

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4795  
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IDENTIFICATION OF LOCATIONS BY CGWA  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Authority has enlisted certain locations where industries have to get the permission of the Government before operating there;
- (b) if so, the details of these places and the level of ground water table there;
- (c) whether farmers are not allowed to install tubewells in their fields for irrigation purpose in these places;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government to allow installation of tubewells in these places so that the farmers could irrigate their fields?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) &(b) Yes Madam.. The details of notified areas and ground water level in these areas as measured during May, 2010 are given in Annexure-I

(c) & (d) For enforcement of the regulatory directions issued under Section 5 of Environment Protection Acts, 1986, concerned Deputy Commissioners/ District Collectors have been authorized to take necessary action in case of violations of directives of CGWA in the notified areas. In these areas, installation of new ground water abstraction structures is not permitted without prior approval of the Authority/ Authorized officer. As over-exploitation of ground water resources in these notified areas has led to considerable decline in ground water levels, these restrictions have been imposed in order to protect the ground water resource for drinking and domestic use for present and future generations. This is in accordance with the National Water Policy where drinking water is to be accorded top priority.

(e) In these areas, farmers need to adopt water conservation measures such as growing less water requiring crops, drip/ sprinkler irrigation etc. Government has implemented Farmers Participatory Action Research Programme with the help of 60 identified institutes in 25 States/UTs with a view to demonstrate the technologies for increasing productivity and profitability of agriculture. Under these programmes, micro-irrigation techniques, rain water harvesting structures, soil water conservation measures, improved irrigation methods etc. have been demonstrated to the farmers.