

Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Central Ground Water Authority

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SUBJECT: NOC FOR WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND WATER W.R.T. OFFICE BUILDINGS OR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OWNED BY CENTRAL / STATE GOVERNMENT

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification Number S.O. 38(E), dated 14th January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E) dated 6th November, 2000 and S.O. 1121 (E) dated 13th May, 2010 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India and to issue necessary regulatory directions.

And whereas the Authority has issued 'Guidelines to control and regulate ground water extraction in India' vide notification number 3289(E) dated 24th September, 2020, wherein it is provided that all new/existing infrastructure projects including drinking and domestic use Residential apartments / Group Housing Societies, abstracting ground water, unless specifically exempted, will be required to seek No Objection Certificate from Central Ground Water Authority or, the concerned State/ UT Ground Water Authority.

And whereas an Indicative list of Infrastructure projects is given in Annexure VI of the said Guidelines, which includes "Residential Townships" and "Office Buildings".

It is hereby clarified that all residential townships / buildings, commercial buildings and office buildings owned by Central or State Government and drawing or proposing to draw ground water shall also be required to obtain No Objection Certificate as per the Guidelines issued by this Authority.

Such buildings owned by Central or State Government are hereby directed to submit their applications for NOC by 31.03.2022 through online portal of CGWA (<http://cgwa-noc.gov.in>) or respective State Authorities, as the case may be. Such applicants shall be exempted to pay Penalty till 31.03.2022. However, they shall be liable to pay the water abstraction/restoration charges w.e.f. 24.09.2020.

Failure to apply for NOC for ground water withdrawal before 31.03.2022 shall be treated as illegal and shall result in sealing of the well, imposition of Environmental Compensation and/or legal action against the project proponent.

Member Secretary
CGWA