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Annexure - III

GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR

Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Notification No. 01

Dated: 29.08.2025

The draft of the notification, which the Bihar State Wetland Authority (BSWA) proposes to issue in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 7 of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 read with Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), is hereby published for the information of the persons likely to be concerned or affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing this notification are made available to the public;

Any person interested in making any objection or suggestion, on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Government of Bihar, within the period so specified to the Member Secretary, Bihar State Wetland Authority, at email address: cfcc.bih@gmail.com

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

1. Whereas, there exists a water body known as **Chauki Wetland**, measuring an area of **56.4 hectares**, situated in **District - Begusarai, Circle - Sahebpur Kamal, Revenue Thana No. - 638, Revenue Village / Mauja - Chauki**, which is critically significant for its ecosystem services and biodiversity values for the local communities and society at large (hereinafter referred to as the "said Wetland"); the particulars of which are more fully described in **Schedule I** annexed hereto.
2. And Whereas, it is considered necessary that, for sustaining the aforesaid values, the ecological character of the wetland ecosystem be maintained by regulating developmental activities both within the wetland area as well as within its zone of influence;
3. And Whereas, it is further considered expedient, in public interest, to notify the said Wetland under the provisions of the Wetlands (Conservation and

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Management) Rules, 2017, so as to ensure conservation and wise use of its resources, consistent with the maintenance of its ecological character;

4. And Whereas, in terms of sub-rule (1) of Rule 7 of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Government of Bihar, has prepared a Brief Document for identifying the said Wetland;
5. And Whereas, based on the aforesaid Brief Document, the Bihar State Wetland Authority (BSWA), in its 2nd meeting, has recommended to the Government of Bihar that the said Wetland, be notified as a wetland under the provisions of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017;
6. And whereas, the recommendation of the district Wetland Committee has been obtain to notify this area as a wetland under the provisions of of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.
7. Now therefore, the State of Bihar accepts the recommendation to declare the said wetland for being covered under the provisions of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.
8. The extent of the wetland and its zone of influence is described in Schedule I of this notification;
9. Activities prohibited within the wetland and its zone of influence is listed in Schedule II of this notification. Such prohibitions shall not apply for areas designated under other Acts and Rules, and listed at para 1.2 (a), (b) and (c) of Schedule I. Relevant provisions of respective Acts and Rules shall apply in such areas.
10. Activities regulated within the wetland and their zones of influence, i.e. permitted only with permission of State Government are listed in Schedule III of this notification. Request for permissions can be made to the Member Secretary, Bihar State Wetland Authority, C/o Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Aranya Bhawan, Shaheed Peer Ali Khan Marg Patna, Bihar-800014 or at email -ccfcc.bih@gmail.com. Such regulations shall not apply for areas designated under other Acts and Rules, and listed at para 1.2 a), b) and c) of Schedule I. Relevant provisions of respective Acts and Rules shall apply in such areas.
11. Activities permitted within the wetland and its zone of influence is listed in Schedule IV of this notification, Such permissions shall not apply for areas

designated under other Acts and Rules, and listed at para 1.2 a), b) and c) of Schedule I. Relevant provisions of respective Acts and Rules shall apply in such areas.

12. The Bihar State Wetland Authority and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall monitor the enforcement of the provisions of this notification.

Schedule - I

1.1 Location and Extent of Wetland and its Zone of Influence:

The said Wetland, namely **Chauki Wetland**, admeasuring an area of **56.4 hectares**, falls under the following revenue particulars:

District Name	Circle Office	Revenue Thana No.	Revenue Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Boundary	Area (Hectare)
Begusarai	Sahebpur Kamal	638	Chauki	316	164	-	56.4
Total Area In Hectare							56.4

1.2. Boundary of area already designated under provisions of other Acts and Rules:

- a) *Area designated under the Indian Forest Act, 1927; the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; the State Forest Act and amendments thereof-* No part of the said Wetland falls under the above-mentioned Acts.
- b) *Area designated under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and amendments thereof-* No part of the said Wetland falls under the above-mentioned Act.

