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**BHU-NEER PORTAL**

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the key objective of the "Bhu-Neer" Portal initiative developed by Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA);
- (b) the specific steps being taken by Government to implement the said initiative and the expected timeline for its rollout along with the intended outcomes thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to raise awareness and ensure easy accessibility of the said Portal to the general public?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) The "Bhu-Neer" is a new state of the art portal, developed by joint team of Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) and National Informatics Centre (NIC), which has been created with an objective of providing a smooth and efficient mechanism for regulation of ground water development and management in the country by providing a quick and easy to use platform for filing NOC applications for ground water abstraction. As per the provisions of the Guidelines dated 24.09.2020, applications seeking NOC for ground water abstraction can be filed on the Bhu-Neer portal by different categories of users. The portal is developed with several advanced yet simple features to ensure transparency, efficiency, and sustainability in groundwater usage.

(b) The Bhu-Neer Portal has already been made live on 30th October 2024 and is available to general public for online filing and processing of fresh and renewal applications of NOC. Further, keeping the Ease of Doing Business paradigm in mind, the pages of the portal have been designed to minimize the time and effort for filling the application and to provide all requisite information at one place. With Bhu-Neer portal, not just the business users, but also common people will be able to know the Dos and Don'ts of ground water extraction related issues, thus making the regulatory framework more accessible, transparent and robust for all stakeholders.

(c) The Bhu-Neer Portal was launched by Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti providing wide publicity. Press release was also issued by the Ministry exclusively on the launch of Bhu-Neer portal with a view to provide

country-wide news coverage to the subject. In addition, CGWA has been organizing workshops with various chambers of commerce and conducting Public Interaction Programmes (PIPs) to sensitize the general populace and especially the Project Proponents abstracting ground water, about the portal and its benefits. Regarding ease of access and operation, it is stated that the portal is developed with several user-friendly features to offer streamlined process flow to the project proponents like, simplified yet informative interface, PAN based single Id system, Online charges calculator, Track application history and real time progress updates through SMS & e-mails etc.

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