

**Office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, WRD,
State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre,
Tharamani, Chennai – 113**

CHIEF ENGINEER'S CIRCULAR

Circular.No. CE-4 /2010/ DD(G)dated.17.05.2010

Sub: Ground Water Availability Certificate awarded to firms/industries/organisations as sought for by them from this Ground Water Wing – Evasion to renew the Certificate even after expiry of its validity after three years by some of the firms/industries/organisations – Obtaining the renewal of No objection certificate of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board only suppressing from it the fact of expiry of the validity of the Ground Water Availability Certificate issued to those firms/industries/organisations and running their business/industry/activity surreptitiously – Putting a check – Monthly return of statement called for from all Ground Water Divisions of this Wing –Reg.

It is a known fact that some of the firms/industries/organisations which apply to this Ground Water Department and obtain the Ground Water Availability Certificate valid for three years so as to apply to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and obtain its 'No Objection Certificate' to establish their firms/industries/organisations in the beginning, do not turn up afterwards to this Ground Water Wing to renew the validity of the Ground Water Availability Certificate issued to them even after its expiry after three years. However, these firms/industries/organisations are obtaining the renewal of the "No Objection Certificate" every year from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board even after the expiry of the validity of Ground Water Availability Certificate originally issued to them by this Ground Water Wing, by conveniently suppressing this fact from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board while applying for renewal of its "No Objection Certificate" to them, and running their business/industry/activity surreptitiously.

Therefore, in order to put a check to the unauthorised tapping of Ground Water being carried on by these firms/industries/organisations without a proper renewal of the Ground Water drawal validity of the Certificate and set them back on the right track of applying to this Ground Water Wing for renewal of the Ground Water Availability Certificate on expiry of its validity after three years, the Executive Engineers of all Ground Water Divisions of the Ground Water Department are instructed to send a periodical report hereafter by 10th of every month in the following format in this regard directly to this office for further action with a copy marked to their respective Ground Water Circle, commencing from the forthcoming month of June,2010.

Sl.No	Name and Address of the firm/industry/ organisation which has not so far renewed the validity of the Ground Water Availability Certificate on its expiry for which the Ground Water Availability Certificate has been issued by the Ground Water Department	Chief Engineer's office Letter.No and Date in which such a Ground Water availability Certificate or the renewal of its validity has been issued which is not alive as on date in respect of its validity period.	Date on which the validity of the Ground Water Availability Certificate or its latest renewal got expired	The Circle/Zone and the Division, Region of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board under which the firm/industry/ organisation falls	Remarks

Every month, on receipt of all such periodical reports from all the Ground Water Divisions of the respective Ground Water Circle, the concerned Assistant Geologist

at Chief Engineer's office of State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre, Chennai who is incharge of all the correspondences of the concerned Ground Water Circle in respect of geology, should verify the lists of all such unrenewed firms/industries/organisations furnished by all the Divisions in a consolidated way with the register maintained by him in this regard and with the relevant files in which Ground Water Availability Certificate/Renewal was accorded for each one of these firms/industries/organisations and send a letter addressed to the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Central Board, Guindy, Chennai - 32 communicating him the confirmed list of firms/industries/organisations which are yet to renew their Ground Water Availability Certificates or their expired renewals, if any and requesting him to stop issuing any further renewal of No objection certificate of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Central Board to all of them until and otherwise a communication on the accordance of renewal of the Ground Water Availability Certificate to them is received by him from this office, with copy marked to all the concerned District Environmental Engineers for information and necessary action.

In this connection, it may also be noted that for any firm/industry/organisation which has originally got awarded the Ground Water Availability Certificate or the renewal when the block in which the industry had proposed to draw or was drawing the Ground Water respectively for its use was either in the safe or semi-critical category originally when the certificate or its renewal was awarded to it and subsequently got classified under critical or over-exploited category, there is no bar for considering the renewal application for the Ground Water Availability Certificate to it and carrying out all the routine formalities and awarding the Renewal Certificate on the Ground Water Availability to it as new

schemes only should not be developed in the critical and over-exploited blocks as per the G.O.(Ms).No.51 PW(R2)D dt.11.2.2004, but the existing schemes are permitted to run as it is without any further expansions or what-so-ever.

These instructions issued in this Circular should be strictly adhered to without any lapse and deviation.

The receipt of this Circular should be acknowledged by return of post.

Sd/B.Mohammed Kasim(17.05.2010)

Chief Engineer, SG & SWRDC

To

1. All the Executive Engineers, Ground Water Divisions, Chennai, Vellore, Cuddalore, Trichy, Salem, Thanjavur, Madurai, Karaikudi and Tirunelveli.
2. All the Superintending Engineers, Ground Water Circles, Chennai, Thanjavur and Madurai.
3. All the Assistant Geologists & the Assistant Directors (Geology) and the Deputy Director (Geology) and the Joint Chief Engineer of Chief Engineer's Office, State Ground & Surface Water Resources Data Centre.

Copy to:

1. Copy to the Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9 for favour of information.
2. All the Assistant Executive Engineers and Assistant Directors (Geology) of all the Ground Water Sub-Divisions.
3. The Superintending Engineer (Hydrology), Technical Expert (Hydro-Geology), Technical Expert (Geo-Physics) and Technical Expert (Geo-Chemistry) of Chief Engineer's office, State Ground & Surface Water Resources Data Centre.

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