

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 development and management.

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (herein referred to as the said Act) vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests 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 Central Government have authorised the Authority to issue directions under section 5 of the said Act 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 ground water resource assessment undertaken by Central Water Board in consultation with State Governments, have identified and declared certain parts of Gurgaon District in the state of Haryana as "Notified Areas" where ground water abstraction is more than the average annual replenishment of ground water resources and the ground water level in these areas have also shown continuous decline over the years;

And whereas, the Authority, in order to regulate the ground water abstraction in the whole of Gurgaon district, has formulated the draft proposals for the purpose of issuing directions and publishes 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 45 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 Member Secretary of the Central Ground Water Authority at Gallery No. 16/11, Jam Nagar House, New Delhi-110011 (Fax - 23388310, e-mail: msml-cgwb@nic.in);

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 Authorised Officer (Deputy Commissioner) in the Gurgaon district and subject to the guidelines/safeguards envisaged from time to time in this connection by Authority for rainwater harvesting/recharge etc.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon shall ensure that no person/organisation/agency/industry/builder/developer shall undertake the operation of drilling, construction, installation of any new structure and any scheme/project of ground water development and management in Gurgaon district without prior specific approval of the Authorised Officer. In case any drilling activity takes place in the area without prior specific approval, he shall ensure the discontinuation of the same by seizure of drilling rig, sealing of tube-well if so constructed and also disconnection of electricity supply to the energized tube-well.

Any violation of directions issued attracts the penal action under the provisions of section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

The above directions shall supersede all the earlier directions issued regarding ground water regulation in Gurgaon District.

Chairman