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Dated:- 11.09.19

To

- The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department and Commerce, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department of Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 5. The Principal Secretary, Irrigation Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 6. The Principal Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Deptt., Haryana, Chandigarh.
- The Principal Secretary, Town and Country Planning Deptt., Haryana Chandigarh.
- 8. The Director, Agriculture Department, Haryana, Sec-21, Panchkula.
- The Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, North Western Region Bhujal Bhawan, Plot No. # 3-B, Sector-27A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Sub: Proceeding of the meeting held at 1600 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh regarding regulation of abstraction of ground water.

Sir.

Please refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith a copy of proceeding of the meeting held at 1600 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Aroa, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh regarding regulation of abstraction of ground water for information and further necessary action please. DA/ As above.

Endst. No. HSPCB/WC /9184-9135

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please.

PS to Chairman, HSPCB.

PA to Member Secretary, HSPCB.

DA/ As above

Env. Engineer (HQ)

Proceeding of the meeting held at 1600 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh regarding regulation of abstraction of ground water.

A meeting was held at 1600 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to discuss and resolve issues regarding regulation of abstraction of ground water. The list of participants is enclosed at Annex.

Chief Secretary welcomed all the participants and explained the objective of the meeting. The Member Secretary, HSPCB informed that Hon'ble NGT, inter alia, has directed the State of Haryana, in OA No. 673 of 2018 to periodically assess the ground water resources and regulation of ground water abstraction in over exploited zones. And the same point has been time and again emphasized by the Tribunal in a number of cases and in a recent order of Shailesh Singh Vs State of Haryana, Hon'ble Tribunal has directed that State and the Board should immediately ensure that an Action Plan has been prepared and environmental compensation be imposed on those industrial units which are illegally withdrawing and contaminating the ground water.

MS, HSPCB further explained that presently the abstraction of ground water has not been regulated in the State and many industries have not obtained permission from CGWA, the authority, to whom the power and mandate has been entrusted to.

ACS Industries informed that CGWB has been issuing notices to existing industries for seeking NOC/ permission to extract ground water but when they apply for NOC, CGWB denies the permission. CGWA Officials responded that their Board has issued guidelines/ norms in this regard and if any industry is complying with norms/ guidelines then NOC is granted accordingly.

Another issue was raised by the participants that since water is a State subject, its regulations and norms have to be finalized by the State itself.

CGWA informed that the State of Haryana has not yet formulated its own authority and therefore the CGWB is performing functions regarding regulation of abstraction of ground water. CS desired that Haryana should constitute its own authority expeditiously.

The Agriculture Department Informed that they have already framed a draft for legislation of Act for regulating ground water abstraction in Haryana and is pending for final approval from competent authority. Agriculture Department further informed that the draft of Haryana covers all aspects including permissions to be grated for different zones/ areas as per notification of Government of India, pricing of ground water abstraction for different uses and imposition of environmental compensation for illegal abstraction as well as contamination of ground water, along with authorities for exercising such regulations. It was informed that NITI Ayog has already formed certain guidelines and the State's draft may need to be modified accordingly. CS desired that the draft may be submitted within 10 days by Agriculture Department, which will act as the Nodal Department in this subject matter.

Meeting ended with thanks of all participants.

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Annex

List of participants of held at 1600 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Aroa, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Main Committee Room, 4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh regarding regulation of Ground Water Abstraction

S No	Name (Shri / Smt)	Designation & Department
1	Keshni Anand Arora, IAS	CS In Chair
2	Dheera Khandelwal, IAS	ACS, Environment Department
3	Devender Singh, IAS	ACS, Industries Department
4	Anand Mohan Sharan, IAS	PS, ULB Department
5	AK Singh, IAS	PS, TCP Dept
6	Uma Shankar, IAS	CEO, GMDA
7	Ashok Kheterpal	Chairman, HSPCB
8	S. Narayanan, IFS	MS, HSPCB
9	Bhupinder Singh	DSM & CC, Civil Sectt
10	Birender Singh	EIC, Irrigation Dept
11	Naresh Pawar	CE, HSVP
12	R K Singla	CE, PHED
13	KK Verma	CE, PHED
14	DS Dhayia	SE, PHED
15	JP Singh	EE, Water Cell, HSPCB
16	Virender Malhotra	Ex En, Irrigation Dept
17	Ranbir Singh	SDE, ULBD
18	Pankaj Mahal	Agriculture Department
19	Parveen Kaur	Scientist B, CGWR, NWR, Chandigari
20	Pawan Kumar	DD, Horticulture Dept
21	Dinesh Tewari	Scientist B, CGWB