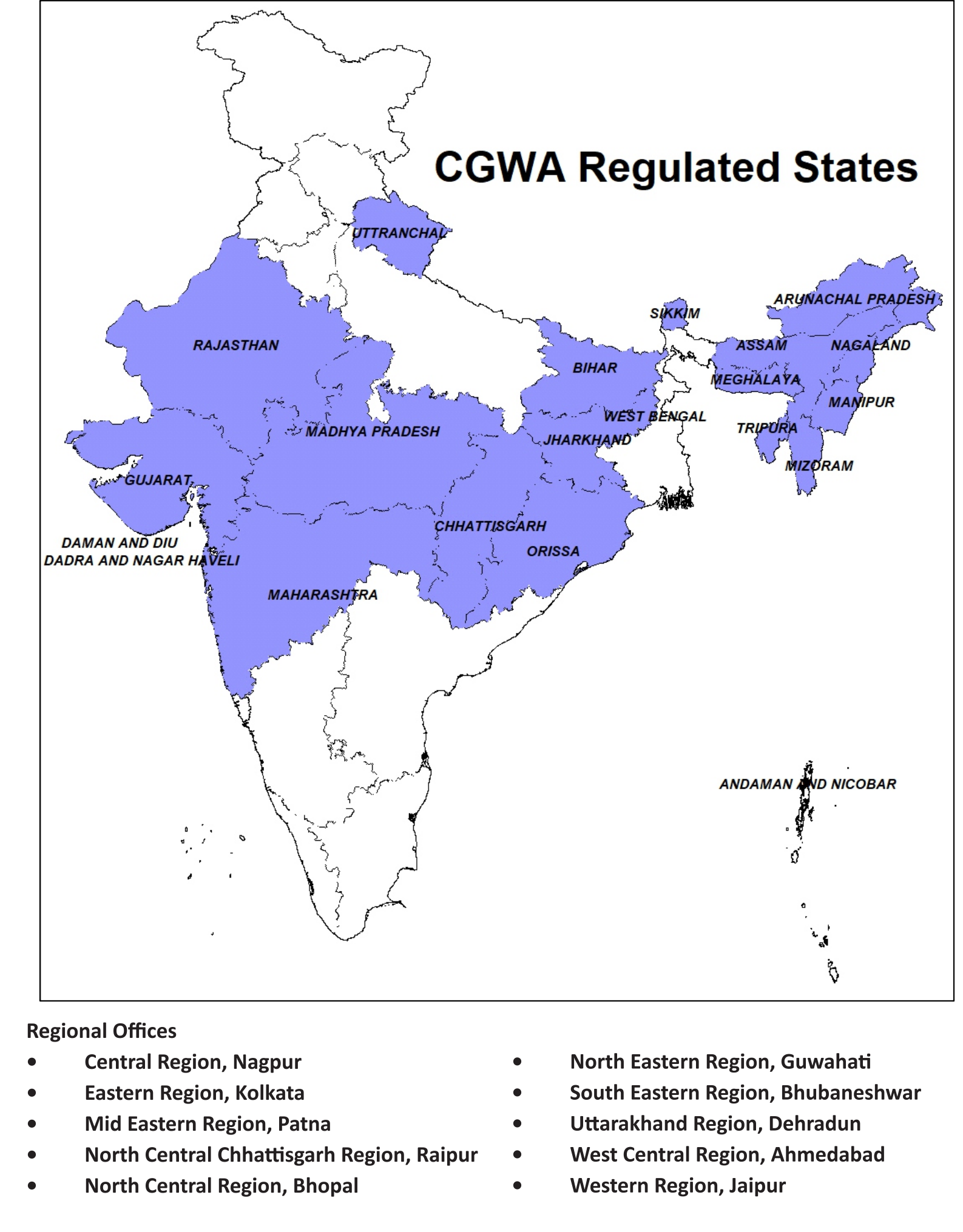
