

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sub: Installation of Digital Water Flow Meter on Ground water abstraction structures - 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 the Authority has issued 'Guidelines to control and regulate ground water extraction in India' vide notification number 3289(E) dated 24th September, 2020, wherein under Section 9 (i) "Installation of digital water flow meter (conforming to BIS/ IS standards) having telemetry system in the abstraction structure(s) shall be mandatory for all users seeking No Objection Certificate and intimation regarding their installation shall be communicated to the CGWA within 30 days of grant of No Objection Certificate through the web-portal."

THIS IS TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF ALL GROUND WATER USERS THAT:

All the project proponents/users drawing ground water and seeking/having NOC shall have to mandatorily install tamper-proof digital water flow meters with telemetry on all the ground water abstraction structures within their premises.

All the **Micro and Small Enterprises** drawing less than 10 cum/day shall also be mandatorily required to install digital water flow meters on all the ground water abstraction structures within their premises. Such enterprises shall be subjected to randomised inspections.

The afore-mentioned conditions need to be strictly followed by all the users and **any ground water withdrawal without the installation of tamper-proof digital water flow meters and telemetry (wherever applicable) shall be construed as illegal.**

Non-compliance of these conditions shall invite a Penalty provision and/or Environmental Compensation against the proponent for illegal withdrawal of ground water as per the CGWA Guidelines and may result in cancellation/rejection of NOC and sealing of ground water abstraction structures.

This issues with the approval of Chairman, CGWA.

Member
CGWA