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Subject: Minutes of the Meeting held on 21.01.2020 to discuss various issues of GRMB and KRMB-reg.

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This issues with the approval of Secretary (WR, RD & GR).

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21.01.2020 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES OF GRMB AND KRMB AT NEW DELHI

A meeting to discuss various issues of GRMB and KRMB was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR at New Delhi on 21st January 2020. The list of participants is at **Annexure-1**. The Secretary welcomed the participants from the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, officers from both the Godavari and Krishna River Management Boards, officers from CWC and DoWR, RD&GR. Thereafter Agenda items were taken up for discussion and the decisions taken thereon are as follows:

Item No.1 : Shifting of Headquarters of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to Andhra Pradesh.

It was mentioned that as per Section 85(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, the headquarters of KRMB shall be located in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh. At present, the headquarters of KRMB is located in Hyderabad in Telangana State. It was also informed that a commercial space has been identified in Vijayawada in A.P. for hiring the same for shifting of KRMB Headquarters from Hyderabad to Vijayawada.

It was further informed that in the meeting taken by Home Secretary with the officials of A. P. and Telangana on 09.10.2019, Chief Secretary, Telangana stated that though it would be convenient for member States to keep KRMB headquarters in Hyderabad; however Government of Telangana has no objection in shifting of headquarters of KRMB to Andhra Pradesh. As per minutes of the meeting, final decision in the matter is to be taken by the Ministry of Jal Shakti (Dept. of Water Resources, RD&GR). It was informed that the proposal of shifting of headquarters of KRMB to Andhra Pradesh was discussed in the latest Board meeting of the KRMB held on 9/1/2020. During the meeting, members of Government of Telangana requested to defer the decision on the issue, however, members of Government of Andhra Pradesh requested to initiate the shifting of KRMB headquarters to Andhra Pradesh.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that headquarters of KRMB may be shifted to Andhra Pradesh at an appropriate time due to certain operational reasons.

Item No.2 : Paucity of funds with KRMB due to inadequate release of funds by State Governments

It was informed that as per Section 86(2) of A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014 the

Government of the successor States shall at all times provide the necessary funds to the Krishna River Management Board to meet all expenses (including the salaries and allowances of the staff) required for the discharge of its functions. Accordingly, both the States are providing funds to KRMB. However, at present compared to AP, contribution of funds from Govt of Telangana is less. Representative from Govt of Telangana informed that on 20th January, 2020, Telangana Government has released Rs. 3 crore to KRMB. Secretary DoWR, RD&GR observed that both the States may ensure timely contribution of funds to both the Boards.

Item No.3: Submission of DPRs in Krishna and Godavari basin by A. P. and Telangana to KRMB and GRMB for appraisal

It was informed that as per Section 85(8)(d) of the A. P. Reorganisation Act, 2014, function of the two Boards include appraisal of DPRs of new projects in Godavari and Krishna basins and giving technical clearance from the view point of negative impact on existing/ongoing projects. Both the States have been complaining to respective Boards about taking up of new schemes by the other State. Both the Boards have been requesting both the States from time to time for sending DPRs of all new projects taken up by the States. However, both A. P. and Telangana are yet to submit DPRs of new projects to KRMB/ GRMB for appraisal and technical clearance.

Representative of GoTS stated that all the on-going Projects as on date of State bifurcation cannot be treated as “New Projects” since they were conceived and conceptualized in the undivided State of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. It was reiterated by them that no New Projects have been taken up by Govt. of Telangana which need to be appraised in terms of provisions of Section 84/85 of A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Representative of GoAP opined that conceiving of a project itself before the bifurcation the State cannot be considered as basis for treating a project as an existing project. Any project which was originally conceived with certain parameters but has undergone considerable change in scope, causing increased water demand and having negative impact to lower riparian States, must be approved afresh by the respective Boards.

Chairman, GRMB stated that any project involving change in project parameters resulting in change in nature and benefits such as CCA, storage, increase in water utilisation should be treated as new project.

Secretary DoWR, RD & GR observed that any irrigation project which has not been techno-economically appraised by CWC and accepted by Technical Advisory Committee of DoWR, RD & GR should be considered as new project irrespective of the fact whether it was conceived before or after bifurcation of erstwhile AP. He was of the

view that all major, medium and multipurpose projects, where there is change in scope such as, change in location of intake points, changes in alignment of canal distribution network, changes in size and geographical location of command area to be served, changes in storage, increase in water utilisation, etc., should be treated as new schemes irrespective of the status of construction of project for the purpose of appraisal. Further, the Secretary opined that, in addition to the above mentioned parameters, from the angle of Inter-State issues and hydrology of a project, the projects need to be appraised by the respective Board. Further, appraisal has to be done by CWC also, before placing them to the Apex Council for approval as the Boards do not have the requisite wherewithal in terms of technical wings. After detailed discussion, it was decided that the matter would be placed before the Apex Council for decision in this regard duly mentioning the views of both States and views of the DoWR, RD & GR.

