

CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY
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DIRECTION

New Delhi, dated the 4th January, 2017

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) *vide* notification number S.O. 38 (E), dated the 14th January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E), dated the 06th November, 2000 and S.O. 1121(E), dated the 13th May, 2010, of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forest, for the purposes of regulation and control of groundwater development and management in the whole of India and to issue necessary regulatory directions;

And whereas, the Authority has been regulating ground water development and management done by industries/infrastructure projects/Mining Projects etc., in terms of guidelines issued in this connection from time to time ;

And whereas, some of the State Governments/Union Territories, have enacted legislations and issued directions/orders for regulating ground water development and management in accordance with the Local/State/UT law/order;


And whereas under section 20 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Central Government and the Authority constituted by the Central Government under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Act, may in relation to its functions under the Act, from time to time, require any person, officer, State Government or other Authority to furnish reports, returns, statistics, accounts and other information and such person, officer, State Government or other Authority shall be bound to do so;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with paragraph 2(ii) 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 collect and disseminate information on protection of the groundwater resources and other development activities which are in consonance with protection and preservation of groundwater resources, hereby issues the following directions, namely :-

DIRECTIONS

1. On and from the date of this direction,-- The Chief Officer-in-Charge of the State/UT Ground Water Authority constituted under the State/UT Law shall ensure furnishing the following information to the Central Ground Water Authority:-
 - a. Information, Report or Return on areas/blocks notified under State/UT Law.
 - b. Information, Report or Return with details of permits/NOCs granted in the State/UT.
 - c. Information, Report or Return on measures taken for implementation of Rain Water Harvesting, Artificial Recharge to Ground Water in the State/UT.
 - d. Information, report, Return on measures taken to protect natural recharge areas in the State/UT.

The information shall be furnished within one month from the date of this direction and on half yearly basis thereafter to the Central Ground Water Authority for the period from April to September in the first week of October and from October to March in the first week of April each year and also shall place the information in the official website of the State/UT Government.


(K. B. Biswas)
Chairman
Central Ground Water Authority