

**CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY**  
**MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,**  
**RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**New Delhi**

**PUBLIC NOTICE No. 1/2016**

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forest number S.O. 38 (E), dated the 14th January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1024(E), dated the 6th November, 2000 and S.O. 1121(E), dated the 13th May, 2010, for the purposes of regulation and control of groundwater development and management in the whole of India;

And whereas, the Central Government has authorized the Authority to issue directions under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to any person, officer or any authority in writing and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

And whereas, it has been considered necessary and expedient by the authority to protect the natural ground water recharge zones of Chakratirtha and Baliapanda in the town of Puri, Odisha in the interest of people and for sustainable development of fresh ground water resources and to protect from sea water ingress to groundwater;

And whereas the Authority, in order to regulate the abstraction of fresh ground water resources in Puri Town, Odisha, has formulated the draft proposal for the purpose of issuing directions and publish the same, as required under rule 4 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of **forty five days** from the date of publication of this public notice;

Any person desirous of making any suggestions or objections with respect to the said proposals may forward the same, within the period so specified, to the Chairman, Central Ground Water Authority at 18/11, Jam Nagar House, New Delhi - 110001, or to the Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority at West Block-2, Wing-3, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 (Fax No.: 011 26175369, e-mail: [msml-cgwb@nic.in](mailto:msml-cgwb@nic.in) or [cgwa@nic.in](mailto:cgwa@nic.in)).

**DIRECTIONS**

1. On and from the date of publication of this Public Notice No. 1 of 2016, the natural ground water recharge areas of Chakratirtha (Balukhanda) (about 448 Acres) and Baliapanda (about 207 Acres) in the Puri town, Odisha, identified by the Government of Orissa vide Notification No. 1667 dated 27.11.2000, are declared as "**Protected Zones**" for the purpose of ground water recharge. Any kind of encroachment of land and/or construction of infrastructure in these areas shall not be permitted. The District Collector (Authorised Officer), Puri, Odisha shall ensure the protection of the area mentioned.
2. The ground water through existing dug-wells/tube-wells shall be used exclusively for drinking and domestic purposes. However, the owners of dug-wells/tube-wells presently in use for horticulture/industrial/commercial purposes shall ensure to minimise the use of groundwater by adopting water use efficiency measures (recycle and reuse) to conserve and preserve fresh ground water resources.
3. All the ground water users in Puri town shall adopt artificial recharge measures through Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting (water logging areas exempted) to augment fresh ground water as per the Regulation 44(1) of Notification No. 2309 dated 18.12.2008 of Bhubaneshwar Development (Authority, Planning & Building Standards) Regulations, 2008.
4. The authority imposes restrictions on construction and installation of any new dug-well/tube well by any person/agency/Institution/Organization, in Puri Town without prior permission from the District Collector, Puri (Authorised Officer) with effect from the date of publication of the final notice.
5. All the existing ground water abstraction structures should be registered through District Collector (Authorised Officer).