

**No. G-20/1/2017-GA
Government of India
Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
(General Administration)**

**Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, dated 08.04.2019**

Subject: Forwarding of records/information to visiting audit party of Director General of Audit, Scientific Departments for FY 2017-18.

Please find enclosed **Audit Memo No.14** dated 08.04.2019 received from the Audit Party from O/o the Director General of Audit, Scientific Departments, New Delhi, who is conducting Audit of Ministry for the year FY 2017-18.

2. The requisite information may kindly be sent to Audit Party immediately to Room No. 19 'A', Shram Shakti Bhawan.

Encl: As above.



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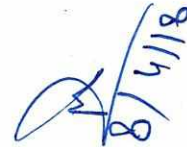
To

Sr. JC (BM), MoWR, RD & GR, Block-3, CGO Complex, New Delhi.

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1. Controller of Accounts, MoWR, RD & GR, Shastri Bhawan.



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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUDIT
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Audit Memo No.14

Dated: 08.04.2019

Sub: Audit of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation for the year 2017-18.

The Parliament enacted Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956 under Article 262 of the Constitution, for adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-State rivers and river valley thereof. As per the recommendations of 'Sarkaria Commission' on Centre State relations, the Act was last amended in August, 2002. In order to further streamlining the adjudication of inter-State river water disputes, the Inter-State River Water Disputes(Amendment) Bill, 2017 was introduced in Lok Sabha by Minister for WR, RD & GR on 14.03.2017 during the Budget Session, 2017. The Bill envisages to establish a standalone Tribunal with permanent establishment, permanent office space and infrastructure so as to obviate with the need to set up a separate tribunal for each water dispute which is invariably a time-consuming process. The Bill was further referred by the Speaker, Lok Sabha to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources for examination on 25.05.2017. The Standing Committee held three meetings on 16.06.2017, 30.06.2017 and 10.07.2017 and submitted its recommendations on the Bill in the form of 'Nineteenth Report of Standing Committee on Water Resources on 'The Inter- State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017' dated 11.08.2017. On the basis of these recommendations, draft Cabinet Note on Officials Amendments to be made in the Bill has been prepared by the Ministry and referred to Department of Legal Affairs and Legislative Department for examination and vetting.

In this connection, the following information/records may please be furnished to Audit :

1. Copy of Inter-State River Water Disputes(Amendment) Bill, 2017
2. Copy of Nineteenth Report of Standing Committee on Water Resources on 'The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017
3. Whether the Department of Legal Affairs and Legislative Department has examined and vetted the draft Cabinet Note on Inter- State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017. if not, reasons thereof.
4. Copy of cabinet note on Inter- State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill.

Sr.Audit Officer

To
The Director, GA
MOWR, RD&GR, New Delhi