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Ministry of Jal Shakti,
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To

1. Sh. Arun Yadav,
Director, Dept. of Sports,
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2. Lt. Col. Yadvinder Singh,
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Sports Authority of India
3. Hemang Amin
Chief Executive Officer (Interim)
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Subject – Implementation of scheme of artificial recharge of ground water / rain water harvesting in all stadiums owned or managed by Sports Authority of India / BCCI / State Cricket Associations – reg.

Sir,

This is in reference to the Order dated 15.04.2021 in Haider Ali vs. Union of India and Ors. (O.A. NO. 94/2021) passed by Hon'ble NGT, wherein the issue of the use of ground water for maintenance of Cricket playgrounds without availing alternatives has been raised. The Hon'ble NGT has stated to consider the issue of regulating extraction of ground water for maintenance of Cricket play grounds and ensuring that effective rain water harvesting and water storage/recharging systems are installed in all playgrounds to save the ground water.

Now therefore, the Central Ground Water Authority in exercise of the powers under Section 5 of the (Environment) Protection Act, 1986 read with clause (xiv) of sub-section (2) of Section 3, directs that all such stadiums, cricket grounds, and other sports grounds/courts/fields/complexes/golf courses owned or

managed by Sports Authority of India (under MoYAS) / BCCI / State Cricket Associations shall construct/install the appropriate mechanism for artificial recharge of ground water / rain water harvesting structures according to the guidelines issued by CGWB, by 07.06.2022.

The said authorities shall obtain site-specific designs and other technical guidance from the Regional Director/Officer-in-charge of Central Ground Water Board or Ground Water Department of the State/UT. The Regional Director/Officer-in-charge of Central Ground Water Board or Ground Water Department of the State/UT, upon request from the above authorities shall extend all necessary technical assistance/ design input. The said Authorities shall also intimate the action taken report to CGWA within a period of 90 days of completion of rainwater harvesting/ recharge structure.


In view of the above, it is requested to kindly direct the all concerned to implement the scheme of artificial recharge of ground water / rain water harvesting in all stadiums owned or managed by Sports Authority of India / BCCI / State Cricket Associations.

Yours sincerely



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