

(Protection) Act, 1986. This Notification provides for the methodology, prevention as well as permissive use of underground water. Despite this Notification the thing have gone from bad to worst.

Having given our considered though we deem it appropriate to pass the following directions:-

1. We hereby constitute a Committee consisting of Secretary, Environment and Forests, Government NCT of Delhi- as the Chairman of the Committee, and Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, CEO of DJB, Mr. Nikhil Kumar, DC, South West, Divisional Commissioner, Chairman of Central Ground Water Authority and Secretary, Department of Irrigation and Flood Control as the Members.
2. This Committee shall consider chalking out of a complete plan to prevent an unauthorized and illegal use of underground water as well as its regulations keeping in mind the Notification dated 12th July, 2010 as the very basis of taking further steps in that regard.
3. This Committee would collate complete data of all illegal as well as permissible tubewells operating in NCT Delhi for collection of which they are at liberty to request the respective Law Colleges in the NCT Delhi for providing student's strength for carrying out necessary survey. We hope and trust that the concerned Deans and Principals would accept the request of this Committee. The data so prepared shall be used for regulation and/or permanent closure of the tubewells depending upon the facts and circumstances of the each case.
4. The Committee shall consider and ensure that all prosecutions are lodged for illegal and unauthorized extraction of underground water under Section 15 of EP Act, 1986.
5. In all events it will be directed that water metres be fixed on the tubewells for measuring the consumption of underground water. The Committee shall recommend the fixation of the cess which consumers using the groundwater should be liable to pay.
6. The Committee shall also recommend the measures that should be taken to prevent pollution as well as check falling levels of the underground water in Delhi.

7. It shall also suggest methods and means by which rain water harvesting be encouraged in and enforced to recharge the level of the underground water in Delhi and arrive at costing of rain water harvesting structures with reference to the water uses in all respective areas.

Let this Report be submitted before the Tribunal before the next date of hearing. List on 04th October, 2013.

The Affidavit filed on behalf of NCT of Delhi is taken on record.

Copy of this Order be provided by email and even fax to the Secretary concerned who shall hold the meeting within one week from today.

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