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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hon'ble Green tribunal (NGT) in the matter of O.A. no. 496 of 2016, (earlier OA no. 253/2015) in its orders dated 03.02.2020, laid down such regime as an interim measure as follows:

Illegal extraction of ground water by the person doing so.	As per earlier order dated 11.09.2019 in O.A. No. 176/2015, <i>Shailesh Singh v. Hotel Holiday Regency</i> as per formula suggested by CPCB payable to and to be recovered by DJB who may notify all concerned by a general order on its website or otherwise within one month about this direction.
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That in compliance of above orders, the following directions are issued:

1. Ground water is an increasingly scarce resource because of its unabated and indiscriminate over-exploitation.
2. Growth in ground water exploitation, has led to a steep fall in water table in several parts of the country.
3. The falling water table is a matter of special concern since it tends to reduce the accessibility of the resource to small and marginal farmers due to increase in costs of extraction.
4. That, illegal installation of tube-wells an offence under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986,
5. That, prosecution will be initiated, apart from recovering Environmental Compensation for the damage caused due to illegal extraction of ground water, based on the formula suggested by CPCB.
6. The equipment will be dismantled and seized, so as to prevent any reopening of the seal in future


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