhi government said, the “water quality of river Yamuna has improved in the period of January 2023 to September 2023,” compared to the corresponding period in 2022.

The matter was being heard by the Tribunal’s Principal Bench headed by Chairperson Prakash Shrivastava. **ENS**

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## NON-COMPLIANCE WITH TRIBUNAL'S ORDER

# NGT issues notices to MoJS, states over pollution in river stretches

MPOST BUREAU

**NEW DELHI:** The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to the chief secretaries of all states and the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) in a matter regarding non-compliance with the tribunal's order regarding the pollution of various river stretches across the country.

In February 2021, the tribunal directed the MoJS to devise an appropriate mechanism for an effective monitoring of the steps for control of pollution and rejuvenation of all polluted river stretches in the country.

Other directions to the states included addressing the gaps in the treatment of sewage and effluents by setting up adequate effluent treatment plants (ETPs), sewage treatment plants (STPs) and common effluent treatment plants (CETPS).

In a recent order, a bench of Chairperson Prakash Shrivastava and expert member A Senthil Vel said, "Since a larger



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issue in respect of the implementation of the orders by the different authorities on a pan-India basis is involved, therefore, we entertain this application as an execution application for the execution of the order which has been finally passed (on February 22, 2021)."

It said the material shown by the petitioner indicated that the tribunal's order was not implemented by all states.

"Hence, we issue a notice to the chief secretaries of all the states and the Secretary,

Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) with the direction to submit the report in respect of compliance with the above order of the tribunal," the NGT said.

The development came after an application was filed seeking execution of its earlier order on controlling pollution in the rivers.

The applicants submitted that, Assam lacks treatment facility for 437.23 MLD of sewage generated and there is slow progress in implementation of three STPs at Silsako Beel (65 MLD), Borsola Beel (62

## Key Points

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MLD), Paschim Boragaon (60 MLD) at Guwahati and eight STPs of total capacity of 47.5 MLD at Silchar, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tezpur, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Tinsukia and Mangadalo and implementation of 30 Stand-alone FSTP in 30 towns.

The matter has been listed on December 13 for further proceedings. WITH AGENCIES INPUT



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# नदी क्षेत्र में प्रदूषण पर राज्यों के मुख्य सचिवों को नोटिस

नई दिल्ली, एजेन्सी। राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण (एनजीटी) ने देश भर में विभिन्न नदी क्षेत्रों के प्रदूषण के संबंध में अधिकरण के आदेश का अनुपालन न करने के मामले में सभी राज्यों के मुख्य सचिवों और केंद्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्रालय को नोटिस जारी किया है।

एनजीटी ने फरवरी 2021 में मंत्रालय को निर्देश दिया था कि देश में प्रदूषण नियंत्रण और सभी प्रदूषित नदी क्षेत्रों के पुनरुद्धार के लिए कदमों की प्रभावी निगरानी के लिए उचित तंत्र तैयार करें। इसके अलावा राज्यों को पर्याप्त अपशिष्ट शोधन संयंत्र (ईटीपी), सीवेज शोधन संयंत्र (एसटीपी) और सामान्य

अपशिष्ट शोधन संयंत्र (सीईटीपीएस) स्थापित करके सीवेज और अपशिष्टों के शोधन में अंतराल पर ध्यान देने का निर्देश दिया गया था।

एनजीटी के सामने फिर से यह मामला रखा गया। जिसपर एनजीटी ने कहा कि याचिकाकर्ता द्वारा दिखाए गए दस्तावेज से संकेत मिलता है कि ट्रिब्यूनल के आदेश को सभी राज्यों द्वारा लागू नहीं किया गया। इसलिए, हम सभी राज्यों के मुख्य सचिवों और जल शक्ति मंत्रालय के सचिव को ट्रिब्यूनल के उपरोक्त आदेश के अनुपालन के संबंध में रिपोर्ट जमा करने के निर्देश के साथ नोटिस जारी करते हैं।