

CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY

{Constituted under Section 3 (3) of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986}
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SUB: DECLARATION OF "GURGAON DISTRICT" AS "NOTIFIED AREA" FOR REGULATION OF GROUND WATER ABSTRACTION/ DEVELOPMENT

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide Number S.O. 38 (E) dated the 14th January, 1997, as amended from time to time, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India;

and whereas the Authority in exercise of its powers and performance of its functions under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (No. 29 of 1986) is empowered to issue directions in writing to any person, officer or any Authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions:

and whereas the Authority based on the ground water resource assessment undertaken by Central Ground Water Board in consultation with the State Government has identified Gurgaon District, Haryana state as over exploited area, where ground water withdrawal is more than the average annual replenishment of ground water resources and the ground water levels are also declining on long term basis;

and whereas the Authority, has issued public notice vide no. 2/2010 dated 25.9.2010 in the leading daily newspapers, inviting objections and suggestions within 45 days of its publication from all persons likely to be affected thereby, if Gurgaon district is notified for regulation of ground water abstraction and management;

and whereas the Authority has considered all objections and suggestions received by it in this regard;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 and clauses (xii) and (xiv) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection), 1986 read with paragraph 2 of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forest number S.O. 38 (E) dated 14th January, 1997, the Authority with a view to protect and preserve the ground water

resources hereby declare the entire Gurgaon District of Haryana State as "**Notified Area**" and issues the following directions, namely: -

DIRECTIONS

1. Restrictions in the area are imposed on construction and installation of any new structure for extraction of ground water resources without prior specific approval of the Authorized Officer (Deputy Commissioner) in the Gurgaon district and subject to the guidelines /safeguards envisaged from time to time in this connection by Authority for ground water extraction and rain water harvesting / recharge etc.
2. The authorized officer (Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon) shall ensure that no new ground water abstraction structure is constructed / installed in Gurgaon district, Haryana after the publication of this **Public Notice**.

Provided that nothing in these directions shall apply to any owner of a non-energized dug well or borewell fitted with hand pump used solely for drinking and domestic purposes.

This supersede all the earlier public notifications issued by this Authority relating to regulation of ground water abstraction / development in various villages / areas etc of Gurgaon district, Haryana.

CHAIRMAN