

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: Implementation of scheme of artificial recharge of ground water / rain water harvesting in all stadiums owned or managed by Sports Authority of India / BCCI / State Cricket Associations – reg.

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter 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 whereas, the Central Government have authorized the Authority to issue directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) 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 has issued regulatory directions in exercise of powers under Section 5 of the said Act vide letter no. 26-1/CGWA D1/09-744 dated 08.10.2009 for the implementation of scheme of ground water recharge of rainfall runoff occurring along/in various bodies including in the Stadia by Sports Authority of India, BCCI, Department of Sports and Youth Affairs for promoting rain water harvesting/ adoption of artificial recharge to ground water in the country (except in the water logged areas).

And whereas, the Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi, under its Order dated 15.04.2021 in O.A. No. 94/2021 has directed MoJS to consider the issue of regulating extraction of ground water for maintenance of cricket play grounds and to ensure that effective rain water harvesting and water store/ recharging systems are installed in all play grounds to save the ground water.

Now therefore, the Central Ground Water Authority hereby directs that all such stadiums, cricket grounds, and other sports grounds/courts/fields/complexes/golf courses owned or managed by Sports Authority of India (under MoYAS) / BCCI / State Cricket Associations shall construct/install the appropriate mechanism for artificial recharge of ground water / rain water harvesting structures according to the guidelines issued by CGWB, within a period of 365 from the issuance of this public notice.

The above authorities shall obtain site-specific designs and other technical guidance from the Regional Director/Officer-in-charge of Central Ground Water Board or Ground Water Department of the State/UT.

The Regional Director/Officer-in-charge of Central Ground Water Board or Ground Water Department of the State/UT, upon request from the above authorities shall extend all necessary technical assistance/ design input.

The said Authorities shall intimate the action taken report to CGWA within a period of 90 days of completion of rainwater harvesting/ recharge structure.

Member
CGWA