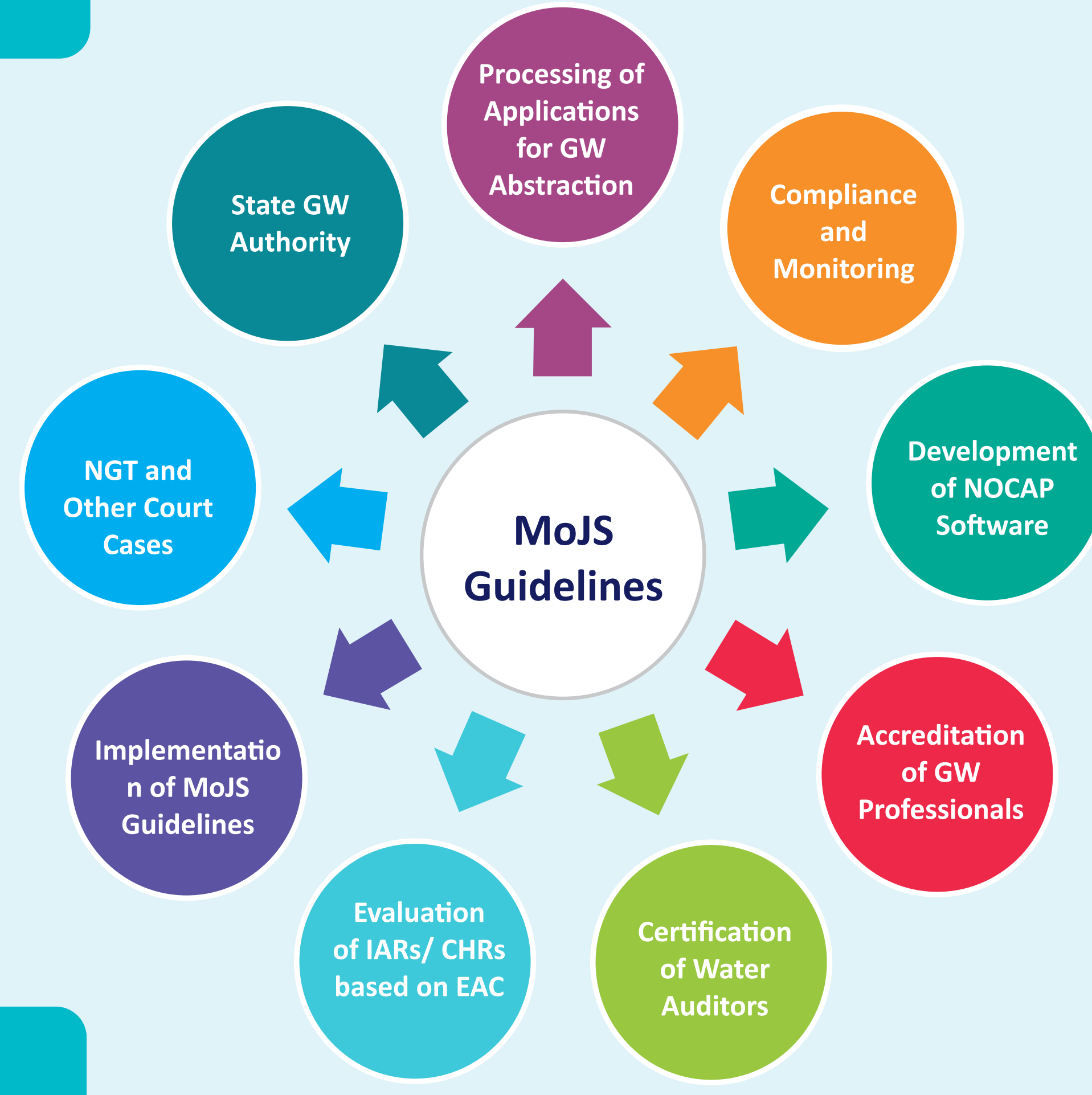


