

Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Central Ground Water Authority

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**ENSURING APPROPRIATE TDS LEVELS IN WATER BY AGENCIES
SUPPLYING WATER - reg.**

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification Number S.O. 38(E), dated 14th January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E) dated 6th November, 2000 and S.O. 1121 (E) dated 13th May, 2010 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India and to issue necessary regulatory directions

And whereas in some places, ground water is supplied by water supply agencies for drinking water and other domestic purposes.

And whereas the Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi vide Order dated 29.06.2021 in O.A. No. 134/2015 noted that "*high TDS requiring RO (Reverse Osmosis) is found in ground water*" and also observed that "*instead of permitting ROs, conductivity and TDS in water can be regulated and controlled by coordination of concerned regulators – MoJS with agencies supplying water like PHED/Water Supply and Sewerage/Municipal Body/Jal Nigam etc. saving huge amount of water which is being unduly wasted in the process of use of ROs against public interest*".

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with paragraph 2(i) of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number

S.O. 38(E) dated 14th January, 1997, the Authority, with a view to protect and preserve the ground water resources and to prevent wastage of ground water, **hereby directs the concerned Civic Bodies dealing with water supply network (with source of water being either ground water or surface water) in the States/Union Territories, whether called as PHED, Jal Board, Jal Nigam, Water Works Department, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Development Authority, Panchayat or by any other name, to ensure that the water supplied by them have the level/quantum of TDS conforming to the standards laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).**

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