CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY
(Constituted under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986)

Additional Guidelines/Criteria on ground water abstraction by Food Parks/Agro Industries in areas Notified for ground water regulation
(With effect from 04.08.2016)

Government of India
Central Ground Water Authority
Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
West Block-2, Wing-3, R. K. Puram, New Delhi
GUIDELINES/ CRITERIA ON GROUND WATER ABSTRACTION BY FOOD PARKS/ AGRO BASED INDUSTRIES IN AREAS NOTIFIED FOR GROUND WATER REGULATION (w.e.f. 04.08.2016)

Industries falling under this category would be considered for grant of NOC in Notified Areas subject to the following conditions:

i. All the conditions applicable to over-exploited category in non-notified areas shall apply.

ii. The concurrence of Ministry of Food Processing Industries is mandatory for establishing of Food Parks/ Agro Industries.

iii. There must be Food Processing Units for low water intensive crops and not for high water intensive crops in the Food Parks/ Agro Industries, thereby saving in ground water withdrawal.

iv. No water intensive industries/ units should be allowed within the Food Parks/ Agro Industries.

v. The Food Parks/ Agro Industries shall submit a detailed report duly approved by the State Agriculture Department on the quantity of ground water to be saved through the proposed change in cropping pattern in the same assessment unit.

vi. Assurance/ undertaking from the Panchayat or local governing body regarding change in cropping pattern by the farmers in the same assessment unit would be submitted while applying for NOC.

vii. The Food Parks/ Agro Industries shall submit their applications to the concerned Regional Office of Central Ground Water Board through the authorized officer of CGWA i.e. DC/ DM/ Collector of the concerned district for consideration.

viii. The net annual ground water saving due to such proposed change in cropping pattern shall be more than 30%, as per the assessment of the State Agricultural Department.

ix. Treated waste water generated shall be fully recycled and reused.

x. The Food Parks/Agro Industries shall submit yearly report to the District Administration and CGWA indicating the saving of ground water withdrawal of the area.

xi. CGWA reserves the right to withdraw the NOC in case of any violation of the guidelines.

Action Point: The above guidelines for Food Parks/Agro Industries to be placed on the website of CGWB.