## ACTIVITIES OF CGWA

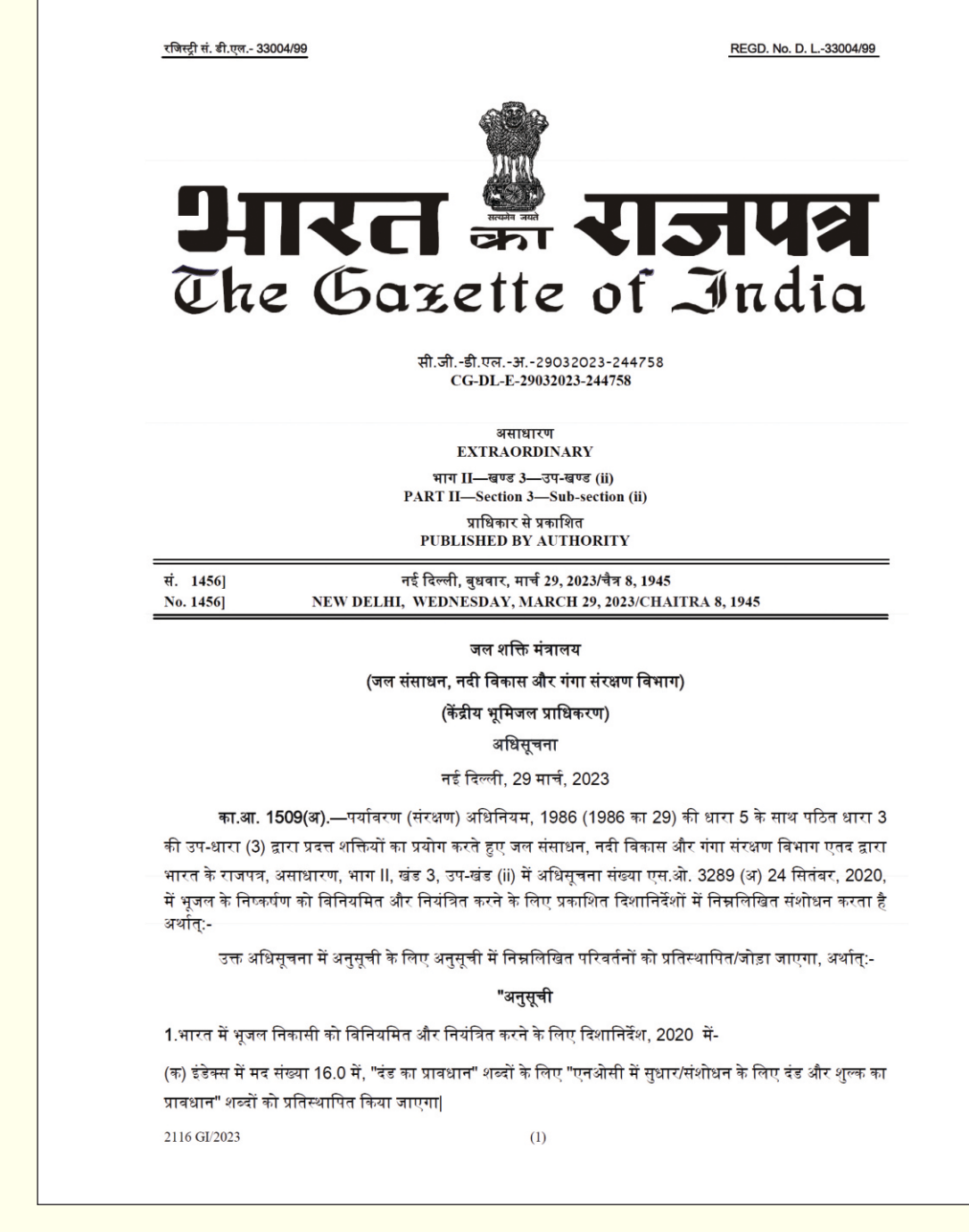
- Policy & Planning** - For effective implementation of MoJS Notified Guidelines to regulate and control groundwater extraction in the country; for formulation of guidelines and its implementation.
- Processing of NOCAP applications** - Issuance of NOC for groundwater extraction through online NOCAP Portal as per MoJS Notified Guidelines at HQ & Regional Level.
- PP/Public Grievances** - Disposal of Grievances/RTI related to NOC, guidelines; Request for waiver off of EC/Penalties etc.
- Legal / Administrative Issues** - Dealing with Hon'ble Supreme Court/ High Court NGT/Court cases; Issuance of Public Notices etc.



