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Public Notice

Measures for prevention of fatal accident of small children due to their falling into abandoned bore wells & tube wells as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vs. Union of India & Ors. (Civil Petition No.36 of 2009)

In pursuance of the above, the public in general are hereby notified the following guidelines regarding providing bore wells & tube wells for strict compliance.

- (i) "The owner of the land / premises, before taking any steps for constructing bore well/ tube well must inform in writing at least 15 days in advance to the concerned authorities in the area, i.e. District Collector / District Magistrate / Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat / Concerned Officers of the Department of Ground Water / Public Health / Municipal Corporation, as the case may be about the construction of bore well / tube well.
- (ii) Registration of all the drilling agencies, viz. Govt./Semi Govt./Private etc. is mandatory with the district administration.
- (iii) Erection of signboard at the time of construction near the well with the following details:-
 - (a) Complete address of the drilling agency at the time of construction / rehabilitation of well;
 - (b) Complete address of the user agency / owner of the well
- (iv) Erection of barbed wire fencing or any other suitable barrier around the well during construction.
- (v) Construction of cement / concrete platform measuring 0.50 x 0.50 x 0.60 (0.30 meter above ground level and 0.30 meter below ground level) around the well casing.
- (vi) Capping of well assembly by welding steel plate or by providing a strong cap to be fixed to the casing pipe with bolts & nuts.
- (vii) In case of pump repair, the tube well should not be left uncovered.
- (viii) Filling of mud pits and channels after completion of works.
- (ix) Filling up abandoned bore wells by clay / sand /boulders / pebbles /drill cuttings etc. from bottom to ground level.
- (x) On completion of the drilling operations at a particular location, the ground conditions are to be restored as before the start of drilling.
- (xi) The District Collector shall verify and ensure that the above guidelines are being followed and proper monitoring check about the status of boreholes / tube wells are being taken care through the concerned Government agencies.

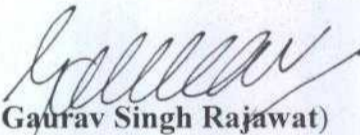
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- (xii) District / Block / Village wise status of bore wells / tube wells drilled viz. No. of wells in use, No. of abandoned bore wells/tube wells found open. No. of abandoned bore wells / tube wells properly filled up to ground level and balance maintained at District Level. In rural areas, the monitoring of the above is to be done through Village Sarpanch and the Executive from the Agriculture Department. In case of Urban areas, the monitoring of the above is to be done through Junior Engineer and the Executive from the concerned Department of Ground Water / Public Health / Municipal Corporation etc.
- (xiii) If a bore well / tube well is "Abandoned" at any stage, a certificate from the concerned department of Ground Water / Public Health / Municipal Corporation / Private Contractor etc. must be obtained by the aforesaid agencies that the "Abandoned" bore well / tube well is properly filled up to the ground level. Random inspection of the abandoned wells is also to be done by the Executive of the concern agency / department. Information on all such date on the above are to be maintained in the District Collector / Block Development Office of the State.

For implementation of the above revised directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for safety and prevention of public, specially children, the District Collector, Daman do hereby appeal to all the residents of Daman District that they must comply with the directions of the Administration from time to time, so that the incident of children falling into the abandoned bore well/tube well may be stopped by adopting the precaution and preventive measures.

Such type of incident may be stopped by public cooperation and many lives may be saved.


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