

**CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY**  
**MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA**  
**REJUVENATION**

[Constituted under Section 3(3) of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986]

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. ~~7~~/2017  
New Delhi, Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Whereas on the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide it's Order dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1996, the Central Government has constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification number S.O. 38 (E), dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1997, followed by notifications S.O. 40(E) dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1998, S.O. 9(E) dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1999, S.O. 1024(E) dated 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and S.O. 1121(E), dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, for the purposes of regulation and control of groundwater development and management in the whole of India;

And whereas the Authority has been regulating groundwater development and management 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/ or issued regulatory directions/ orders on ground water development and management in accordance with the Local/State/UT law/order;

And whereas the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order dated 15.04.2015 in O.A. No. 204 of 2014 and others, has issued directions to Authority to ensure that **any person, operating tube well, or any means to extract ground waters shall obtain permission from Authority** and shall operate the same subject to law in force, even if such unit is existing unit or the unit is still to be established.

And whereas the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order dated 13.04.2017 in O.A. No. 190 of 2016, has directed the Authority **to ensure sealing of all illegal and unauthorised ground water wells** in Ghaziabad and Hapur.

And whereas the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order dated 18.05.2017 in O.A. NO. 175 of 2015, has observed **whether in view of guidelines framed by Central Ground Water Authority, any further policy by Delhi Government is needed for processing of applications for NOC.**

And whereas vide clause (i) of Sub section 2 of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, **the Authority has been conferred power to coordinate actions by the State Governments, officers and other authorities under this Act, or rules made thereunder, or under any other law** for the time being in force which is relatable to the objects of this Act.

Now therefore, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 5 and Sub Section (2) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests number S.O. 38(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1997, the Authority, with a view to protect the ground water resources, proposes **to revise the Guidelines for issuance of No Objection Certificate**