1.3 Zone of Influence:

The Zone of Influence of the said wetland, namely **Chauki Wetland**, admeasuring an area of **56.4 hectares**, falls under the following revenue particulars:

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Schedule - II

(List of Activities Prohibited within the Wetland Boundary)

Within the boundary of the said Wetland the following activities shall be **prohibited**:

1. Conversion for non-wetland uses, including encroachment of any kind;
2. Setting up of any industry and expansion of existing industries; with the exception of modernization of existing industries which will not affect the ecological balance of the wetland under consideration;
3. Manufacture, handling, storage, or disposal of:
 - Construction and demolition waste covered under the *Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016*;
 - Hazardous substances covered under the *Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989*;
 - Hazardous micro-organisms, genetically engineered organisms or cells covered under the *Rules, 1989*;
 - Hazardous wastes covered under the *Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008*;
 - Electronic waste covered under the *E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016*;
4. Solid waste dumping of any kind;
5. Discharge of untreated wastes, effluents, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or any other substances affecting the ecological character of the wetland, from industries, cities, towns, villages, or other human settlements;
6. Construction of a permanent nature within fifty (50) metres from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years, except for such boat jetties as may be permitted;
7. Poaching of any form;
8. Extraction of soil, mud, rocks, or any other material for commercial purposes;

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Note: Approval of the Bihar State Wetland Authority (BSWA) shall be obtained for any other activity not mentioned above, if such activity is likely to adversely affect the ecological character of the wetland.

Schedule - IV

(List of Activities Permitted within the Wetland Boundary and its Zone of Influence)

The following activities are **permitted** at the levels and types indicated below, provided they do not adversely affect the **ecological character** or **ecosystem services** of the wetland:

Activity	Within the Boundary of Wetland	Within the Zone of Influence
Religious Practices	Existing religious practices may continue. Any activity that adversely affects the ecological character of the wetland shall not be allowed.	Permitted. Any activity that adversely affects the ecological character of the wetland shall not be allowed.
Withdrawal of Water for Domestic Use	In case of water deficit and unavailability of drinking water, water may be pumped and supplied to village communities for domestic purposes. This shall be managed and regulated by the Water Resources Department (WRD).	Ongoing traditional use is permitted. Any new permissions shall be granted only with approval of WRD and BSWA.
Plantation of Trees	Prohibited.	Permitted.
Wise Use of Wetland (community, subsistence, and cultural use without impacting ecological	Permitted, provided such use does not adversely affect or impact the ecological character and services offered by the wetland.	Permitted, provided such use does not adversely affect or impact the ecological character and services

character)	offered by the wetland.
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The above draft Notification of Chauki Wetland for notifying it as wetland is being approved in the meeting of District Wetland Committee, Begusarai held on 29/08/2025.

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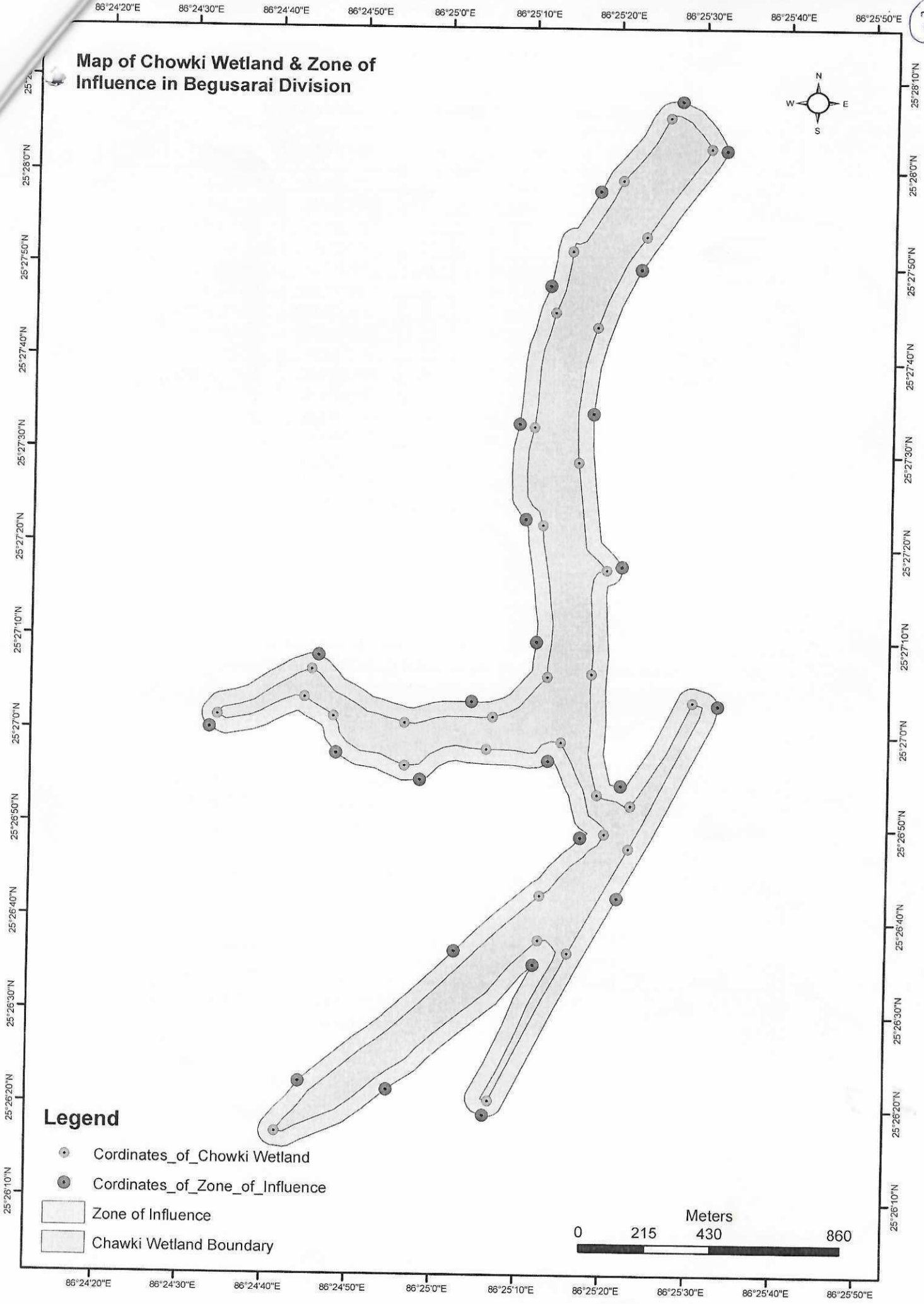
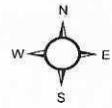
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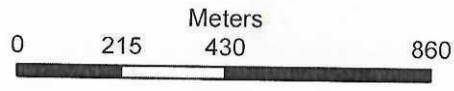
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Map of Chowki Wetland & Zone of Influence in Begusarai Division



