

**Central Water Authority (Water Supply for Domestic Purposes) Regulations 1980**

GN No. 270 of 1980

**THE CENTRAL WATER AUTHORITY ACT, 1971**

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**Regulations made by the Central Water Board under Section 49 of the  
Central Water Authority Act, 1971**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Central Water Authority (Water Supply for Domestic Purposes) Regulations 1980.

2. In these regulations—

“Communication pipe” means that portion of a service which lies between the main and the Authority’s meter or stopcock within the boundary of the living quarter served;

“consumer” means a person to whom the Authority has agreed to supply water;

“domestic supply” means water supplied from the water works and used in any living quarter for drinking, washing, or cooking, or for any other purpose of domestic life;

“living quarter” means a separate and independent place of abode occupied as a distinct and separate holding or tenancy or otherwise by a household for the purpose of living;

“main” means any pipe laid by the Authority for the purpose of providing a general supply of water as distinct from a supply to a consumer;

“prise” means a supply of water flowing from a main to a living quarter through an orifice of fixed size;

“service” means the piping system comprising all the pipes, valves, cocks, and other appliances by which water is conducted from the water works to any living quarter;

“supply pipe” means any part of a service, not being a main or a communication pipe, which is private property;

“water charges” means any payment for water, and includes in respect of a living quarter, the payment for a base charge and a charge for water points;

“water works” means the different system of canals, conducts, mains, pipes, wells, dams, reservoirs, fountains, treatment works, machine and other appliances of the Authority, for supplying and measuring water, and includes all works, structures, lands, rights of way and other appurtenances held by the Authority for the purpose of carrying into effect the purpose of these regulations;

3. (1) Every person who is the owner or occupier of a living quarter and who wishes to have water supplied to the living quarter for domestic purposes to the shall make a written application to the Authority in the form set out in the

First Schedule.

(2) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Authority shall:

- (a) require the applicant to furnish such further information, including site plans and documents, as it may require; and
- (b) cause the living quarter to be inspected.

(3) Where the Authority has agreed to supply water to a living quarter—

- (a) it shall provide and set up at the consumer's expense, a communication pipe which shall remain the Authority's property; and
- (b) the consumer shall provide and set up, at his own expense, a supply pipe approved by the Authority;

4. (a) Water supplied for domestic purposes from the main shall be supplied by means of a prise.

(b) Every prise shall be of half an inch of diameter in size.

(c) Every living quarter shall be deemed to be supplied by means of a prise, irrespective of the number of service supplying water.

5. (1) No alteration, extension or repair shall be made to a communication pipe except by the Authority.

(2) (a) Every consumer who wishes to have his communication pipe altered or extended by the Authority shall make a written application to that effect to the Authority.

(b) On receipt of an application under sub-paragraph (a) the Authority may—

- (i) require the applicant to furnish such further information, including site plans and documents, as it may require, and
- (ii) cause the premises to be inspected.

(c) Any alteration or extension shall be made at the applicant's expense and, so far as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the wishes of the consumer.

(d) The Authority shall supply to the consumer—

- (i) where it is expected that the cost of the alteration or extension will not exceed fifty rupees, with an estimate of the cost;
- (ii) where it is expected that the cost of the alteration or extension is likely to exceed fifty rupees, a detailed estimate of the cost.

(e) The consumer shall pay in advance to the Authority any estimate supplied under sub-paragraph (d).

(f) The Authority shall, on completion of the work, supply to the consumer a statement of the actual cost and may recover from him any balance in excess of the estimated cost.

6. (1) Every consumer shall keep his supply pipe in a good state of repair to the satisfaction of the Authority.

(2) (a) Where a supply pipe is defective, in need of repair or not in accordance with the other provisions of these regulations, the Authority may, by written notice, require the consumer to rectify the supply pipe to its satisfaction within a period to be specified in the notice.

(b) Where a consumer fails to comply with the terms of a notice issued under sub-paragraph (a), the Authority may cause the necessary repair or alteration to be effected to the supply pipe at the consumer's expense, or shut off the supply.

7. Where a consumer sets up, alters, extends or repairs a supply pipe—

(a) every pipe and other fitting shall be of a kind approved by the Authority and capable of withstanding a minimum test pressure of 18 Bar;

(b) no pipe or other fitting shall be covered up unless it has been inspected or tested by the Authority;

(c) no pipe shall, except with the Authority's written consent, be laid under the ground at a depth of less than eighteen inches;

(d) every pipe shall—

(i) have screwed joints and sockets;

(ii) be galvanised or made of material acceptable to the Authority and be of not less than half an inch nominal bore;

(iii) conform to the British Standard Specification 1387 for medium weight tubes;

(e) every draw-off tap shall be of the screw-down pattern and fitted with loose valves;

