

Norms for Bore Water Usage

Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) constituted under Section 3(3) of 'The Environment (Protection) Act, (1986)' regulates extraction of ground water through guidelines which are updated regularly.

Recently, the guidelines have been proposed for revision by CGWA and circulated to all States / UTs and uploaded on website of this Ministry, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and CGWA for comments from all stakeholders.

The major provisions in the revised guidelines, inter-alia, include pan India coverage, decentralization of NOC issuing authority, exemption to users drawing ground water through non-energised means and pump upto 2 HP from a single tube well for drinking & domestic purpose and introduction of water conservation fee to be used by States for effective ground water management.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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