

Government of India  
Ministry of Jal Shakti  
Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation  
CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

New Delhi, dated the 08 October, 2020

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) *vide* notification number S.O. 38 (E), dated the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E), dated the 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and S.O. 1121(E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forest, for the purposes of regulation and control of groundwater development and management in the whole of India and to issue necessary regulatory directions;

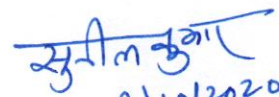
And whereas, the Authority has issued regulatory directions in exercise of powers under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 under different public notices in different areas/blocks and also regulating in accordance with the provisions under guidelines issued in this connection from time to time (for directions/ guidelines refer to website: [www.cgwb@nic.in](http://www.cgwb@nic.in);

And whereas, the Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi under its order dated 15.10.2019 in OA No. 597/2019 observed that in order to control wastage of potable drinking water there has to be specific time bound action plan and monitoring which should include coercive measures for enforcement.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with paragraph 2(i) of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 38(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1997, the Authority, with a view to protect and preserve the ground water resources, hereby issues the following directions, namely:-

**DIRECTIONS**

1. On and from the date of this direction, 08 October 2020, the concerned Civic Bodies dealing with water supply network in the States/Union Territories, whether called as Jal Board, Jal Nigam, Water Works Department, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Development Authority, Panchayat or by any other name, shall ensure that there shall be no wastage or misuse of potable water tapped from underground and evolve compliance mechanism with coercive measures for violations.
2. No person in the country shall waste or misuse potable water resources tapped from underground.

  
8/10/2020

Member

Central Ground Water Authority