Legend

- Cordinates_of_Chowki Wetland
- Cordinates_of_Zone_of_Influence
- Zone of Influence
- Chawki Wetland Boundary



86°24'20"E 86°24'30"E 86°24'40"E 86°24'50"E 86°25'0"E 86°25'10"E 86°25'20"E 86°25'30"E 86°25'40"E 86°25'50"E

25°26'10"N
25°26'20"N
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25°27'0"N
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25°27'40"N
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25°28'0"N

Geo-coordinates of Chowki 02 Begusarai, Bihar					
Sl.No	Longitude	Latitude	Sl.No	Longitude	Latitude
1	86.42387548	25.46828996	17	86.422163	25.447026
2	86.4252255	25.46735888	18	86.420691	25.449741
3	86.42315927	25.46473979	19	86.418242	25.449507
4	86.42162073	25.46209154	20	86.415555	25.448986
5	86.42108649	25.45805424	21	86.413193	25.450443
6	86.42207261	25.45486872	22	86.412233	25.451006
7	86.42164789	25.45178781	23	86.409388	25.450457
8	86.42189983	25.4481882	24	86.412457	25.451822
9	86.42300373	25.4478686	25	86.41553	25.450262
10	86.42496035	25.45097236	26	86.418436	25.450481
11	86.42295007	25.44660095	27	86.42021	25.451679
12	86.42102545	25.44346019	28	86.419947	25.456181
13	86.41852625	25.43905372	29	86.419597	25.459093
14	86.42004816	25.44383665	30	86.420228	25.462517
15	86.41152694	25.43807626	31	86.420758	25.464308
16	86.42008584	25.44516988	32	86.422362	25.466409

Geo-coordinates of Zone of Influence of Chowki 02 Begusarai, Bihar					
Sl.No	Longitude	Latitude	Sl.No	Longitude	Latitude
1	86.42424436	25.4688132	1	86.42137977	25.44691
2	86.42571828	25.46729771	2	86.42027278	25.44917
3	86.42300741	25.46380355	3	86.4160615	25.44856
4	86.42153377	25.45950531	4	86.41329488	25.44933
5	86.42255799	25.45496707	5	86.40913676	25.45007
6	86.42266181	25.44845601	6	86.41266241	25.45223
7	86.42578879	25.45087489	7	86.41772763	25.45092
8	86.42260319	25.44510626	8	86.41981405	25.4527
9	86.41836706	25.43862598	9	86.41937331	25.45634
10	86.41990709	25.44310322	10	86.41910696	25.45917
11	86.41516504	25.43935112	11	86.42005509	25.46329
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13	86.41729509	25.44348848			