To

All the Executive Engineers, under IPH Department (HP).

Senior Hydrogeologist, Ground Water Organisation, IPH Deptt., Una (HP).

Subject:- Regarding registration of all the existing ground water abstraction structures/taking prior permission for construction of new ground water abstraction structures by ground water users whether private or Govt. Departments.

Sir,

It is brought to your kind notice that the whole area of the State of Himachal Pradesh has been declared as notified area under Section 5 of Sub-Section-3 of the Himachal Pradesh ground water (Regulation & Control of Development and Management) Act, 2005 (Act No. 31 of 2005) vide Notification No.IP-H-B(A)3-3/2018-1 dated shimla-2, the 29.11.2019 (Copy enclosed) for controlling or regulating the extraction of ground water in any form.

Now, the drilling of tube wells, bore wells, energized hand pumps for Industrial/Commercial/Irrigation/domestic use for extraction of ground water in the entire state of Himachal Pradesh shall be done only after obtaining necessary permit from ground water authority as per the provision made under section-7 of the Act, 2005. The existing water abstraction structures of the entire state of Himachal Pradesh are also required to be registered under section- 8 of the said Act.

You are, therefore, required to get the existing water abstraction structures registered with the HP Ground Water Authority and to ensure for taking prior permission from this Authority for sinking of new bore wells. Hence, all the unauthorized existing ground water abstraction structures constructed in your Division may be got registered with this Authority and no bore well is drilled without prior permission of this Authority in future. The notification for declaring the entire area of HP state as notified for Ground Water activity may also be brought to the notice of local bodies and general public by wide publicity. Any unauthorized
existing ground water abstraction structures constructed by the private ground water users
may also be brought to the knowledge of this Authority.

An immediate action in the matter is solicited please.

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