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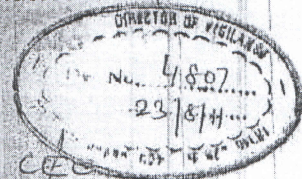
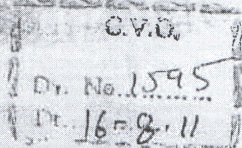
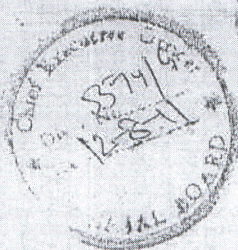
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The importance of ground water for the existence of human society cannot be overlooked. In the absence of filtered water, ground water is the major resource of drinking water for both urban and rural households. Groundwater crisis is not the result of natural factors alone but is also caused by the human actions. Day by day, in Delhi, water level is falling down by 1 meter to 3 meters per year due to indiscriminate extraction of groundwater to meet the demand of rapid urbanization and today South Delhi is the worst effected. To take the advantage of scarcity, water mafia has stepped in and running the commercial sale of the water in connivance with DJB officials. The investigations revealed that water entrepreneurs have established their commercial business to quench people's thirst but the same is illegal. A number of complaints are being received for their harassment by these water selling mafia.

2. To address the above issues, continuous exercise of the examination in similar references indicating problem being faced by the residents of Sangam Vihar, Deoli, Khanpur, Mehrauli in the supply/ receipt of water and illegal extraction of water through borewells have since undertaken in the vigilance department of DJB. In Sangam Vihar institutionalized water supply pipe network has been laid other than that of DJB, but the Institution is water mafia. However, on concluding the vigilance cases, the following facts have emerged:

- (i) There is unauthorized extraction and sale of ground water by private persons by establishing tubewell and supply line, which is in contravention of CGWA Regulation.
- (ii) Unauthorized sale of DJB water by way of encroachment on DJB Tubewells and DBHPs by local mafia and illegal laying of private water pipes from these installations / bores and supplying water directly to the households with the connivance of DJB staff.



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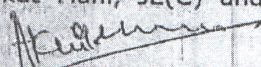
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(iii) Posting of staff at the same area for more than 15 years which leads to illegal practices.

3. The facts and lapses observed during the process of investigations were accordingly brought to the notice of CVO for a suitable correction. Hence, with a view to prevent the emergence of such problems and for improving the water supply system in the above indicated areas some of the suggestions are being enumerated below which warrants adequate attention by all concerned immediately:

- a. Member (Water Supply) may get a survey of the South Zone to identify the unauthorized sources of ground water extraction and to take-up the matter with the concerned Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) as per the GOI notification no: S.O, 1024 (E) dated 06.11.2000 and Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor's order issued through the department of Environment, GNCTD dated 18.05.2010 for sealing and filing cases against the illegal extraction of ground water and also make arrangement to supplement water to the local residents through water tankers till the permanent arrangement is made. Indicative list of illegal tubewells is enclosed to start with and it requires to be enlarged by survey.
- b. Further, he may also take action for removal of such encroachment from the DJB bore wells and to disband the private water lines laid from the bore of departmental tube-wells/DBHP by water mafia.
- c. Being technical HOD, he may take-up the matter with the DJB administration for transfer of junior field staff up-to the level of Junior Engineers who have since completed their tenure of five years and even more at the present place of posting in South Zone/Circle as these activities are flourishing under their patronage. Some such functionaries are Shri Mukut Mani, JE(C) and Shri Mehtab, JE(E&M).


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