

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

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**ATTENTION TO ALL EXISTING GROUNDWATER USERS (INDUSTRIAL/
INFRASTRUCTURE/ MINING PROJECTS)**

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 Section 5 provides that all project proponents shall be required to pay ground water abstraction/restoration charges, as specified in the CGWA Guidelines.

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

All project proponents who have been issued NOC prior to 24.09.2020, shall be required to pay ground water abstraction/restoration charges in arrears from 24.09.2020 till the date of validity of NOC, as per their water requirement mentioned in NOC or the actual ground water withdrawal data submitted by them. Such project proponents shall be required to deposit the arrears by 31.12.2021. Non-payment within the stipulated period by the project proponents is likely to result in cancellation of NOC, sealing of abstraction structures and imposition of Environmental Compensation.

However, as per the Guidelines dated 24.09.2020, such project proponents who have constructed artificial recharge structures in compliance to the condition specified in the NOC shall be eligible for upto 50% rebate in ground water abstraction/ restoration charges.

Member Secretary
CGWA