

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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**Attention to All existing ground water users including industrial/ infrastructure/ mining projects**

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification Number S.O. 38(E), dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E) dated 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and S.O. 1121 (E) dated 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

Henceforth applications for NOC for ground water abstraction will be processed based on category of ground water assessment unit and not by notified/ non-notified areas. NOCs in areas notified earlier will also be governed by the revised guidelines and will be issued by Central Ground Water Authority or State/ Union Territory Ground water Authority as the case may be.

This is to bring to the notice of all ground water users that :

1. As Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) drawing less than 10 KLD of ground water are exempted from NOC, such MSEs, who have already submitted their applications prior to 24.09.2020 are required to submit self declaration as per format available on the website.
2. Ground water abstraction/ restoration charges shall be payable by all ground water users except those exempted from obtaining No Objection Certificate for ground water abstraction. Existing users shall pay abstraction charges w.e.f. 24.09.2020.
3. All existing users who have obtained NOC before 24.09.2020 and implemented/ installed Rain water harvesting/ artificial recharge will be eligible for rebate of 50% on Ground water abstraction/ restoration charges as per gazette notification, at the time of renewal. Users who have implemented

recharge but quantum of recharge is less than that the quantum as per guidelines (2015), will get rebate on pro rata basis.

4. All existing users who have already obtained NOC from CGWA are hereby directed to install digital water flow meter with telemetry in all existing ground water abstraction structures **irrespective of quantum of ground water withdrawal**, failing which the users shall be liable to pay penalty as per gazette notification.
5. Since the last date for submission of applications for NOC by the existing users was 30.06.2020, all existing users, except exempted categories, who have submitted their applications for NOC after 30.06.2020 and before 24.09.2020 shall be liable to pay penalty of Rs. 1 lakh under Section 15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
6. All existing users, except exempted categories, who have submitted their applications for NOC after 24.09.2020 will be liable to pay penalty of Rs. 1 lakh under Section 15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environmental Compensation w.e.f. 24.09.2020 as per the gazette notification.
7. All such industries who have submitted their applications for NOC prior to 24.09.2020, and are drawing ground water more than 100 KLD in critical and semi-critical assessment units, are mandatorily required to submit Impact Assessment Report from Accredited Consultant by 31.12.2020 to the concerned Regional Office.
8. Applications received prior to 24.09.2020 from all such industries located in over-exploited assessment units and drawing more than 100 KLD of groundwater will be processed only after receipt of Impact Assessment Report.
9. In case of mining projects involving dewatering, all applicants who have already submitted their applications for NOC are mandatorily required to submit comprehensive hydrogeological report on ground water conditions in both core and buffer zones of the mine, depth wise and year wise mine seepage calculations, impact assessment of mining and dewatering on ground water regime and its socio economic impact, details of recycling and reuse, recharge and reduction of pumping with use of technology for mining and water management to minimize and mitigate the adverse impact on ground water, prepared by Accredited Consultant by 31.12.2020.
10. All existing industries located in Safe, Semi-critical and Critical assessment units and drawing more than 100 KLD of groundwater, who have submitted their applications for renewal of NOC prior to 24.09.2020, are required to submit Water Audit Report from certified water auditors Latest by 31.12.2020.

11. Applications for renewal of NOC received prior to 24.09.2020 from the existing industries located in Over-exploited assessment units and drawing more than 100 KLD of groundwater shall be processed only after receipt of Water Audit Report from certified water auditors.
12. All new infrastructure projects, who have submitted their applications prior to 24.09.2020 and propose to draw more than 20 KLD of ground water are required to submit proof of installation of STP or submit an affidavit as per format available on the website.
13. All such infrastructure projects requiring water for commercial use, who have submitted their applications prior to 24.09.2020, are required to submit completion certificate or submit an affidavit as per format available on the web site.
14. New industries/ infrastructure/ mining projects, who have applied for NOC prior to 24.09.2020 and are falling within 500 m from the periphery of demarcated wetland areas are required to submit affidavit that they will submit copy of consent/ approval from the Wetland Authority to establish their project in the area as and when received by them.
15. New industries/ infrastructure/ mining projects, who have applied for NOC prior to 24.09.2020 and fall beyond 500 m from the periphery of demarcated wetland areas are required to submit affidavit as per format available on the website.

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