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Govt. of India
Ministry of Water Resources, River Development
& Ganga Rejuvenation

Room No. 1, 'B' Wing,
Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi dated 21st September, 2017

Subject: Minutes of the briefing meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 05.09.2017.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of briefing Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 05.09.2017 for information and appropriate action.

Encl: As above.

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To:

All concerned wing Heads/ SMDs/ Head of Organizations.

Copy for kind information to :

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD &GR)
2. PS to Hon'ble MOS(WR,RD &GR)
3. PS to Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR)
4. PPS to Secretary(WR,RD &GR)

Minutes of Briefing / Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 5.9.2017

A briefing meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) was held on 05.09.2017 in which an overview of the Ministry was presented by JS (A&GW). The following action points were identified for further action:

1. A presentation on Single Tribunal Bill introduced in the Parliament may be organised before Hon'ble Minister.

[Action:- JS PP]

2. A Technical expert committee may be constituted for identifying successfully implemented innovative water recharge / conservation techniques/technologies in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa and Maharashtra and adopting new techniques of Artificial Ground Water Recharge to minimize cost and maximize efficiency. A suitable design change in Bridges may also be suitably considered, to use them as check dams for ground water augmentation.

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

3. Centre and State share in FMP scheme needs to be reviewed and revised from existing 50:50 to 80:20 to decrease the burden of State Governments.

[Action:- Comm. (FM) / JS&FA]

5. To identify areas most affected by flood and suggest innovative cost effective ideas/ techniques to prevent flood.

[Action:- Comm. (FM) / Chairman, CWC]

6. All Organizations under this ministry to provide their mandate, work done / expenditure incurred in last 5 years and projects / action plan for current FY for perusal of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR).

[Action:- All Organizations / SMDs]

7. Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) may be apprised of Indus Water Treaty and examine the effectiveness of the utilisation of Indus Rivers' water.

[Action:- Comm. (Indus)]

8. Meeting to be convened with Chief Ministers of States involved in major Inter-Linking Rivers Projects like Ken-Betwa, Par-Tapi-Narmada, Damanganga-Pinjal, Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga and Mahanadi-Godavari for fast-tracking of these projects.

[Action:- DG, NWDA]

9. A file for raising funds through tax-free bonds for Pancheshwar Project may be initiated.

[Action:- Comm (FM) / JS&FA]

10. Innovative techniques to be explored and adopted to decrease the cost and increasing efficiency of all the new projects of this Ministry including Pancheshwar and ILR projects.

[Action:- All Wing Heads / All Organization Heads]

11. NGOs / VOs may be encouraged to participate in implementing / assisting the implementation of water conservation / Ground water recharge / Flood management projects of this Ministry.

[Action:- All Wing Heads / All Organization Heads]

12. A review of delegation of administrative and financial powers in the Ministry may be done at the earliest.

[Action :
JS(A)/ JS & FA]

13. A Cabinet Note may be drafted for mandating industries to recycle and utilize the waste-water.

[Action:- JS(PP)]

14. Examine the feasibility of utilization of water released from Coal-Mines for irrigation.

[Action:- JS(PP)]

15. All units under Ministry shall ensure complete utilization of the allocated budget so that the allocated funds do not lapse in the current FY. Funds may be re-appropriated to performing schemes/states accordingly.

[Action:- All Wings/ Organization Heads]