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BHU-NEER PORTAL INITIATIVE

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

- (a) the details of the key objectives of the Bhu-Neer Portal initiative;
- (b) the specific steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement the said initiative and the expected timeline for its rollout along with the intended outcomes thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the 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 so as 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.

(c) The portal was launched by Hon’ble Minister, Jal Shakti on 19.09.2024 during the valedictory session of 8th India Water Week (IWW). The launch on IWW platform provided the portal a wide publicity as the event was extensively covered by media and also as the event was attended by representatives from various sectors, including industrial establishments. A press release has also been made by the Ministry on 20.11.2024 exclusively on the launch of Bhu-Neer portal with a view to provide wide 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.

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.