## MOJS NOTIFIED GUIDELINES FOR CGWA

### POWERS & FUNCTIONS

- To Regulate and Control, Management and Development of Ground Water in the country and to issue necessary regulatory directions (SO. 1024 (E)/ 06.11.2000)
- Exercise of powers under section 4 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the appointment of officers (SO. 1024 (E)/ 06.11.2000)
- Exercise of powers under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for issuing directions and taking such measures in respect of all the matters referred to in sub-section (2) of section 3 of the said Act (SO. 38 (E)/ 14.01.1997)
- To resort to penal provisions contained in sections 15 to 21 of the said Act (SO. 38 (E)/ 14.01.1997)



- Prior to 2015, areas falling in Safe category did not require NOC from CGWA.
- For the purpose of regulation and issuing NOC, CGWA issued guidelines in 2012, 2015
- Ministry of Jal Shakti notified guidelines dated 24.09.2020 (SO No. 3289(E)).
- Vide Gazette Notification No. SO No. 1509(E), Amendments to guidelines dated 29.03.2023.

## SALIENT FEATURES OF GUIDELINES

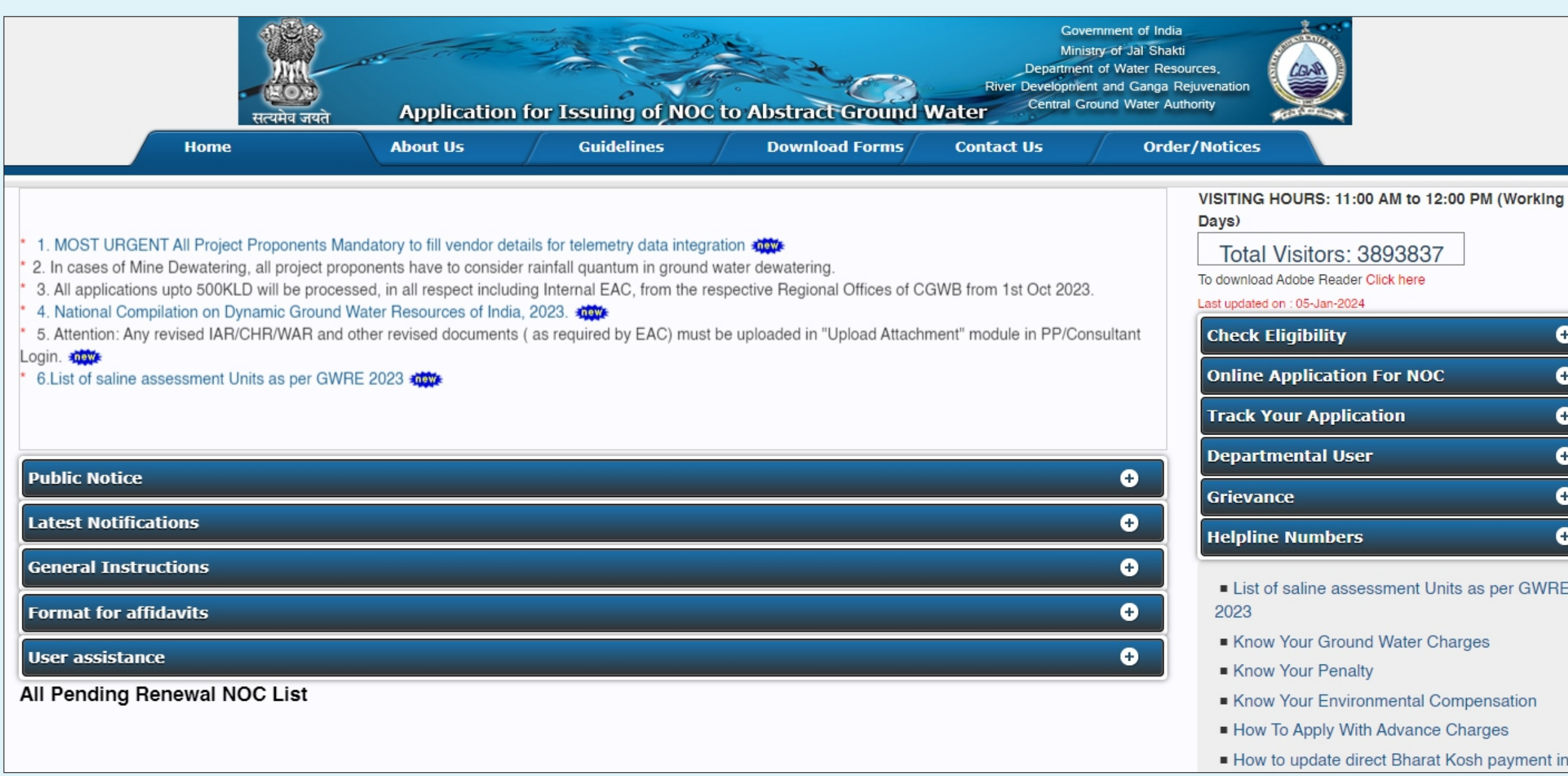
- Pan India applicability (State Authorities are being pursued to adopt these guidelines)**
- No new industries** requiring groundwater except MSME (barring Packaged Drinking Water) permitted in Over-exploited assessment units.
- No NOC** is granted for groundwater extraction for water parks, theme parks, amusement parks in OE assessment units
- Expansion** of existing industries except MSME located in **Over-exploited assessment** units involving increase in quantum of **ground water abstraction** is **not permitted**.

