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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION

The 3rd November, 2015

Subject : Installment facilities for the Water Conservation Fund (WCF)

Water is a prime natural resource, a basic human need and a precious natural asset. Due to rapid Industrialization, the demand of water has been substantially increased and there is conflict among various stakeholders very often. The live storage capacity of a reservoir is mainly utilized by the Industries in the non-monsoon period i.e. between October to June every year. Hence, the Industries may be involved to take the social responsibilities for water conservation by contributing towards a *corpus* fund named as Water Conservation Fund (WCF).

The Guidelines regarding constitution, administration and utilization of WCF has been laid down vide DoWR Resolution No.11011, dated the 18th May, 2015 which stipulates one time contribution of WCF by the Industries.

On the verge of implementation of the scheme, some Industries individually as well as through their Association have represented for waiver/deferment of the WCF because they expressed financial hardship due to Industrial slowdown.

Taking into consideration, the representations made by various Industries and their Associations and considering their financial hardship, Government have approved that the Industries shall contribute @ ₹ 2.5 crores/ cusec of water allocated to the Industries drawing more than or equal to 1 cusec of water in 5 equal annual installments in coming 5 years. The Industries shall enter into an agreement for the purpose of drawal of water each year before which contribution towards Water Conservation Fund (WCF) shall be paid. Such deposit will be made at the time of drawal of agreement for new Industries and for the existing Industries at the time of renewal of agreement or within three months of issue of the date of Notification by Department of Water Resources whichever is earlier.

Such contribution towards Water Conservation Fund (WCF) shall be made from beginning with the current financial year. No interest shall be charged on these five installments. However, any default in payment of the annual installments in time shall attract penalty and interest as per Odisha Irrigation (Amendment) Rules, 2010.

The expenditure on projects identified to be funded out of Water Conservation Fund is to be limited to the extent of amount available in the Fund and the execution of the Projects are to be sequenced accordingly.

The Government in Department of Water Resources Resolution No.11011/ WR., dated the 18th May, 2015 stands modified accordingly.

Any clarification regarding implementation of contribution to Water Conservation Fund shall be issued by Government in Department of Water Resources.

This Resolution shall come into force from its date of issue.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the next issue of the *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

P.K. JENA

Principal Secretary to Government