

Supplementary note to man-made disaster

Tubewell bores – The development of ground water resources for irrigation was an essential component for green revolution in India. To provide reliable extra source of irrigation for crops, from 1970 onwards, deep tubewells have been constructed on massive scale in different parts of India. However, these tubewells have become a source of another manmade disaster in view of many incidents of children accidentally falling into them. When these tubewells become non-functional, the farmers install pipes to draw water from these bores, but leaving the bores open and uncovered. This is the cause of many accidents as the children fall into the open bores of these tubewells. Many incidents have been taken place due to this reason in the recent past as reported in the media. In some states, forty percent of the villages are having tubewells. Out of these tubewells, at least half of them are said to be not functional and are causing danger to human lives especially for small children. Such incidents need to be prevented through regulatory measures. The suggestions of public are invited on this aspect.