- Provision for ground water abstraction/ restoration charges for GW NOC (not there earlier), rates of which vary as per
  - quantum slab,**
  - category of block**
  - type of project**
- Project Proponents have to pay Ground Water **Abstraction** Charges in Critical, Semi-critical and Safe assessment units and Ground Water **Restoration** Charges in OE assessment units
- Rates are higher for Packaged Drinking Water (**PDW**) and very low for group housing societies.
- No charges** are to be paid by users drawing **SALINE** ground water.
- Environmental **Compensations (EC)** charges for illegal/unauthorised extraction of groundwater for **commercial purpose** (not there earlier) – rates vary as per quantum and category of block and nature of project.
- Penalty** provisions for non-compliance of NOC conditions.

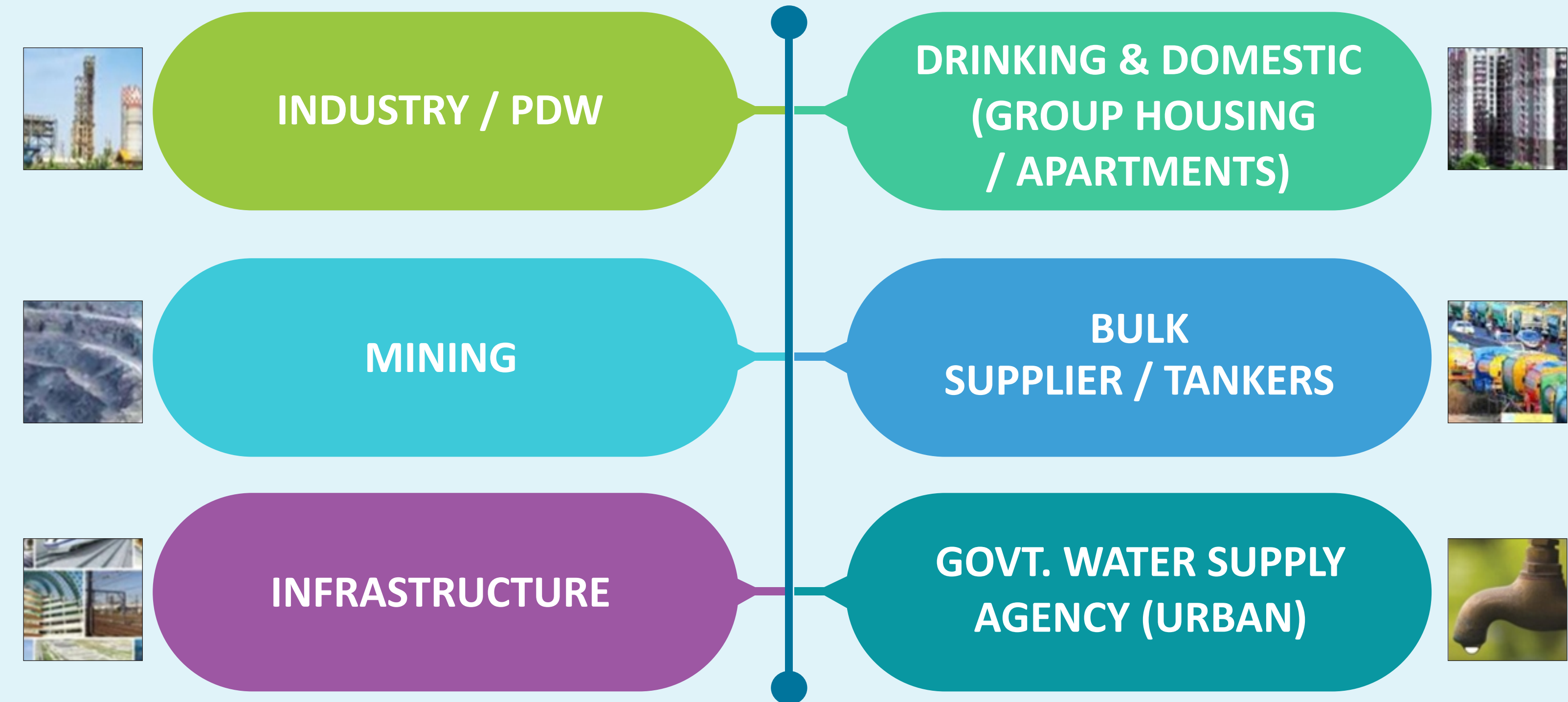
- Bulk water suppliers** have also been brought in the ambit of NOC (separate guidelines)
- Installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (**STP**) is mandatory for all new residential apartments/ Group Housing Societies where ground water requirement is **more than 20 m3 /day**. STP treated water is to be used by such users for flushing, green belt etc.
- All users seeking NOC are required to install tamper proof **FLOW METERS** along with **TELEMETRY** on all the ground water abstraction structures. Flow meters are to be calibrated annually.
- Industries drawing >100 KLD of ground water in OE, Critical and Semi-critical assessment units are required to submit **impact assessment reports (IAR)** along with the application.
