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પ્રતિ,

મુખ્ય ઇજનેરશ્રી,

ઝોન-૧/૨/૩/૪/૫/૬,

વડોદરા/અમદાવાદ/રાજકોટ/જુનાગઢ/સુરત.

વિષય:- નાના બાળકોને બોર-વેલમાં પડતા અટકાવવા માટે નામ.સુપ્રિમકોર્ટ દ્વારા જાહેર કરવામાં આવેલ ગાઇડલાઇન બાબત.

સંદર્ભ:- ૧ સેક્શન અધિકારીશ્રી, સામાજિક ન્યાય અને અધિકારિકતા વિભાગના પત્ર ક્રમાંક:- જજા/૧૦/૨૦૧૯/૬૨૦૭૭૦/છ તા.૧૩/૧૨/૨૦૧૯

૨ સેક્શન અધિકારીશ્રી, ન.જ.સં.પા.પુ અને ક.વિભાગના પત્ર ક્રમાંક:- પરચ/૧૦૨૦૧૯/૧૨૩૬/ખ તા.૨૧/૧૨/૨૦૧૯

ઉપરોક્ત વિષયે સંદર્ભ-૧ હેઠળના પત્રથી નાના બાળકોને બોર-વેલમાં પડતા અટકાવવા માટે નામ.સુપ્રિમકોર્ટ દ્વારા જાહેર કરવામાં આવેલ ગાઇડલાઇન મળેલ છે. જે આ સાથે બિડાણમાં સામેલ છે. જે અન્વયે ઘટતી કાર્યવાહી કરવા વિનંતી છે.

બિડાણ: ઉપર મુજબ

(ડી.એમ.પરમાર)  
મુખ્ય ઇજનેર (યાં)

નકલ જયભારતસહ રવાના પ્રતિ,

- સેક્શન અધિકારીશ્રી, ખ શાખા, ન.જ.સં.પા.પુ અને ક.વિભાગ, બ્લોક નં-૭, નવમો માળ, સચિવાલય, ગાંધીનગર તરફ જાણ સારું.

નકલ રવાના પ્રતિ,

- અધિક્ષક ઇજનેરશ્રી, જા.આ.યાં.વર્તુળ, વડોદરા/અમદાવાદ/રાજકોટ/જુનાગઢ તરફ જાણ તથા ઘટતી કાર્યવાહી કરવા સારું.
- કાર્યપાલક ઇજનેરશ્રી, જા.આ.યાં.વિભાગ (તમામ) તરફ જાણ તથા ઘટતી કાર્યવાહી કરવા સારું.

જાહેર આરોગ્ય યાંત્રિક વર્તુળ, વડોદરા	
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Priyank Kanoongo  
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Chairperson

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS  
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DO. No.1601/04/2016-ChildLabour/NCPCR/104214  
Dated: 04.11.2019

Dear, Dr. Singh.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (hereinafter referred as the 'Commission') is a statutory body constituted under the provisions of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (4 of 2006) for the protection of child rights and other related matters.

2. In view of the incidents of small children falling into abandoned bore wells, etc., Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 11.02.2010 and 06.08.2010 in W.P. (C) No. 36 of 2019 had issued comprehensive guidelines for taking necessary measures for prevention of fatal accidents of small children by falling into abandoned bore wells and tube wells.

3. The Commission vide D O letter of even number dated 09.05.2016 circulated the Guidelines of the Hon'ble Apex Court as well as Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India in compliance to the Hon'ble Court's order dated 11.02.2010.

4. The Commission vide another vide D O letter of even number dated 25.11.2016 requested Chief Secretary of the respective States to file an Action Taken Report (ATR) for ensuring due compliance of the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Court as well as Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India.

5. Though the Commission has received ATR from several States w.r.t. implementation of the guidelines passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Ministry of Water Resources, however proper implementation of these guidelines has yet not been ensured by the respective States. Despite receiving these ATRs from various States, incidents of children falling in tube wells, bore wells, etc. are still increasing, which shows lack of proper implementation of these guidelines by the States.

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6. Copies of guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 11.02.2010 & 06.08.2010 and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Water Resources is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

7. In light of the above, I hereby request your good office to look into the above matter and issue necessary directions to the concerned officials for taking appropriate action and submit report to the Commission at the earliest.

**Encl. as above**

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
**(Priyank Kanoongo)**  
Chairperson, NCPCR

**Dr. Jagadp Narayan Singh, IAS**  
Chief Secretary,  
Government of Gujarat,  
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**Smt. Jagruti Haren Pandya**, Chairperson Gujarat State Commission for  
Protection of Child Rights  
Block No. 19, 3rd Floor, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar- 382010.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION(C) NO.36 OF 2009

In Re: Measures for Prevention of Fatal Accidents of Small Children Due to Their Falling Into Abandoned Bore Wells and Tube Wells ..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Ors. .... Respondents

O R D E R

Heard the learned Amicus Curiae and the learned Addl. Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India.

It has been brought to the notice of this Court that in a number of cases children had been trapped and fallen into bore wells and tube wells or abandoned wells. These reports have been coming from various States. Accordingly, we took suo motu initiative and issued notice to the various States to take immediate measures to prevent such kind of incidents.

The Union of India has filed its counter affidavit giving certain guidelines to be followed by the States.

We have perused the affidavit and the guidelines suggested by the Union of India.

