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RESOLUTION

Subject: Ground Water Augmentation Awards (Bhoomijal Samvardhan Puraskar) & National Water Award (Rashtriya Jal Puraskar).

1. The Government have instituted National awards with the objective of encouraging Ground water resources augmentation, promoting water use efficiency, recycling & reuse of water and awareness generation among water users.

2. Awards will be given for significant contribution for encouraging Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) /Gram Panchayats/Urban Local Bodies (for population up to 1 lakh)/ Institutions/Corporate Sector and Individuals for adopting Innovative Practices of Ground Water Resources Augmentation through Rainwater Harvesting and Artificial Recharge, promoting Water Use Efficiency, Recycling & Re-use of water and Awareness Creation through people's participation in the targeted areas resulting in the sustainability of the resources and development of adequate capacity amongst the stakeholders.

3. **Categories of Awards:** Ministry of Water Resources has constituted National Water Award and Ground Water Augmentation Awards for four categories as follows:

1. For the Non Government Organisations (NGOs), Gram Panchayats & Urban Local Bodies (for population up to 1 lakh) for adoption of innovative practices for ground water augmentation through rain water harvesting and artificial recharge through people's participation in targeted areas.
2. For the institutions implementing Farmer's Participatory Action Research Programme in promoting water use efficiency & effectiveness of the technology and its acceptance by the people.
3. For Corporate Sector – In promoting awareness, rain water harvesting, conserving water through recycling and re-use and in taking measures for improving pollution control and water quality.
4. For the individuals/Institutions engaged in developing new techniques for rainwater harvesting and in creating awareness almost in all water related issues. Success in implementing Ground Water recharge programmes, developing/implementing best practices.
5. National Award for amongst the above 21 winners

4. Composition & Citation of Awards:

1. The National Water Award shall consist of a cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs and a plaque with citation. The National Water Award will be given for the best innovative practice of water conservation, recycling and reuse, water use efficiency, ground water augmentation through rain water harvesting and artificial recharge from amongst the award winners of all the six zones taken together.
2. Each Ground Water Augmentation Award will consist of a cash award of Rs.1 Lakh and a plaque with citation. There will be 18 awards.
3. In addition, there will be three awards, one each for Institutions implementing Farmer's Participatory Action Research Programme; for Corporate Sector and for Individuals/Institutions. These will also consist of a cash award of Rs.1 Lakh each and a plaque with citation.

5. Eligibility Criteria: The Award is open to all registered NGOs, Gram Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies (for population up to 1 lakh) /Institutions/Corporate Sector and Individuals, who have achieved excellence in the field of ground water management by adopting measures of rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water/in promoting water use efficiency/recycling & re-use of water/awareness creation. The selected NGOs / Gram Panchayats / Urban Local Bodies / Industries / Individuals/ Institutions should have at least two years of field experience in rainwater harvesting & ground water recharge, water use efficiency, water recycling or re-use of water and in awareness creation for the same. The Institutes implementing Farmers' Participatory Action Research Programme should have at least one crop season field experience in demonstrating the technologies leading to soil and water conservation measures and water use efficiency. In addition, the proposals to be considered for the Award, should meet the following criteria.

- Area of operation of the person, NGO, industry, institution etc. should be largely related to ground water.
- The artificial recharge works, water use efficiencies, recycling & re-use of water and awareness creation which they have undertaken and have resulted in both tangible and intangible outcomes such as increasing ground water level, improvement in water quality, increase in yield and number of peoples for which awareness created.
- Recharge structures, water use efficiency, initiatives, recycling & re-use of water should have been designed based on sound scientific considerations for their operation at optimal efficiency.
- Successful implementation of the practice and its replicability.
- Community participation and awareness including gender participation should be an essential element of the activity.
- Innovation and creativity.

6. Procedure for Forwarding Application for Awards: The following procedure is to be followed for forwarding eligible applications for the Award.

1. Eligible NGOs/Gram Panchayats / Urban Local Bodies/Institutions/Corporate Sector/Individuals may submit their applications to the concerned District Magistrate / Collector through Block Development Officer (B.D.O.) concerned /

the Chief Executive Officer concerned of the Zilla Panchayat/ the concerned authority of the Urban Local Body.

2. The District Magistrates / Collectors after their recommendations will forward the applications to the concerned nodal department viz. Water Resources, Ground Water, Irrigation Department, etc. of the State Government / UT.
 3. The technical scrutiny of such applications will be done by a State Level Committee comprising of three Members one each drawn from the concerned Nodal Department, Agriculture Department of the State Govt./UT and the concerned Regional Director of CGWB. The Committee, after technical scrutiny, will short list three best applications in each category i.e. NGO/Gram Panchayat/Urban Local Body and one best application for Institutions/corporate sector/Individuals.
 4. The Nodal department of the State Govt. / UT concerned will forward the short listed applications with the recommendations of the State Level Committee to the Secretary of the Selection Committee in Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi.
- 7. Evaluation and Selection Criteria of Awards:** For the purpose of awards for NGO/Gram Panchayat and Urban Local Body, the whole country shall be divided in six zones namely; Northern, Eastern, Southern, Western, Central and North Eastern. The States/UTs included in different zones are given below:

1. Northern Zone - Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Chandigarh.
2. Eastern Zone-Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
3. Southern Zone - Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Pondicherry and Lakshdweep Islands
4. Western Zone-Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
5. Central Zone - Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.
6. North Eastern Zone- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

The State Level Committee after technical scrutiny, shall short list three best applicants in each category i.e. NGO / Gram Panchayat / Urban Local Body and one best applicant under Institutions/corporate sector/Individuals category from each State. The short listed applications received from various Nodal Departments of the State Governments/UTs will be scrutinized by the Selection Committee (Jury) notified by the Ministry of Water Resources at National level headed by a Chairperson and four other Expert Members in the field of water resources. The Director (GW), Ministry of Water Resources will act as Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee will short list the applications as given below:

1. One award each for the NGOs, Gram Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies respectively for each zone. Thus there will be three awards for each zone (18 awards).
2. One award each for (i) Institutions implementing Farmer's Participatory Action

Research Programme (ii) corporate sector (iii) individual from entire country (3 awards).

3. One National Water Award from amongst the 21 award winners for the best innovative practice of water conservation, recycling and reuse, water use efficiencies, ground water augmentation through rain water harvesting and artificial recharge.


Contribution towards sustainability of water resources, introduction of innovative techniques, scope for replicability, economic viability and awareness creation etc. will be main criteria for selection of the awardees. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final in the matter. The Committee may decide not to give any award to any of the categories at 1 & 2 above if deserving entries are not available.

8. The Awards will be presented at a formal ceremony each year.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India and a copy thereof communicated to all concerned.

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