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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Terms of Reference (ToRs) related to ground water drawl - regarding.**

It has been decided by the Competent Authority that the following Terms of References (ToRs) shall be invariably incorporated to address the issue while prescribing ToRs for various developmental projects:

- i. In the projects where ground water is proposed as water source, the project proponent shall apply to the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA)/ State Ground Water Authority (SGWA), as the case may be, for obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC), if applicable, the MoEF&CC/SEAC may ensure that such an application has been made.
  - ii. Approval/permission of the CGWA/SGWA shall be obtained before drawing ground water for the project activities. State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) concerned shall not issue Consent to Operate (CTO) till the project proponent obtains such permission.
2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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To

1. Chairman/Member Secretaries of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
2. Chairman/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
3. All the Officers of I.A. Division
4. Chairman/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs
5. The Member Secretary, CGWA, New Delhi.

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