

## **WATER RESOURCES BOARD ACT**

### **Replacement of section 12 of act No.29 of 1964**

- **Duties of board has been replaced by the supplement part 2 of march 05,1999 as follows :**

- **12 (1) it shall be the duty of the board to advice the minister on the following matters, and on any other matter that is referred to the Board for advice by the minister.**

**(a) the control, regulation and development (including the conservation and utilization), of the water resources of the country;**

**(b) the prevention of the pollution of rivers,streams and other water resources;**

**(c) the formulation of national policies relating to the control and use of the country with the following objectives in view;-**

**(I) the multi-purpose development and use of water resources**

**(ii) the short-term and long-term provision of water resources for domestic supplies and, industrial supplies**

**(iii) the control of salinity**

**(iv) any other like objective;**

**(d) Development of the ground water resources of the country; preparation of comprehensive and integrated plans for the conservation, utilization, control**

**(e) Co-ordination of the activities of government departments, local authorities and public co-operations, in regard to surveys of basic data and other investigations relating to hydrogeology;**

**(f) the analysis of reports based on investigations, statistical surveys,plans and proposals relating to the groundwater resources of the country made by government departments, local authorities and public corporations;**

**(g) the co-ordination of projects undertaken by government departments,local authorities and public corporations relating to the conservation, utilization and development of the subterranean water resources of the country, and the assessment of the possibilities, benefits and economic feasibility of such projects;**

**(h) any other suitable measures to be taken by the government for the proper control and economic use of ground water.**

- **12 (2) The board may undertake such investigations and surveys as would enable it to collect the data and information necessary to advice the minister on the matters specified in sub-section(1) of this section.**
- **12 (3) The board may carry out such other activities, for payment or otherwise as would enable it to effectually perform its duties under**

**subsection (10 of this section. The activities which the board may carry out shall include**

- (a) Carrying out of feasibility studies on the availability of ground water resources;
- (b) Carrying out of hydrogeological investigations to identify ground water sites for deep tube wells and agro wells;
- (c) The construction of tube wells in a scientific manner to enable the extraction of ground water for domestic, agricultural and industrial purposes;
- (d) The drilling of boreholes to investigate the sub surface strata.