- Industries drawing > 100 KLD of ground water in OE, Critical and Semi-critical assessment units are required to get biennial **WATER AUDIT** done and reduce fresh groundwater consumption by 20% over the next three years.

## ONLINE NOCAP PORTAL (HTTPS://CGWA-NOC.GOV.IN)

### NOCAP PORTAL



### NOCAP APPLICATIONS CATEGORIES



### NOCAP PERIOD

Category	Use	Term of renewal
Critical,	Infrastructure projects for drinking & domestic use and urban Water Supply Agencies	5 Year
Semi-critical	Industries	3 Year
And Safe	Mines	2 Year
Over exploited	All uses in 'Over-exploited area'	2 Year

### EXEMPTED FROM SEEKING NOC

- Individual domestic consumers in both rural and urban areas for drinking water and domestic uses.
- Rural drinking water supply schemes.
- Armed Forces Establishments and Central Armed Police Forces establishments in both rural and urban areas.
- Agricultural activities
- Micro and Small Enterprises drawing ground water less than 10 KLD.
- Units extracting GW only for Drinking/ Domestic purposes up to 5 KLD (Amendment)
- Residential Societies (Amendment):
  - extracting GW up to 20 KLD for Drinking/ Domestic purpose; and
  - Dwelling Units for EWS under Government Schemes

### WORK FLOW FOR ISSUE OF NOC

- STEP-1** - Online Application by project proponent in NOCAP portal for grant of NOC
- STEP-2** - Scrutiny and Evaluation at CGWB, Regional Office, if <500KLD  
Scrutiny and Evaluation at CGWA, HQ, New Delhi, if >500KLD
- STEP-3** - Rejection / Processing of Online application (Within 7 days) OR  
Issuance of NOC GW Requirement (Within 45 days)

