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Government of West Bengal

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The Government of West Bengal issued a policy statement on Protection and Conservation of Natural Resources on 5th July. The Policy statement which aims to reconcile pro-development and environment goals is given below:

POLICY STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES OF GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL

1. The Government of West Bengal has been deeply concerned in Environmental Protection and Conservation of Natural Resources in the State that in pursuance of the recently announced (September 1994) Policy Statement on Development, a large number of developmental projects will start getting implemented in the State in the near future and produce new impacts on an already overburdened scenario.
2. The responsibility for environment protection and abatement of pollution is not the department alone, nor is it the task of the Government alone. It is a shared responsibility of Government Departments and Agencies, public authorities like the Panchayats and Municipalities. Police, Industrial units, non-Government organisations and other organisations. Environmental issues are cross-sectoral. Hence the objective of environmental considerations into decision making process at all levels. Pursuing a clean environment to respond to the coming challenges is essential.
3. It is in this light that this Policy Statement on Environment Protection and Conservation of Natural Resources is hereby adopted by the State Government to achieve development and pro-environment goals. The following will be its salient features:
 - 3.1 Activities will be intensified to control water, air and noise pollution within permissible limits.
 - 3.2 Specific environmental pollution problems created by the organised and unorganised established industrial areas will be attempted to be controlled in a 10 years period through preparation of relevant action plans;

- 3.3 Rivers, reservoirs, waterbodies and watersheds in the State will be protected, encroachments maintained and developed for ecological balance to provide irrigation, industrial, drinking and other civic purposes;
 - 3.4 The coastal zone in the State stretching from Medinipur to the Sunderbans (in length) will be preserved, protected and restored in phase under integrated zone management plans ;
 - 3.5 Afforestation, wasteland development, protection and enhancement of wildlife will be accelerated, and reserved and protected forests will be enriched with genetic improvements;
 - 3.6 Action plans will be prepared in phases for improving the physical environment of towns in the State in order to improve their sustainability by way of increasing productivity, health, and reducing their risks and hazards;
 - 3.7 Location of industries, urban development, other major infrastructural and civic facilities will be implemented in accordance with the extant regulations and with prior assessment of environmental impacts in accordance with this policy;
 - 3.8 Special emphasis will be given for water and waste management through scientific methods of demand management, recycling and reuse;
 - 3.9 Importance will be given and efforts will be made to establish and encourage relationships between Government-industry, public-private, industry-academia, Government-private, Government-media etc. in order to secure co-operation, increased awareness, and promote active participation in all environmental activities in the State. Various tiers of public authorities and societal organisations will be entrusted to discharge specific responsibilities and obligations for this purpose;
 - 3.10 Legislation and regulations relating to environmental protection and conservation of natural resources will be amended to make them simpler, more easily enforceable and more understandable in the larger interests of the society;
 - 3.11 For protection of environment, conservation of natural resources, abatement and promotion of environmental awareness, a coordination machinery among various Departments, viz. Forest, Agriculture, Irrigation, Industry, Municipal Affairs, Labour, Development, Health, Public Health, Dev. & Planning, Transport, Rural Development, Science & Technology, Home, Law, I & CA etc. will be set up to coordinate action plans, achieve interdepartmental cohesion, and monitor the progress of this Policy Statement. The Environment Department will act as the nodal agency for this purpose;
 - 3.12 The State Government will explore all possibilities of national and international assistance and commit sufficient funds for implementation of this policy.
4. The basic thrust of this policy is to ensure that the tempo of developmental activities is accelerated and facilitated by also taking into account the preservation and conservation of natural resources.

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