

CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY

**[Constituted under section 3(3) of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986]
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SUB: Directions to Civic Bodies dealing with drinking water supply network in the notified “over-exploited areas” for construction of ground water abstraction structures for drinking and domestic use and structures of Rain water Harvesting/Artificial recharge to ground water.

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 38 (E) dated the 14th January, 1997, as amended from time to time, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India;

And whereas the Central Government have empowered the Authority to issue directions under section 5 of the said Act, in writing, to any person, officer or any authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

And whereas, the Authority, declared South and South-west Districts *vide* public notice No. 6/2000 dated 15.8.2000 and Yamuna Flood Plain Area *vide* public notice No. 9/2000 dated 2.9.2000 in the National Capital Territory of Delhi; Gurgaon Town and adjoining Industrial Area *vide* public notice No.16/2000 dated 26.12.2000, Whole of Municipal corporation area of Faridabad and Ballabgarh *vide* public notice dated 14.10.1998 in the state of Haryana; and whole of the Municipal Corporation area of Ghaziabad in the District Ghaziabad of State of Uttar Pradesh, *vide* public notice dated 4.4.1999 as “Critical and Notified Areas” and issued directions in exercise of powers under clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 read with section 5 of the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986, to all the ground water users and the concerned Deputy Commissioners in

the State Government for the purpose of regulation of ground water development in these areas.

And whereas the Authority is receiving several applications from various categories of users seeking permission for construction of ground water abstraction structures for drinking and domestic use and also for construction of rain water harvesting structures for recharging ground water.

And whereas the Authority has decided to issue directions to civic bodies in the aforesaid notified areas and is of the opinion that it is not expedient to provide an opportunity to the concerned civic body, for filing objections against the said direction, in order to ensure that the people living in the notified over-exploited areas (where there is no regular water supply network for meeting the drinking and domestic needs) are not deprived of the civic amenity.

Now therefore the Authority in exercise of its powers under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with sub-rule (5) of rule 4 of Environment (Protection) Rules 1986, hereby issues the following directions with immediate effect, namely: -

DIRECTIONS

1. The Chief Officer-in-Charge of civic body (whether called as Jal Board, or Municipal Corporation/Council or Development Authority or Water Works Department or by any other name) dealing with supply of drinking water, shall with the permission of CGWA, ensure construction of ground water abstraction structures/rain water harvesting structures, at the cost of ground water users in the existing dug well/tube-well, as per the guidelines issued by the Authority, in the notified areas of NCT of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, where no regular water supply network is in existence.
2. The Chief Officer-in-Charge of the civic body dealing with water supply network in the above mentioned areas shall ensure that:
 - a. The supply of drinking water from the ground water abstraction structure is at par with the supply to users /consumers in supply network areas.

- b. The construction of ground water abstraction structure is done by the concerned civic body or through a drilling agency/contractor registered with the Central Ground Water Authority.
- c. The water from the abstraction structure is used exclusively for drinking and domestic purpose
- d. The database related to ground water abstraction structure is established and maintained by the civic body. The details of drilling like strata encountered, design details of abstraction structure, yield etc., are furnished to Authority on half yearly basis.
- e. The artificial recharge/ rainwater harvesting structure is also constructed simultaneously along with the abstraction structure.

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To

1. Vice-Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.
2. Vice-Chairman, Haryana Urban Development Authority, Gurgaon.
3. Vice-Chairman, Ghaziabad Development Authority, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
4. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board, Varunalay, Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh, Delhi.
5. Commissioner, Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
6. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Faridabad/Ballabgarh.

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4. Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, U.P.
5. Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Lucknow/Chandigarh.
6. Officer-in-Charge, Central Ground Water Board, State Unit Office, Jam Nagar House, New Delhi.
7. Commissioner of Police, New Delhi.
8. Deputy Commissioner of Police, South District/ South-West District, NCT of Delhi.
9. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon/Fariabad/Ghaziabad.

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