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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 16th February, 2026

S.R.O.No.249/2026 – "**WHEREAS** Parliament had enacted the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (No. 6 of 1974) providing for prevention and control of water pollution and the maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water, for the establishment, with a view to carrying out the purposes aforesaid, of Boards for the prevention and control of water pollution, for conferring on and assigning to such Boards powers and functions relating thereto and for matters connected therewith.

AND, WHEREAS, in pursuance of clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution of India, the Odisha Legislative Assembly had resolved to adopt that the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 together with its amendments in the State of Odisha in its meeting held on 06th April, 1983;

AND WHEREAS, the Resolution as passed by the Odisha Legislative Assembly was published in the *Odisha Gazette* Notification No. 1011, dated the 2nd June, 1983, for general information;

AND WHEREAS, it is considered necessary to make certain amendments thereto for decriminalising and rationalising minor offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business;

Now, therefore, the said Resolution, as delineated below, was adopted by the Odisha Legislative Assembly on the dated 1st December, 2025, and is hereby published for general information.

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the Parliament had enacted the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 5 of 2024) notified on dated 15th February, 2024 ;

AND, WHEREAS, the Amendment Act shall apply, in the first instance, to the whole of the States of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan and the Union Territories and it shall apply to such other States which will adopt this Act, by passing a resolution in their

legislative assemblies and legislative councils, if any, under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution read with clause (2) thereof, with effect from the date of such adoption;

AND, WHEREAS, the aim of this Amendment Act is to decriminalize the provisions of the original Act "Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974" [6 of 1974] to facilitate ease of doing business in the country and to streamline the process of nomination of Chairman of State Pollution Control Boards ;

AND, WHEREAS, it appears to this Legislative Assembly to be desirable that the aforesaid Amendment Act should be adopted in the State of Odisha by passing a resolution in this house;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 252 of the Constitution of India, this House hereby resolves that the amendments with respect to the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024 (No.5 of 2024) should be adopted in the State of Odisha as enacted by the Parliament".

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By Order of the Governor

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