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New Delhi – 110001  
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**Subject : Regional Conference of Eastern States on Water Resources held on 16.04.2018 at Kolkata –reg.**

A Regional Conference of Eastern States on Water Resources was on 16.04.2018 at Kolkata under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (WR,RD&GR). The approved minutes of the aforesaid Conference are enclosed for information and further necessary action.

Encl. as above



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6. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand
7. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh
8. Chief Secretary Govt. of West Bengal
9. Commissioner (FM)
10. Commissioner (SPR)
11. Commissioner (CAD)
12. General Manager, FBP
13. Chairman, QFCC
14. Chairman, DVC
15. Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand
16. Principal Secretary (WRD), Govt. of Bihar
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1. PS to Hon'ble MoS(WR, RD & GR)
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**MINUTES OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF EASTERN STATES ON WATER  
RESOURCES HELD AT KOLKATA ON 16.04.2018**

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Regional Conference of Eastern States on water resources was held at Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata on 16.04.2018 under the chairmanship of Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR and Parliamentary Affairs) Government of India (GoI). Five States namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal participated in the Conference. GoI was represented by senior officers of MoWR, RD & GR, Central Water Commission (CWC), National Water Development Agency (NWDA), CGWB, GFCC, DVC, Farrakka Barrage Project and Ministry of Shipping. List of participants is annexed.

Shri Sanjay Kundu, Joint Secretary (RD & PP) welcomed the Hon'ble MoS (WR, RD & GR) GoI, Ministers of Water Resources /Irrigation from Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and participants of the Conference. Outlining the rationale and objectives of the Conference, he said that "Regional Conference of States on Water Resources", a new initiative of the Ministry, was a paradigm shift in management & development of water resources and resolution of inter-State water disputes. Chairman, CWC in his opening remarks explained constitutional provisions about water. He said that there are a number of agreements between the States on water resource and CWC has been conducting inter-state meetings to resolve the inter-state water issues.

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble MoS (WR, RD & GR) wished all participants a happy Bangla New Year. He said that the "Regional Conference of Eastern States on Water Resources" was called to facilitate and fast-track pending issues of States with the Central Government and make sincere attempt to resolve inter-State water issues amongst the States of Eastern Region.

The State wise agenda items discussed and the decisions arrived (in bold text) are as follows:

## I. Agenda Items of Bihar

### A. Irrigation Sector

#### i. Change in Funding Pattern

*study* Government of Bihar (GoB) desired that for on-going irrigation projects under PMKSY/AIBP, eligible Central assistance should be made equal to 60% as envisaged in new funding pattern of PMKSY. For projects under flood & drought prone area, central assistance should be enhanced from present 60% to 90% as it was earlier.