

URGENT/SUPREME COURT MATTER

No. 18/9/2009 -GW
Government of India
Ministry of Water Resources

New Delhi, dated 15th March, 2010.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Writ Petition (Civil) No. 36 of 2009 (PIL) – Supreme Court of India regarding measures in prevention of fatal accidents of small children due to their falling into abandoned bore wells and tubewells.

The undersigned is directed to send herewith a copy of D. No. 194/2009/SC/PILC dated 17.02.2010 from Assistant Registrar PIL (Writ), Supreme Court of India alongwith certified copies of the Order and record of proceedings dated 11.02.2010 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the above subject for information and necessary action.

In so far as Ministry of Water Resources is concerned, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), a subordinate office of this Ministry undertakes construction of bore wells on a regular basis as part of its ground water exploration activities and follows appropriate safety norms which inter-alia include construction of cement/concrete platform above ground level around the well casing, capping of well assembly, erection of a barbed wire fence around the well, filling up of mud pits and channels after completion of drilling operations and filling up of abandoned bore wells by boulders/pebbles. A signboard with detailed address is also erected at the time of construction of well. A copy of guidelines for abandonment of two categories of wells namely, bored wells/drilled wells and some of the main safety norms devised by CGWB to avoid such mishaps is also enclosed for information.

Encl: as above



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7. Ms. P. Bolina, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy for information to:- Chairman, Central Ground Water Board, Bhujal Bhawan, NH-IV, Faridabad.