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(Peninsular Rivers Wing)

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
21st March, 2018

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 9.3.2018 to discuss the modalities to set up scheme in view of Supreme Court Order dated 16.2.2018 on Cauvery.

The undersigned is directed to refer to meeting dated 9.3.2018 on the subject mentioned above and to enclose minutes of the meeting for information and necessary action.

Encl: as above



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To:

- 1) Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 2) Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka
- 3) Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala
- 4) Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry
- 5) Chairman, Central Water Commission,
- 6) Additional Chief Secretary(WR), Government of Kerala
- 7) Principal Secretary(PWD), Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 8) Principal Secretary(WRD), Government of Karnataka
- 9) Secretary(WRD), Government of Karnataka
- 10) Secretary(PWD), Government of Puducherry
- 11) Chief Engineer(IMO), Central Water Commission
- 12) Senior Joint Commissioner(Pen.Riv.)

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- 1) PS to Minister(WR, RD & GR)
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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09.03.2018 AT NEW DELHI TO DISCUSS
MODALITIES TO SET UP SCHEME IN VIEW OF SUPREME COURT'S ORDER
16.02.2018**

A Meeting with Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries (Water Resources Department) of Cauvery basin States was held on 09.03.2018 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri U.P. Singh, Secretary, Ministry of WR, RD & GR. The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss modalities to set up "scheme" under ISRWD Act, 1956 as directed by Supreme Court vide its order dated 16.02.2018. The list of participants is at Annexure – 1.

2. Secretary, Ministry of WR, RD & GR welcomed the participants and stated that as per order of Supreme Court, a "scheme" which may be called as Cauvery Management Board (CMB) or by any other name, is to be constituted within a period of six weeks from the date of order. As recommended by CWDT, the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) is to be constituted by CMB. He mentioned the different type of Board and Authorities function for management of inter-State rivers, like Bharkra Beas Management Board (BBMB), Narmada Control Authority (NCA), Tungabhadra Board, Betwa River Board (BRB) etc. He stated that CWDT in its Report had elaborated on the kind of machinery required to oversee the implementation of its award, with its scope, composition, functions and powers. However, the details of the machinery given by CWDT are recommendations and therefore some changes for better implementation of the final award could be made in the "scheme" by the Central Government before notifying it. He, thereafter, requested the States to express their position on the issues.

3. Chief Secretary, Tamil Nadu stated that the meeting to discuss modalities to set up scheme for implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 16.02.2018 was not necessary. According to Tamil Nadu, CWDT Report, so far as Cauvery Management Board is concerned, has not been interfered with and therefore, no interference is called for in the composition, functions, power etc. of CMB as recommended by CWDT. She stated that order of Supreme Court should be implemented in full letter and spirit without loss of time and requested the Central Government to take immediate steps to constitute CMB and CWRC as stipulated in CWDT Report, without any modifications.