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No.:Addl.Comm.(Engg.)/MCD/2024/D-60

Date: 19/03/24

SUB: Survey regarding abandoned borewells / tubewells.

Recently, an incident occurred in the complex of Keshopur STP on 10.03.2024 at an abandoned borewell wherein a person fell inside it and lost his life. Delhi Jal Board, vide letter No.F.col/DJB/M(VS)/2024/478 dated 11.03.2024 addressed to Commissioner has requested to ensure that all the borewells under the jurisdiction of MCD shall be inspected and guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court issued in WP(C) No. 36/2009 regarding measures to be taken for prevention of fatal accident in respect of borewells and tubewells are to adhered to (copy enclosed).

DJB has also requested in the aforesaid letter that a report to this effect may be submitted by all the HODs to the concerned area DM within 48 hours with a copy endorsed to Chief Engineer (Nodal) Water, DJB for onward submission to Chief Secy. of Delhi with respect to number of borewells surveyed, number of abandoned/open tubewell / borewells found and number of abandoned tubewells / borewells sealed.

Subsequently, a monthly report regarding abandoned / defunct borewells shall also be submitted upto 7th of each month.

In view of above, all the staff of Engineering department, *Electrical Wing* are hereby directed to comply with the above directions and send the respective reports to Sh. V.K. Rawat, CE(Elect.-II) who shall be the Nodal Officer on behalf of MCD for collection, compilation and sending the zone wise reports to the Chief Engineer (Nodal)Water, DJB as well as to above mentioned authorities.

The above directions shall be scrupulously followed in letter and spirit and non compliance of the same will be viewed seriously and action will be taken against the delinquent officer.

Sd/-

Addl. Commissioner (Engg.)

Encl: As above

All CEs / SEs / EEs (Elect.)

Copy to:

1. Commissioner
2. E-in-C-(I&II)
3. All CEs (Civil)
4. Chief Engineer (Nodal)Water, DJB, Email:memberwsdjb@gmail.com
5. Dir.(IT) to upload on the website of MCD

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Addl. Commissioner (Engg.)



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WASH YOUR HANDS, WEAR MASK & MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

No. P.CO/DJB/M(W.S)/2024/478

Dated: 11.03.2024
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI
(Commissioner's Office Section)
14 MAR 2024
Dy. No. 2553/Pn-2P
2nd Floor, Civic Centre
New Delhi-110002

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15 MAR 2024

Circular regarding borewells

A meeting was taken by CEO, DJB on dated 11.03.2024 in the light of incident occurred in the complex of Keshopur STP on dated 10.03.2024 at an abandoned borewell.

The Competent Authority has directed that all the abandoned/defunct tube wells/borewells in your jurisdiction shall be sealed and capped through suitable means to avoid risk of accident by falling inside it.

In view of above, all the head of departments, GNCTD are requested to ensure that all the borewells under their jurisdiction are inspected and guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court issued in WP(C) No. 36/2009(copy enclosed) regarding measures to be taken for prevention of fatal accident into borewells and tubewells are adhered to in letter and spirit.

A report to this effect may be submitted by all the HODs to concerned area DM within 48 hours with a copy to this office for onward submission to Worthy Chief Secretary of Delhi with respect to number of borewells surveyed, number of abandoned/open tubewells/borewells found and number of abandoned tubewells/borewells sealed. Subsequently, a monthly report regarding abandoned/defunct borewells may also be submitted upto 7th of each month.

Encl: As above.

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All HODs, GNCTD

(S.L.Meena) 11/3/2024

Chief Engineer (Nodal) Water

Commissioner, MCD
Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre,
Minto Road, SKD Basti,
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New Delhi - 110002

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Guidelines of Hon' Supreme Court of India in writ petition (C) No. 36/2009
regarding measures to be taken for prevention of fatal accidents of small
children's due to their falling into abandoned bore wells and tubewells

- 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/any other Statutory Authority/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, namely, Government / Semi Government/Private etc. should be mandatory with the district administration/Statutory Authority wherever applicable.
- 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 0.50x0.50x0.60 meter (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 borewell 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. District Collector should be empowered to verify 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 State/Central Government agencies.
- 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 number of abandoned bore wells/tube wells to be filled up to ground

level is to be 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 borewell/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' borewell/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 concerned agency/department. Information on all such data on the above are to be maintained in the District Collector/Block Development Office of the State.