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Government of Rajasthan
Ground Water Department

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The Central Ground Water Authority, New Delhi in its order No. 28-7/CGWA/2011-1302 dated 6.9.2011, a copy of which is enclosed, has directed that artificial recharging/ rain-water harvesting structures have to be constructed in Central & State Government buildings to augment ground-water and to recharge it, saving it from further depletion. The directions of the Authority are binding on the State Government under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

It is in this context enjoined upon all ACS's/Pr. Secretaries/ Secretaries and HoDs to prepare an action plan alongwith forecast estimates for the construction of rain-water harvesting/artificial recharge structures in all Government buildings under their jurisdiction. Proposals for allocation of funds for the purpose should thereafter be put up to the Finance & Plan Departments during the Plan BFC and works taken up looking to the availability of funds. In the Government buildings situated in rural areas, the activity is eligible for funding under MG NAREGA and, therefore, efforts should be made to get them included in the Annual Action Plan of MG NAREGA. Wherever possible, dovetailing of funds with the existing schemes should also be attempted.

The Authority has further stated that an annual report is to be submitted to the Central Ground Water Authority. The ACS/Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries concerned will therefore submit annual reports to the Ground Water Department in the Secretariat that, after their consolidation, will be sent to the Authority.

Encl. As above.

(S. Ahmad)
Chief Secretary

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