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Government of Rajasthan
Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department
(Gr.-3)



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Collector and District Programme Coordinator
National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Rajasthan
All Rajasthan

Jaipur, Dated

Sir/Madam,

Sub: - Digging/Deepening of wells in category IV works under NREGS **20 AUG 2008**

Digging/Deepening of well may be taken up under category (iv) of permissible works under NREGA, except in the blocks notified by the Central Ground Water Authority. The blocks are as under:-

S.No.	Block/Area	District
1.	Pushkar Valley	Ajmer
2.	Chirawa	Jhunjunu
3.	Buhana	Jhunjunu
4.	Surajgarh	Jhunjunu
5.	Raniwara	Jalore
6.	Jalore	Jalore
7.	Bhinmal	Jalore
8.	Mundwa	Nagaur
9.	Behror	Alwar
10.	Dhod	Sikar
11.	Sri Madhopur	Sikar
12.	Jhotwara	Jaipur

In these blocks as per the policy guidelines of CGWA, permission for drinking-domestic water usage is to be obtained from the concerned District Collector of the notified block/area under whom the District Advisory Committee is constituted. As per the direction of CGWA directions of Authority are applicable to new abstraction structures in the notified over-exploited areas can tap ground water only from the existing water abstraction structure and construction of new structures or deepening of existing structures can not be permitted for purposes other than drinking and domestic use. In the guidelines of CGWA it has been clearly mentioned that permission is being accorded for construction of new tube-wells/replacement of existing defunct wells for drinking and domestic purposes to Government Department and Government Organizations entrusted with the water supply. In these guidelines pre conditions for according permission have also been mentioned that permission will not be accorded for construction of tube-wells for agriculture, industrial, commercial, horticulture purposes.

Since the works related to digging/deepening of wells are of technical in nature and should be undertaken on the basis of technical feasibilities. GWD can provide technical assistance on the basis of geomorphological conditions of the area to asses whether water will come after deepening/digging or not.

The works of deepening/digging also involves blasting at a level, which needs regular monitoring by technical experts. As the contractor system is not allowed under NREGA provisions, you are directed to implement such works through GWD, provided works are included in Approved Action Plan & undertaken as per priority of the Plan.

Yours Sincerely,


(Manju Rajpal)
Director, EGS