

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 27.05.2019

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.64** dated: 27.05.2019 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. In case of electronic file, they may send to eoffice ID-**eoffice-mowr**.

Encl: As above.

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To,

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Copy to:

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



C&AG's Audit Party

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUDIT
SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS, NEW DELHI-110002
Camp: MoWR, RD&GR, New Delhi**

Audit Memo No.64

Dated: 27.05.2019

Subject: Inter linking of rivers-observation thereof.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) No.512 of 2002 on Networking of Rivers along with Writ Petition No.668 of 2002 delivered a judgment dated 27.2.2012. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that an appropriate body should be created to plan, construct and implement the inter linking of rivers program for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

Further, Hon'ble Apex Court vide their judgment in a Writ Petition (Civil) on Networking of Rivers (Inter-linking of Rivers) had directed that the Ken-Betwa inter-linking project be taken up for implementation at the first instance and the progress be placed bi-annually before the Cabinet. The Hon'ble Apex Court had also directed constitution of a Special Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation for carrying forward the inter-linking of rivers programme.

In compliance MoWR, RD and GR has constituted a Committee called Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for WR, RD & GR vide Gazette Notification dated 23rd September, 2014.

The Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers has been convened 14 meetings and last meeting was held on 14.01.2018. State Irrigation /Water Resources Ministers and Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of various States and other members attended the Cabinet in its meeting held on 15.11.2016 had reviewed the status-cum-progress report of ILR projects.

MoWR, RD and GR has constituted a Task Force for relating to Interlinking of Rivers and eight meetings of the Task Force has been held between 2015 and 2017.

In pursuance of the decision of the Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers taken in its 4th meeting held on 15th June, 2016, a Group has been constituted vide Office Memorandum dated 18.07.2016 to look into legal aspects and required enabling Provisions for implementation of Interlinking of Rivers and other related issues. The Group has submitted its report to the Chairman, TF-ILR during March, 2017. The report was independently examined by CWC. The Task Force discussed the Report of the Group on legal aspects. In its 9th meeting and decided to obtain legal opinion on the recommendations of the Group. Based on request, Prof. Madhava Menon, Director (Retd), Bangalore Law University has submitted his opinion on 11.08.2017 which was considered by the Task Force in its meeting held on 15.09.2017.

MoWR, RD & GR has constituted (September 2017) a Group on Financial Aspects under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, former Secretary to the Government of India and Member of the Task Force. As per ToR of the Group, the Group would look into the financial aspects of various inter-basin water transfer links identified by NWDA and suggest funding pattern for

implementation of these links. The Group has held four meetings so far on 24.10.2017, 17.11.2017, 08.12.2017 and 09.01.2018 respectively.

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

1. Confirm the facts and figures.
2. Whether Ken-Betwa inter-linking project has been taken up for implementation at the first instance. If yes, the commencement of the project alongwith the copy of the DPR. If not, reasons thereof. Whether the progress has been placed bi-annually before the Cabinet. if yes, the copy of the progress report of 2017 . If not, reasons thereof.
3. Whether NWDA has identified various inter-basin water transfer links. If yes, the details of the same. If not, reasons thereof.
4. Whether funding pattern for implementation of various inter-basin water transfer links has been prepared. If yes, the details of the same. If not, reasons thereof.
5. Yearwise allocation, release and expenditure in inter linking of rivers program during 2014-15 to 2018-19.
6. Present status of inter linking of rivers program.



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Sub : Delay in finalization of DPR of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project.

Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project (PMP) is primarily aimed at energy production and augmenting irrigation in India and Nepal. A treaty known as "Mahakali Treaty" concerning the integrated development of the Mahakali River, was signed between the Government of Nepal and the Government of India on 12th February, 1996. During the year 2009, an independent autonomous body the Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) was set up for development, execution and operation of the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project as also to finalize its Detailed Project Report. Office of PDA started functioning in the year 2014 in Nepal, with the headquarters at Mahendranagar, Nepal.

The work for carrying out for preparation of DPR and CEIA study awarded (March 2015) to WAPCOS for Rs.36.68 crore. The draft final DPR has been prepared by WAPCOS and submitted to PDA in November 2016. In turn, PDA forwarded the draft DPR to the respective Governments (GoI and GoN) for their examination/views. The MoWR, RD&GR, GoN and the Min. of Energy, GoN, after appraisal of the draft DPR, submitted the observations/suggestions on the DPR to PDA.

Thereafter a Joint Team of Officials/Experts (ToE) was constituted with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister (MoWR, RD&GR) by both the countries to discuss and resolve the observations/comments on DPR including core issues and assessment of project benefits in order to finalize the DPR. After formation of ToE, three meetings have been held so far to resolve various issues and finalize the DPR. The DPR after finalization by the Joint ToE, is to be submitted to the Governing body of PDA.

The minutes of second meeting held in September 2017 were not signed by Nepalese side and therefore the minutes not issued by PDA.

In this connection, the following information/records may kindly be furnished :

1. Copy of the minutes of the second and third meeting.
2. Expenditure incurred from 2014-15 to 2018-19.
3. Present status of the DPR.

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