

**Water Resources Department**

**From**

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**To**

The District Collector,  
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**LrNo : DB / JDO.2 / F.NGT / 2021 / / Dated. .01.2022.**  
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**Sir,**

**Sub:** Case No.O.A.131 of 2016 – National Green Tribunal – Southern Zone – Chennai – O.A.No.131 of 2016 – Filled by Lakshmanan.B.R.(Tr) – Joint Committee status Report filed – Objection Filed by the Petitioner – Remarks called for - Report submission - Regarding.

**Ref:** 1. Objection Petition filed by Thiru.B.R.Lakshmanan,O.A.No.131 of 2016, dated.Nil  
2. The District Collector, Nilgiris District, Nilgiris, RC.No.843/2016/P3/dated.12.01.2022.  
3. Assistant Director (Geology),PWD, Ground Water Sub Division, Coimbatore-1 Lr .No. 30 / AD(G) /GWSDn /CBE/ 2022/Dt.13.01.2022.

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In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, A petitioner Thiru.Lakshmananan filed an objection petition in National Green Tribunal Chennai regarding large quantity of ground water for the purpose of transport of tea leaves from plantation to the required processing unit. In this regard reference 2<sup>nd</sup> letter cited, the District Collector, Nilgiris has been requested to send the detailed report on the above objection petition in O.A.No.131 of 2016.

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In this connection, vide reference letter no.3<sup>rd</sup> cited, stating observations that there is no any impact in the nearby wells, Since the abstraction structures are at elevated areas and the nearby wells are in low lying areas. Hence, this is submitted for favour of further necessary action please.

Encl:-

Copy of letter ref no.3

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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Lr. No. 30 /AD(G)/GWSDn/CBE /2022/ Dt. 13.1.2022

Sir,

**Sub:** Application filed in the court of the Honourable National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai – Application No.131 of 2016 (S2) Between Thiru. Lakshmananan of Billicombai village Vs The District Collector, The Nilgiris – Joint Committee – Inspection - Regarding.

**Ref:** Your Office letter No. DB/F.05/NGT-131/2021/ Dated.10.01.2022.

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Anent the reference cited regarding exploitation of ground water and tends to depletion of Ground water level, a field study has been carried out in the study area of Billicombai village of Kothagiri taluk of Nilgiris district and the observations are of as follows,

- The area is hilly terrain having a steep slope. The abstraction wells are generally lying in the elevated area with 45m height and the nearby wells are in low lying areas. And as per the petition received,

- 1.Krishnamoorthy - Billicombai storage and washing area there in no any nearby agricultural wells.
- 2.Santhosh kumar - Subramaniyapuram storage and washing area the abstraction structure is bore well having a depth of 150 feet with 1.5HP Submersible electrical motor. There is an open well at a distance of almost 100m away from this well in low-lying area having a depth of 7.5 m with 1.5m dia the water level observed to this well is 4m during inspection .And there is a Panchayat open well located some 100m away from the said well

having a depth of 6.5m and the water level is 3.30m this too in the low-lying area.

3. Honnathalai storage and washing Area have a abstraction structure is bore well and having a depth of 265 feet and the water level is 13.4m during inspection. There is an open well observed in low lying area with a depth of 19m which is in dry condition.

4. Nandhakumar - Billicombai storage and washing Area abstraction of ground water structure is open well with dry condition.

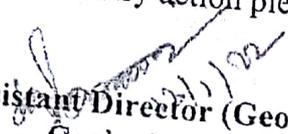
5. Senthil - rent godown of petitioner Mr. Lakshamanan Billicombai storage well washing area. Here the abstraction structure is open well having a depth of 5.5m and the water level observed in 2.20m.

The above said Tea processing units are not obtained No Objection Certificate from the Chief Engineer, State Ground and Surface Water Resource Data Centre, Tharamani, Chennai and also observed that they have not applied (or) approach this department in this regarding. Notice has to be issued to the firm regarding the NOC through district administration / district monitoring committee.

Hence it is observed that the abstraction structures are in the elevated areas and the nearby wells as said are in the low-lying areas.

Also it is stated that the water level in the observation wells measured by our department around Kothagiri firka and the average water level is 2.39m for the past two years. In addition to that as per G.O. (Ms.) No.155, Public Works (R1) Department, Dated: 28.10.2021 in Nilgiris District 2 firkas has been classified as Semi Critical category and 13 firkas has been classified as Safe category.

This for favour of information and further necessary action please.

  
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