

**Minutes of 122<sup>nd</sup> Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR) on 28.06.2017**

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Weekly Review Meeting was held on 28.06.2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR) in which Dam Safety Bill, Policy on Dam Tourism, Silt & Sedimentation Policy and report on Training & Capacity Building organized by Deltares Netherlands were reviewed. The following points were identified for taking further action:-

1. **Dam Safety Bill** – Secretary desired to know the structure of the proposed “Authority” under the Dam Safety Bill. JS(PP) had explained that the “Authority”, was originally conceived as an “Autonomous Body” under the administrative control of this Ministry. However, keeping in view the new guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, discouraging setting up of new Autonomous Body, it was now proposed that the structure of the “Authority” under the proposed Bill may be as a “Subordinate Office” under the administrative control of this Ministry. The matter was discussed at length and it was felt that in order to provide the required jurisdiction to the proposed Authority, the models of TRAI and CERC may be explored. It was also decided that this issue would be discussed in the next weekly review meeting.

**[Action: JS(PP)]**

1. **Model GW Act-2016** would be discussed in the Next Weekly Review Meeting. We need to follow this up with the NITI Aayog.

**[Action:-Chairman, CGWB/JS(A)]**

1. **Policy on Silt & Sediment Management** - JS(PP) briefed that Policy on Silt & Sedimentation is ready and will be circulated to all States. Comments of the States and other stakeholders will be solicited and this exercise will be completed in three months. The following points emerged:

- i) All states should follow the scientific aspects of the Silting & Sedimentation Policy. However, de-silting should be a self-paying activity for States and no budget should be earmarked to the States for this.

ii) Committee of experts having members from NIH, CWPRS and CWC to be constituted for reviewing the Draft Silt & Sedimentation Policy.

**[Action: JS(PP)]**

1. **Tourism potentials of various Dams** – The matter regarding making existing Dams and Barrages as centres of tourism was discussed in detail. It emerged that the existing infrastructure available at various dam/barrage sites can be renovated and suitably converted into tourism centres, in consultation with respective State Governments. In this context, WAPCOS made a presentation on possible tourism potential of Rajghat Dam. After detailed discussions, following action points emerged during the meeting:

- Farakka Barrage should be given the first priority for Dam Tourism
- Experts/retired engineers who were associated with construction of Rajghat Dam may be invited for exploring tourism potential at Rajghat Dam.
- Revenue and Business Model for Dam Tourism and draft RFP document would be submitted by WAPCOS for developing Tourism potential at Rajghat Dam by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
- A committee comprising JS & FA, JS(A & GW), Sh. Masood Hussain (Member, CWC), Sh. Ravi Bhushan Director(TC), CWC and a JS level officer from Ministry of Tourism may be constituted for exploring the Dam tourism potential. A Senior Officer of the concerned State Tourism Development Corporation may also be co-opted as Member.

**[Action: JS & FA/JS(PP)/WAPCOS]**

1. **Report on Training & Capacity Building organized by Deltares Netherlands:-** JS(PP) made a presentation on training programme at Deltares, Netherlands. After detailed discussion on the core competencies of the aforesaid Institute, it was felt that core competencies of training institutes like NWA in the water sector (i.e Dam Safety, DPR preparation & Ground Water) may be explored for imparting training to officials of developing countries. It was also felt that possibilities of using ITEC of the Ministry of External Affairs may also be explored. It was also felt that the existing capacity of the NWA and NIH may also be build up to international level by

conducting special training programmes through similar international institutes. It was decided that a Committee under the Chairmanship of CMD, WAPCOS comprising members as Commissioner(FM), Commissioner(CAD), Director(NWA) and Director(NIH) may be constituted for making NWA an institution of excellence in the field of imparting training in water sector including foreign nationals.

**[Action: JS(PP)/Director(NWA)]**

1. **SFC/EFC Finalization:-** The schedule of completion of EFC/SFC proposals by all SMDS was discussed and the following schedule of submission of proposals to the Ministry of Finance was finalized:

- **FBP:-** SFC to be submitted to IFD by 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.
- **DRIP:-** Third Party evaluation will be completed within eight weeks after signing of MoA.
- **RBM:-** Third Party Assessment to be submitted to Ministry of Finance by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.
- **Flood Forecasting:-** Flood Forecasting scheme has been merged with DWRIS and Third Party Assessment to be submitted to Ministry of Finance by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.
- **GW:-** Third Party Assessment to be submitted to Ministry of Finance by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.
- Progress on SFC/EFC will be discussed in every Weekly Review Meeting till its Finalization.

**[Action:- All Concerned SMDs]**