Item No. 4: Regulation of Water Supply to the successor States

As KWDT-II is yet to give its Award, sharing of Krishna River water between the successor States is being carried out as per working arrangement as agreed by both the States.

Special Chief Secretary, WRD Govt. of AP emphasized the need for evolving operation protocol for projects by Boards, if required, with the help of CWC and other technical organisation.

Chairman, GRMB emphasised the need for deciding the share of both States of Telangana and A.P. in the share of erstwhile State of A.P. in Godavari water.

Representative of GoTS stated that as there are no joint projects between the States of AP and Telangana in Godavari basin, therefore there appears no need for such exercise as stated by the Chairman, GRMB.

Representative of A.P. informed that during the monsoon period lot of surplus water flow into the sea due to spill from all the main stem projects on Krishna river. He stated that the water used by both the States during the period of spilling from the main stem projects may not be taken account while accounting the utilisation figures of the respective State. Dr. R.K. Gupta, Member (D&R), CWC and former Chairman, KRMB informed that during the monsoon period, about 800 TMC of water flow into the sea due to spill from the projects in different spells. He opined that in principle the amount of water utilised during the period of spill from all the projects, may not be considered for utilisation by the States, as the water, if not drawn during that period, would flow into the sea. He further, informed that this issue was discussed in the recent Board meeting of the KRMB held on 09.01.2020, wherein it was decided that technical officers of WRD / Irrigation Departments of both the States may discuss and arrive at some agreement regarding exemption of utilisations made during the period when all the Projects were spilling.

Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR stated that a technical committee may study the data and come out with some results to resolve the issue.

Item No.5: Jurisdiction of KRMB & GRMB

It was informed that as per Section 87 (1) of A.P. Reorganization Act, 2014, the Board shall ordinarily exercise jurisdiction on Godavari and Krishna rivers in regard to any of the projects over headworks (barrages, dams, reservoirs, regulating structures), part of canal network and transmission lines necessary to deliver water or power to the States concerned, as may be notified by the Central Government, having regard to the awards, if any, made by the Tribunals constituted under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Representative of Govt of Andhra Pradesh was of the view that pending allocations to be made by KWDT-II, jurisdiction of KRMB may be notified by the Government of India as there is no linkage between jurisdiction and project-wise allocation by KWDT-II. However, Representative of Govt of Telangana was of the view that only after the final KWDT-II Award, jurisdiction of KRMB may be finalized and notified.

Chairman, Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) mentioned that GRMB has in 2017 sent a list of 7 projects and requested for notifying the jurisdiction of GRMB.

Secretary, WR, RD & GR opined that there is no need to link the issue of notification of jurisdiction to the final Award of the KWDT-II. Further, he observed that since considerable time has passed since the AP Reorganization Act became effective in 2014, it is high time that jurisdictions of both Boards are notified.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the matter would be placed before the Apex Council for decision.

Item No. 6: Holding of the next Apex Council meeting

States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana were requested to submit Agenda points for the next meeting of Apex Council for which representatives of the both the states have agreed. Thereafter Chairperson would be approached for suitable date and time for the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21.01.2020 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES OF KRMB AND GRMB.

Department of Water Resources, RD & GR

1. Shri U.P. Singh, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR (In Chair)
2. Smt T Rajeshwari, Additional Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR
3. Shri R.K. Kanodia, Senior Joint Commissioner, DoWR, RD & GR
4. Shri T.D. Sharma, Senior Joint Commissioner, DoWR, RD & GR
5. Shri A.C.Mallick, Under Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR

Central Water Commission

6. Dr R.K. Gupta, Member (D&R), Central Water Commission
7. Shri Vijay Saran, Chief Engineer(IMO), Central Water Commission

Krishna River Management Board & Godavari River Management Board

8. Shri J. Chandrashekhar Iyer, Chairman Godavari River Management Board & Krishna River Management Board
9. Shri A. Paramesham, Member Secretary, Krishna River Management Board
10. Shri B.P. Pandey, Member Secretary, Godavari River Management Board

Government of Andhra Pradesh

11. Shri Aditya Nath Das, Spl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
12. Shri C. Narayana Reddy, Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation, Water Resources Dept., Andhra Pradesh
13. Shri M.Venkateswara Rao, Advisor, Water Resources Dept., Andhra Pradesh
14. Shri B.K. Nageswara Rao, Chief Engineer, ISWR, Govt of Andhra Pradesh

Government of Telangana

15. Shri C. Muralidhar, Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation, Govt of Telangana
16. Shri S. Narasimha Rao, Chief Engineer, ISWR, Govt of Telangana
