

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

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**ATTENTION OF ALL USERS EXTRACTING GROUND WATER INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL/  
INFRASTRUCTURE/ MINING PROJECTS**

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) *vide* Notification Number S.O. 38(E), dated 14 January, 1997, followed by Notification Number S.O. 1124(E) dated 6 November, 2000 and S.O. 1121 (E) dated 13 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 24 September, 2020, wherein Section 5 provides that all project proponents shall be required to pay ground water abstraction/restoration charges, as specified in the CGWA Guidelines.

And whereas categorization of assessment units as described in **Block-wise Ground Water Resource Assessment-2020** (available at <http://cgwb.gov.in/GW-Assessment/2021-08-02-GWRA-2020-BLOCKWISE%20MASTERSHEET.pdf>) published by Central Ground Water Board has been adopted in the NOCAP system w.e.f. 17.09.2021.

**This is to bring to the notice of all ground water users that:**

The rates of Ground Water Abstraction / Restoration Charges for all new applications submitted after 16.09.2021 as well as the NOC applications pending with CGWA shall be calculated as per the revised categorization of assessment units (Over-Exploited/ Critical/ Semi-Critical/ Safe/ Saline) as specified in **Block-wise Ground Water Resource Assessment-2020**, till any further orders.

**For Project Proponents having a valid NOC:**

1. In case the change in category of assessment unit leads to an increase in Ground Water Abstraction/ Restoration charges, the project proponent shall be required to pay the balance amount which shall be calculated w.e.f. 17.09.2021 till the validity of NOC or the date of completion of yearly advance payment of the charges or till a specific date mentioned next Ground Water Assessment, whichever is earlier.

2. In case the change in category of assessment unit leads to the reduction in Ground Water Abstraction/ Restoration charges, the same shall be adjusted at the time of subsequent yearly advance payment of the Ground Water Abstraction/Restoration Charges or at the time of renewal, whatever the case may be.

Member Secretary  
CGWA