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Unhappy with the Karnataka govt's report on Bellandur lake, NGT forms new commission to inspect water bodies

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BENGALURU: Not convinced by the Karnataka government's status report on reviving Bellandur, Varthur and Agara lakes, the National Green Tribunal on Wednesday formed a commission for inspection. The commission comprising a senior advocate, expert from IISc and officials from civic agencies will inspect these polluted lakes to study all the fire incidents happened at the lake till April 10 and the progress of their revival.

The commission will also check whether the apartment complexes around lakes possess occupancy certificates from the municipal corporation. The commission will conduct inspection on April 14 and 15. The matter has been posted to May 11 for consideration of the report of the commission.

The bench noted that the state government was not taking enough action for preventing lake fire and cleaning the water bodies.

The tribunal also questioned the state on the recent fire incident at Bellandur Lake. However, Nagaraj, superintendent engineer, BDA, claimed there hasn't been fire in the lake since January 19, 2018. His statement was recorded and the Tribunal directed the state to verify it.