

Ground Water (Amendment) Regulations 2002

GN No. 96 of 2002

THE GROUND WATER ACT

Regulations made by the Central Water Authority under section 16 of the Ground Water Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Ground Water (Amendment) Regulations 2002**.
2. In these regulations-
"principal regulations" means the Ground Water Regulations 1973.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting in their appropriate alphabetical order the following definitions -
"monthly charges" means charges for ground water for a period of not less than 25 days and not more than 35 days.
"water charges" means the amount specified in the Fourth Schedule.
4. Regulation 5 of the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the following regulation -
5. (1) Every licensee shall pay-
 - (a) in respect of the use of ground water for agricultural, domestic or industrial purposes, the annual licence fee specified in paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule;
 - (b) in respect of the use of ground water for agricultural or industrial purposes, the monthly charge specified in paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule.
 - (2) The volume of water abstracted during a period where the meter has been removed or where the meter reading is not available, shall be calculated by reference to the average daily rate of abstraction as evidence by the last 2 readings taken before the removal of the meter or by the readings where these were available.
 - (3) A bill for water charges shall be paid within 21 days of its issue and any payment made thereafter shall include a surcharge of 10 percent, which surcharge if not a multiple of 10 cents shall be increase to the nearest multiple of 10 cents.
6. The Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations is repealed and replaced by the Schedule to these regulations.
7. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 August 2002.

Made by the Central Water Authority on 17 July, 2002 and approved by the Minister on 22 July, 2002.

SCHEDULE (regulation 5)

FOURTH SCHEDULE (regulation 5)

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1. Annual licence fee	
(a) for ground water used for domestic purposes	Free
(b) for ground water used for agricultural purposes	500
(c) for ground water used for industrial purposes	500
2. Monthly charges	
(a) for use of ground water for agricultural purposes	Rs 0.50 per cubic metre
(b) for use of ground water for industrial purposes	Rs 5,50 per cubic metre