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Guidelines to be followed by the Irrigation & Waterways Department to accord permission to the private persons/entities for taking up beautification work on the government land along canal/ drainage channel/river embankment belonging to Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal

1. Beautification work referred to above, generally involves but not restricted to land scaping with suitable horticulture or floriculture, construction of decorated pavements for pedestrians, installation of lighting arrangement to add aesthetics to the adjacent industrial campus/residential campus and such similar work. Putting up of hoarding or construction of any permanent structure are however strictly prohibited.
2. The zone of beautification should stretch along any canal/drainage channel/river embankment between the top edge of the channel bank/ river embankment and the adjacent road, if any, keeping a minimum distance of 300 mm from the top edge of the bank. The said zone should not overlap with the canal/channel/river embankment side slope (canal/river side). Beautification may be done on the countryside slope of any river embankment/canal bank. Construction of decorative pavements is permitted for canal/channel inspection paths, but is not permitted for the river embankment inspection paths.
3. If any proposed activity/construction in the zone of beautification, is of the opinion of the concerned Executive Engineer to be endangering the canal/channel stability with suitable justification, the same would be modified/dropped.
4. Within the zone of proposed beautification, stretches of land of suitable width may be kept vacant so that these can be used for mobilisation of excavators and other equipment, temporary dumping of excavated earth or garbage required for maintenance and cleaning of the canal/drainage channel/river.
5. A prior NOC is to be obtained from the local Government/Authority, i.e. Panchayat Samity or for rural area and Municipality/Municipal Corporation/Development Authority for semi urban and urban areas.

6. The applicant abides by the terms and conditions of the standard undertaking as per Annexure-IV.
7. Permission/NOC to private persons/entities like companies organizations to take up beautification work along the canal/drainage channels would only be accorded subject to fulfilment of all the above mentioned conditions at sl-1 to 8. The beautified area cannot be used by the applicant for any commercial purpose.
8. Decision of the Irrigation & waterways department will be final and binding on the applicant.
9. Permission, once accorded, will remain valid for a period of 10 years and may be renewed on similar terms.



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