

National Mission for Clean Ganga  
Ministry of Water Resources  
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation  
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**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT,  
1986  
(Notice Thereof)**

**WHEREAS**, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1), read with clauses (i), (ii), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xii) and (xiii) of sub-section (2) and (3) of section 3 and sections 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20 and 23 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Government of India constituted the National Mission for Clean Ganga (hereinafter NMCG) by the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016 (hereinafter the Order) for the purpose of exercising powers and discharge functions as specified under the Order for effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation, protection and management of the River Ganga and its tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, as per Section 3(ze) of the Order, River Mahanada is one of the tributaries of River Ganga; and

**WHEREAS**, as per Section 6 (3) of the Order, No person shall construct any structure, whether permanent or temporary for residential or commercial or industrial or any other purposes in the River Ganga, Bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries.

Provided that in case any such construction has been completed, before the commencement of this Order, in the River Bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries, the National Mission for Clean Ganga shall review such constructions so as to examine as to whether such constructions are causing interruption in the continuous flow of water or pollution in River Ganga or its tributaries, and if that be so, it shall cause for removing them; and

**WHEREAS**, as per Section 8 read with section 41(3) of the Order, NMCG has been empowered to issue such directions as it may consider necessary for abatement of pollution and rejuvenation, protection and management of the River Ganga and its tributaries, under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to the concerned authority or local authority or other authorities or Board or Corporation or person and they shall be bound to comply with such directions; and

**WHEREAS**, as per Section 42 (g) of the Order, every person, the State Ganga Committees, District Ganga Protection Committees, local authorities and other authorities shall obtain prior approval of the NMCG for any activity which contravenes the principles laid out in the said Order; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the notice of NMCG that Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has undertaken unauthorized construction in the river bed and flood plain of River Mahananda at Kishanganj, Bihar, without prior approval of NMCG; and

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**WHEREAS**, matter related to the unauthorized construction in the river bed and flood plain of River Mahananda by the AMU Centre at Kishanganj, Bihar allegedly in violation of the Order is seized before the Eastern Zone Bench of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal at Kolkata in OA No. 126/2017 and Hon'ble Tribunal has directed NMCG to issue such directions as may be deemed proper to stop construction in the river bed and flood plain of River Mahananda.

**AND NOW, THEREFORE**, in view of the above, and in exercise of powers conferred to NMCG under the Order, following directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, are issued for all concerned State Government, authority or local authority or other authorities or Board or Corporation or person to comply with:

- i. No construction of any structure, whether permanent or temporary for residential or commercial or industrial or any other purposes shall be undertaken in the River Mahananda, Bank of River Mahananda or active flood plain area of River Mahananda, without prior approval of NMCG; and
- ii. The State Government of Bihar shall submit to NMCG the documents pertaining to demarcation of the floodplain of River Mahananda, if demarcation has been already undertaken. It is also directed to clarify whether permissions for construction in the flood plain of River Mahananda have been granted by the State Government after taking into consideration the physical limits of flood plain of River Mahananda. If not, rationale/reason for allowing constructions in the flood plain of River Mahananda shall be submitted to the NMCG, within 30 days from the issue of these directions; and
- iii. The State Government of Bihar shall submit for review of NMCG, the details of the constructions already existing/ completed in the floodplain of River Mahananda within 90 days from the issue of these directions; and
- iv. In the event of non-compliance of above directions, all such constructions in the flood plain of River Mahananda will be construed as unauthorized and NMCG will take appropriate action to ascertain whether such constructions are causing interruption in the continuous flow of water or pollution in River Mahananda, and if that be so, the concerned authority or local authority or other authorities or Board or Corporation or person shall remove such constructions as directed by NMCG in due course.



**Director General  
National Mission for Clean Ganga**

**To,**

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