(f) the outlet to every draw-off tap shall be in conspicuous and accessible place and shall not be below the high water level in any cistern, tank or basin into which the tap delivers water;

(g) the inlet of every bath or basin shall be placed at the top of the basin and shall be distinct from the outlet;

(h) every cistern, tank or basin to which water is supplied from the water works shall be fitted with an equilibrium ball-cock of a pattern approved by the Authority, and the ball-cock shall be so adjusted as to stop the supply when the water has reached two inches below the edge or overflow of the cistern tank or basin;

(i) every cistern, tank or basin placed inside a building shall be fitted with an overflow brought outside to discharge in some conspicuous place but not connected to a drain;

(j) every supply pipe larger than two inches internal diameter shall be provided with a sluice valve and every supply pipe of a smaller diameter shall be provided with a screw down stop cock;

(k) no pump or other device shall, except with the Authority's written consent, be connected to a supply pipe.

8. Every consumer shall be liable for the water charge in respect of any month notwithstanding that he has ceased to consume any water unless he gives written notice to the Authority of his intentions to cease consuming water so as to reach the Authority not later than three clear days before the end of the preceding month.

9. (1) Every consumer shall pay the deposit specified in item 1 of the Second Schedule.

(2) The deposit may be used by the Authority to settle any water charges unpaid by the consumer.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), every consumer shall in respect of each month pay the water charges set out in the Second Schedule.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), every consumer who fails to pay his water charges within twenty-one days of the date of a notice of claim to that effect shall pay a surcharge of ten per cent of the amount specified in the notice.

(5) Where the amount payable pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) is not a multiple of five cents, it shall be increased to the nearest multiple of 14 and five cents.

10. No consumer shall fix or cause to be fixed any additional water point to his living quarter without first informing the Authority.

11. (1) Any person who, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse—

(a) abstracts, consumes or uses water from the water works;

(b) tempts or interferes with, damages or destroys any installation or device set up by the Authority in connection with the supply of water from the water works, shall commit an offence.

(2) Any person who—

(a) without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, opens or closes any cock, valve or sluice in the water works;

(b) does or omits to do any act which is likely to impede the flow of water or to pollute water or render it unfit for use or consumption;

(c) trespasses on any land held by the Authority for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of these regulations and on or near which a notice giving adequate warning to trespassers has been posted,

shall commit an offence.

(3) Any person who causes or permits any act or omission, or attempts to commit any act, specified in paragraph (1) or (2) shall commit an offence.

12. (1) The Authority may discontinue the supply of water in respect of a living quarter or in the case of a consumer who owns or occupies several living quarters in respect of all or any of those living quarters, where the consumer—

- (a) fails to pay any water charges within twenty-one days of the date of issue of a notice of claim to that effect:
- (b) fails to pay, within such time as may be specified in a notice to that effect, any other sum due to the Authority under the other provisions of these regulations;
- (c) otherwise acts in contravention of these regulations.

(2) Where a supply of water is discontinued pursuant to paragraph (1) or to regulation 8, a fee of fifty rupees shall be paid to the Authority for re-establishment of the supply.

13. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st July, 1980.

14. The Central Water Authority (Water Supply for Domestic, Commercial and Industrial Purposes) Regulations 1974 are revoked.

Made by the Central Water Board on 4th day of August, 1980 and approved by the Minister on the 12th day of August. 1980.

FIRST SCHEDULE  
(Regulation 3)

CENTRAL WATER AUTHORITY

Application for a Supply of Water For Domestic Purposes.

- 1. Name of Applicant ... ..
- 2. Address of living quarter ... ..
- 3. Address for delivery of accounts ...  
(if different from above)
- 4. Number of living quarter to be ...  
supplied.
- 5. Number of water points living quarter contains
- 6. Applicant was/is a consumer ...
- 7. Date on which supply is required ...

I/We apply for a supply of water from the Authority as detailed above, and I/We undertake to use and pay for this supply of water in accordance with the Central Water Authority (Water Supply for Domestic Purposes) Regulations 1980.

Date

Signature of Applicant

SECOND SCHEDULE

- 1. Deposits

Prise Supply Rs 300.00

2. WATER CHARGES

- (a) Prise Supply-
  - (i) base charge ... .. Rs 20.00 per month
  - (ii) the first water point ... Free

(iii) for the 2nd to the 11th water point Rs 5.00 per month  
for each water point

(iv) in respect of any water point over  
eleven water points Free

(b) Each of the following shall be deemed to  
be one water point—

- (i) a tap standing by itself;
- (ii) a wash-hand basin;
- (iii) a shower;
- (iv) a bathtub;
- (v) a bidet;
- (vi) a water closet;
- (vii) a washing machine;
- (viii) a dish washer;
- (ix) any other point at which water is supplied

(c) In respect of a swimming pool Rs 50.00 per month