

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.

