

Government of West Bengal

Water Resources Investigation & Development Department

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the issue regarding low incidence of electrified irrigation pumps has been the concern in the State Government. One of main reason assigned to this was that Power utilities were not extending power connection to the farmers for energizing pumps without the permit received under West Bengal Ground Water Resources (Management, Control and Regulation) Act- 2005.

Whereas, the Stage of Development of the Dynamic Ground Water Resources has been about forty percent for the State as a whole and only 38 Blocks have been identified where Stage of Development is either Semi-critical or Critical.

Hence, in exercise of powers under section 7 of the West Bengal Ground Water Resources (Management, Control and Regulation) Act- 2005, I have been directed by the order of the Governor, that all wells outside the Critical and Semi-Critical Blocks, which meet any of the following technical criteria, henceforth, be exempted from the purview of the above mentioned Act.

Criterion for Exemption

1. Wells up to a depth of the centrifugal limit, and proposed to be fitted with electromotor pump, set with maximum discharge of 30 Cubic meters per hour.
2. Wells proposed beyond the centrifugal limit, fitted with electromotor pump set with discharge not exceeding 30 cubic meters per hour.
3. All wells fitted with electromotor pump set of 5.0 HP or less.

This shall take immediate effect.

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