

*Government Notice No. 16 of 2025***CENTRAL WATER AUTHORITY ACT****Regulations made by the Central Water Board, with the approval of the Minister, under section 49 of the Central Water Authority Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Central Water Authority (Dry Season) Regulations 2025.
2. In these regulations –
 - “domestic consumer” means a person to whom the Authority has agreed to supply potable water for domestic purposes;
 - “domestic purpose” has the same meaning as in the Central Water Authority (Water Supply for Domestic Purposes) Regulations 2011;
 - “non-domestic purpose” has the same meaning as in the Central Water Authority (Water Supply for Non-Domestic Purposes) Regulations 2011;
 - “Water Resources Monitoring Committee” means the Committee chaired by the Ministry responsible for the subject of public utilities, where recommendations are made and decisions are taken with regard to, inter alia, water allocation for the Midlands-La Nicolière Reservoirs system.
3. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, use any water for domestic purpose, non-domestic purpose or from a watercourse –
 - (a) to wash a vehicle;
 - (b) to wash a pavement, building or part of a building;
 - (c) to water a hedge, lawn or garden; or

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- (d) filling of swimming pools,
through a hosepipe, sprinkler or any similar apparatus, in any wasteful manner.
4. (1) No person in the Northern Plain shall, without reasonable excuse, carry out sugar cane irrigation and any other irrigation by abstracting water from the Midlands-La Nicolière Reservoir system for such period as the Water Resources Monitoring Committee may determine.
- (2) No person, in any region other than in the Northern Plain, shall, without reasonable excuse, carry out sugar cane irrigation by abstracting water from any water source for such period as the Water Resources Monitoring Committee may determine.
5. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable –
- (a) in the case of a domestic consumer, to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years;
 - (b) in any other case, to a fine not exceeding 200,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.
6. The Central Water Authority (Dry Season) Regulations 2022 is revoked.
7. These regulations shall come into operation on 17 February 2025.

Made by the Central Water Board on 14 February 2025 and approved by the Minister on 14 February 2025.