

CHAPTER 9.0: RECOMMENDATIONS

Water being State subject, State Governments should be more serious about strengthening the institutional to framework of ground water management & governance.

- Suitable amendments should be done in legislation for better governance of ground water in the country. Adoption of model bill and promoting participatory management can be the initial steps.
- The myth that free and subsidized power is the reason of over exploitation of ground water is not correct. In most of such areas power supply is limited to 6 to 8 hours a day only.
- Efforts should be made towards making society self dependent on management & regulation of ground water resources. Government should promote and incentivize communities which are managing their water resources on their own.
- Central Ground Water Authority should be strengthened to operate its functions more effectively. Needed institutional strengthening in terms of manpower and organizational setup should be initiated at the earliest.
- Ground water is a Common Pool Resource. Right of land should not be extended to the right of water below the land. Necessary amendments are required in legislations.
- In order to adopt participatory approach for ground water governance and management, pilot studies should be taken up in each socio economic environment involving Local Bodies, Panchayat etc. for developing protocols to address the issues of water use efficiency, scarcity of resources and poor management of ground water. More R&D studies are required to establish effectiveness and success of participatory management.