Having regard to the number of incidents that have taken place during the recent past and immediate need for preventing such incidents in future, we direct that the following safety measures/guidelines are to be observed by all the States :-

(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. should be 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 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 borewells 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/tubewells are being taken care through the concerned State/Central Government agencies.

(xii) District/Block/Village wise status of bore wells/tubewells drilled viz. No. of wells in use, No. of abandoned bore wells/tube wells found open, No. of abandoned borewells/tubewells properly filled up to ground level and balance number of abandoned borewells/tubewells 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/tubewell 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/tubewell 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 data on the above are to be maintained in the District Collector/ Block Development Office of the State.

The guidelines abovementioned shall be given wide publicity through the national television channels. A copy of this order be sent to the Chief Secretaries of all the States/Union Territories who shall forward the



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same to the District Collectors of all Districts of their respective State.

For further directions post this matter after 12 weeks.

.....CJI.

.....J.  
(Dr. B.S. CHAUHAN)

.....J.  
(C.K. PRASAD)

NEW DELHI;  
FEBRUARY 11, 2010

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
WRIT PETITION (C) NO.36 OF 2009

In Re:

Measures for Prevention of fatal accidents of small children  
due to their falling into abandoned bore wells and tube wells

Union of India and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

O R D E R

With this Court issuing requisite guidelines vide order dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, subject to slight modification, nothing survives in the present writ petition.

That modification is as follows:

(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.

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(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.

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(x) On completion of the drilling operations at a particular location, the ground conditions are to be restored as before the start of drilling.

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In rural areas, the monitoring of the above is to be done through Village Sarpanch and the Executive from the Agriculture Department.

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(xiii) If a borewell/tubewell 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

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that the 'Abandoned' borewell/tubewell is properly filled upto 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.

We are informed that the last paragraph of the earlier order dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, concerning publicity has been duly complied with.

Subject to the above, the writ petition is disposed of.

.....CJI.  
[S.H. KAPADIA]

.....J.  
[K.S. RADHAKRISHNAN]

.....J.  
[SWATANTER KUMAR]

New Delhi,  
August 06, 2010.



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**URGENT/SUPREME COURT MATTER**  
No. 18/9/2009/GW  
Government of India  
Ministry of Water Resources  
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New Delhi, dated 15th March, 2010.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Writ Petition (Civil) No. 38 of 2009 (PIL) – Supreme Court of India regarding measures in prevention of fatal accidents of small children due to their falling into abandoned bore wells and tubewells.

The undersigned is directed to send herewith a copy of D. No. 194/2009/SC/PILC dated 17.02.2010 from Assistant Registrar PIL (Writ), Supreme Court of India alongwith certified copies of the Order and record of proceedings dated 11.02.2010 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the above subject for information and necessary action.

In so far as Ministry of Water Resources is concerned, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), a subordinate office of this Ministry undertakes construction of bore wells on a regular basis as part of its ground water exploration activities and follows appropriate safety norms which inter-alia include construction of cement/concrete platform above ground level around the well casing, capping of well assembly, erection of a barbed wire fence around the well, filling up of mud pits and channels after completion of drilling operations and filling up of abandoned bore wells by boulders/pebbles. A signboard with detailed address is also erected at the time of construction of well. A copy of guidelines for abandonment of two categories of wells namely, bored wells/drilled wells and some of the main safety norms devised by CGWB to avoid such mishaps is also enclosed for information.

Encl: as above

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To,

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2. Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
4. Director-General, Geological Survey of India, 27, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Kolkata 700016
5. Chairman & Managing Director, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jeevan Bharati Tower II, 124 Indira Chowk, 8th Floor, New Delhi-110001
- ✓ 6. Smt. Sandhya Bajaj, Member, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, 5th Floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.
7. Ms. P. Bollna, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy for information to: Chairman, Central Ground Water Board, Bhujal Bhawan, NH-IV, Faridabad.



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**GUIDELINES FOR ABANDONMENT OF BORED WELLS AND DRILLED WELLS AND SAFETY NORMS**

**1. BORED WELL ABANDONMENT:**

- Remove all plumbing or piping along with any obstruction in the wells
- Remove as much of well casing as possible.
- Fill the entire well upto land surface with cement grout, concrete grout, bentonite grout and dry clay.

**2. DRILLED WELL ABANDONMENT:**

- Any casing whether grouted or not grouted must be removed.
- Entire depth of well is to be sounded to ensure freedom from obstructions that may interfere with scaling operations.
- The well should be disinfected using solution made from calcium-hypochlorite concentrations that must interface with scaling operations
- Well constructed in consolidated hard rocks must be filled with cement grout, bentonite grout, sand, gravel or drilling cuttings upto 3 m below top of consolidated rock or 2 m below the bottom of casing. The remaining space be filled with cement or bentonite grout to the top of well.

**SAFETY NORMS**

1. Construction of Cement/concrete platform measuring 0.50 x 0.50 x 0.6 m (0.3 m above ground level and 0.3 m below ground level) around the well casing.
  2. Capping of well assembly by welding steel plate.
  3. Erecting a chain link fence of 3 x 3 m around the well.
  4. Filling up of mud pits and channels after completion of drilling operations.
  5. Filling up of abandoned bore wells by boulders/pebbles.
  6. Erection of a sign-board near the well with detailed address at the time of construction of well.
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