

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs**  
**Nagarayan, DF-8, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 064**

No. 441-IT & eGov/UDMA/E 721215

Date: 04-10-2024

**NOTIFICATION**

**Sub: Mandating sustainable water use practices such as Rainwater harvesting as a mandatory requirement while providing construction permits for new buildings and as a mandatory requirement for availing utility connections in new/ existing buildings**

WHEREAS, Keeping in view of the rapid depletion of ground water State Government has taken several initiatives for rainwater harvesting in urban areas.

AND WHEREAS, to reiterate the standpoint of the Government and for extensive public awareness the UDMA Department notifies for information to all concerned that provisions **rainwater harvesting** and incentives for the same in according permission for construction of new building or extension/ expansion of existing building is already **in place under section 171 of West Bengal Municipal (Building) Rules, 2007.**

In the said section of the West Bengal Municipal (Building) Rules, 2007 it has been stated that:

- a) *"Roof top RWH system shall form a part of the building and shall have to be included in the building plan, either for direct use of the rain water or for ground water recharging, or both, applicable in case of new building or any new housing complex or expansion of any existing building or housing complex".*
- b) *"If RWH system is proposed in any existing building or housing complex not covered under above provision, an incentive to the tune 15% reduction in the building plan sanction fee may be allowed".*

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority of UD&MA Department.

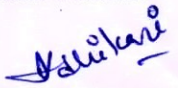
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