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

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Sub: Eligibility of Renewal Applications for rebate in Ground Water Charges in BhuNeer APP

Attention to all existing ground water users including industrial/ infrastructure/ mining projects

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter 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.

And whereas as mentioned, in paragraph 5.0 of the guidelines "Existing industries, infrastructure units and mining projects which have installed/constructed artificial recharge structures in compliance of the conditions prescribed in the groundwater guidelines prevailing at the time of grant of No Objection Certificate or its renewal shall be eligible for a rebate of 50% (fifty percent) in the ground water abstraction charges/ground water restoration charges, subject to their satisfactory performance and verification."

And whereas a number of projects have been granted rebate at the time of renewal of NOC revised prior to 24.9.2020 for fulfilling water conservation /recharge target given in the said NOC (i.e the NOC issued prior to 24.9.2020)

In the above context the following has been decided regarding eligibility of rebate ,period of rebate for balance charges calculation and the pro-rata rebate in the Bhu-Neer APP:

1. **Regarding eligibility:** It has been decided that the rebate shall be applicable to only those existing Ground Water users who had been assigned a target in their NOC for water conservation/ recharge prior to 24.9.2020 and had fulfilled it with satisfactory compliance. Further, where the ground water recharge quantum is not mentioned in the NOC/renewal issued after 24.9.2020, no further rebate shall be applicable.
2. **Period of rebate:** The period of rebate shall be considered from 24.9.2020 till the validity end date of the prevailing NOC in which the target was mentioned, extending to the entire period of the subsequent renewal.
3. **Pro -rata rebate:** In certain cases where pro-rata rebate had been extended based on the public notice dated 26.10.2020; the same rebate basis shall be applicable for the period of rebate mentioned in the point no. 2


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