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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

No. 16097/Envr./2026.

Puducherry, dated 22nd September 2026.

NOTIFICATION

The Notification in S.O. 4799(E), dated 31st August, 2026 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, as published in the Extraordinary Gazette of India, Part-II – Section-3 – Sub-section (ii) No. 4612, dated 31st August 2026, is hereby republished for information of the general public.

S. BALASSOUNDARY,
Under Secretary to Government (Environment).

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st August, 2026

S.O. 4799(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) and in pursuance of the notification of the Government of India, in the *erstwhile* Ministry of Environment and Forests, number S.O. 1533(E), dated the 14th September, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said notification), the Central Government, hereby constitutes the Union Territory Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) comprising of the following Members, namely:—

Sl. No.	Name and Address	Designation
1.	Dr. M. Dwarakanath, 50, Thulasi Nivas, Vishnu gardens, Kovai Pudur, Coimbatore-641042	Chairman;
2.	Dr. V. Ravitchandirane, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, Kanchi Mamunivar Government Institute for Postgraduate Studies and Research, Lawspet, Puducherry-605008	Member; and
3.	Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Puducherry, 3rd Floor, PHB Building, Anna Nagar, Puducherry-605005	Member-Secretary.

2. The Chairman and Members of the Authority shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

3. The Authority shall exercise the powers and follow the procedures as specified in the said notification.

4. The Authority shall take its decision on the recommendations of the Union Territory Level Expert Appraisal Committee constituted under paragraph 6 of this notification.

5. All decisions of the Authority shall be taken in a meeting and shall be unanimous:

Provided that, in case a decision is taken by majority, the details of views, for and against it, shall be clearly recorded in the minutes and a copy thereof sent to the Central Government.

6. The Central Government, in consultation with the Union Territory of Puducherry, for the purpose of assisting the Authority, hereby constitutes the Union Territory Level Expert Appraisal Committee of Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Committee), comprising of the following Members, namely:—

Sl. No.	Name and Address	Designation
1.	Dr. K. Srinivasmoorthy, Professor and Head, Department of Earth Sciences, School of Physical, Chemical and Applied Sciences, Pondicherry University, R.V. Nagar, Kalapet, Puducherry-605014	Chairman;
2.	Dr. M. Velan, No.3/18, Seventh Street, Dharmaraja Nagar, Porur, Chennai-600116	Member;
3.	Dr. Nehru Kumar Vaithilingam, C2, RG Green Homes, IV Cross street, Natesan Nagar, Puducherry-605004	Member;
4.	Dr. G. Vijayakumar, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry-605014	Member;

5.	Dr. K. Siva Kumar, Professor, Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry University, R.V. Nagar, Kalapet, Puducherry-605014	Member;
6.	Dr. R. Sridar, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry-605014	Member;
7.	Dr. S. Gajalakshmi, Professor, Centre for Pollution Control and Environmental Engineering, Pondicherry University, Puducherry-605014	Member;
8.	Dr. A. Sankaran, Professor and Head Department of Economics, Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry-605014	Member; and
9.	Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Puducherry, 3rd Floor, PHB Building, Anna Nagar, Puducherry-605005.	Member-Secretary.

7. The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

8. The Committee shall exercise such powers and follow such procedures as specified in the said notification.

9. The Committee shall function on the principle of collective responsibility and the Chairman shall endeavour to reach a consensus in each case, and if consensus cannot be reached, the view of the majority shall prevail.

10. In order to avoid any conflict of interest,–

(i) the Chairman and Members of the Authority and the Chairman and Members of the Committee shall,–

- (a) declare as to which consulting organisation they have been associated with and also the project proponents; and
- (b) not undertake any consultation or associate with regard to preparation of environment impact assessment and environment management plan for a project, which is to be decided by the Authority or to be appraised by the Committee during their tenure; and

(ii) if the Chairman or any Member of the Authority or the Committee has provided consultancy services or conducted environment impact assessment studies for any project proponent during the preceding five years, in that situation they shall recuse themselves from the meetings of the Authority or the Committee in the process of appraisal of any project being proposed by such proponents.

11. Union Territory of Puducherry shall notify an agency to act as Secretariat for the Authority and the Committee. The Secretariat shall provide financial and logistic support including accommodation, transportation and such other facilities in respect of its statutory functions under the said notification.

12. The sitting fees, travelling allowances and dearness allowances to the Chairman and Members of the Authority and the Chairman and Members of the Committee, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of relevant rules of the Union Territory of Puducherry.

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RAJAT AGARWAL,
Joint Secretary.

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