No.4-01/2016 (Misc)-Lit.Cell- 4196 Government of India/भारत_सरकार Ministry of Jal Shakti/जल शक्ति मंत्रालय Department of Water Resources, RD & GR जल_संसाधन, नदी_विकास_एवं गंगा_कायाकल्प_विभाग Central Ground Water Board/केन्द्रीय भूमि जल बोर्ड NH-IV, Faridabad/एन एच-4, फ़रीदाबाद

23 NOV 2020

Dated/दिनांक

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Handling of Court Cases by Nodal Officer-Observation & guideline regarding.

To

The Regional Directors/Executive Engineers/Head of Offices Central Ground Water Board.

Sir,

It has been observed that some Nodal Officers are not paying proper attention towards court cases. In this regard several guidelines have been issued in past vide letters referred as under :

- Dated 25.01.2016 Regarding policy to avoid conflict of interest situation while appointing /deputing Nodal Officer in Court cases.
- 2. Dated 16.02.2016 Regarding court cases handled by the Nodal officer.
- Dated 15.7.2016 Instructions of Ministry of Law & Justice regarding proper monitoring of Court Cases.
- 4. Dated 08.12.2017 Handling of Court cases by the Nodal Officer.
- Dated 17.06.2019- Regarding adequate/proper attention towards court cases by RDs/HOOs/Nodal Officer.
- Dated 02.07.2019 Regarding attending hearing of Contempt Case by respective RD/HOO.

It has also come to the notice that sometimes the Draft reply of the case is forwarded to CHQ in last days for vetting, whereas Ministry has issued direction to submit the Draft reply for vetting at least one month before the scheduled date of necessary filing of Counter Reply. Hence, it is emphasized that the Nodal Officer should liaise with the Government Counsel from time to time and get the latest status of the court case and must keep the CHQ informed / updated..

In view of above and to avoid the delay in filing Counter Reply/Affidavit, all concerned are required to forward the details of court cases being heard / decided as per the format given in enclosed Annexures 1 and 2. The information should be sent by 25th of each month.

This issues with the approval of the Chairman, CGWB.

(Col. Rajesh Kumar Gaur) Director (Administration) Copy to:--

- 1. The Under Secretary (GWE), Min of Jal Shakti, DoWR, RD & GR for information with reference to letter No. A-42018/17/2020-GWE dated 01.10.2020. Copies of CGWB letters, referred above, are also attached please.
- 2. PA to the Chairman, CGWB, CHQ, Faridabad.
- 3. PS/PAs Members (HQ/South/CGWA/East/N&W).

4. Programmer, CGWB, CHQ, Faridabad with request to kindly upload this OM in CGWB Website under "Important Circulars."

Col. Rajesh Kumar Gaur)

Director

(Administration)