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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, RD & GR
(Coordination Section)
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Dated:29-10-2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Departmental Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 23.10.2026 – Circulation of Minutes of the meeting – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Departmental Review Meeting held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 23.10.2026, wherein the important activities, ongoing projects, key challenges and the way forward in respect of the DoWR, RD & GR and its Organizations were reviewed with the respective Heads of Departments (HoDs), in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR.

2. The Minutes of the above-mentioned meeting, as approved by the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action by all concerned.

3. All concerned Wings/Divisions/Organizations are requested to take necessary action on the decisions/directions contained in the Minutes and ensure timely compliance. The concerned HoDs/Wing Heads may also ensure appropriate monitoring of the action points pertaining to their respective organizations.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: As above

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To,
All Wing Heads/ Organisation Heads/ Division Heads

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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, DoWR, RD & GR
3. PPS to Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR
4. PPS to JS (Admin), DoWR, RD & GR

Minutes of the Departmental Review Meeting held on 23.10.2026 at 11.00 hrs under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti

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The Hon’ble Minister of Jal Shakti Sh. C.R Patil has reviewed the important activities, ongoing projects, key challenges and way forward in respect of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and its Wings/Organizations with all respective HoDS and the presence of H'ble Minister of State of Jal Shakti (DoWR).

During the review, the concerned Wings and Organizations HODs briefed the Hon’ble Minister on the progress of major schemes and projects. Following deliberations, the decisions and directions recorded below emerged:

Sl. No	Decision and Direction to respective HODs
A. Flood Management Wing(Commissioner FM)	
1	The progress of projects under the Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) was reviewed. Out of 529 projects, 441 have been completed, 66 foreclosed/dropped and 22 remain ongoing. Efforts shall be made to expedite the 14 ongoing projects targeted for completion by March 2027. For remaining 8 projects a committee should be constituted by CWC to examine their status and decide .
2	In respect of the North Koel Reservoir Project, a detailed note covering project progress, issues relating to rehabilitation and resettlement of project-affected families in Latehar and Garhwa districts, and the proposed way forward shall be furnished. Issues requiring intervention may be brought to the notice of the concerned authorities.
3	A meeting with the Chief Ministers of the concerned States may be also be organised, if necessary, for resolution of pending issues.
4	A note on the proposed revision of FMBAP guidelines shall be submitted to the Office of the Hon’ble Minister through Secretary, DOWR RD & GR. A suitable mechanism shall be developed to encourage adoption and implementation of the Flood Plain Zoning and other guidelines prepared by the Ministry. Efforts shall be made to bring the remaining States/UTs on board.
5	The issues placed before the Eastern Zonal Council were reviewed. Of the nine issues, six were reported as resolved, while three matters—Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project, Batane Reservoir Scheme and Mayurakshi Dam—remain pending. A meeting at the level of the Hon’ble Minister with the concerned Chief Ministers may be organized urgently to facilitate resolution of the outstanding matters
B. Farakka Barrage Project(GM FBP)	
6	The progress of major works, including replacement of barrage gates, boundary-wall construction and anti-erosion measures, was reviewed.
7	The issue of encroachment on project land was discussed. GM FBP apprised that Quick response team with CISF have been made to prevent any fresh encroachments . About 40 unauthorized houses have been demolished . Necessary steps for removal of encroachments shall be pursued in coordination with the District Administration. Unauthorized

	electricity & water connections should be stopped/disconnected, if any.
8	Coordination with CISF and other security agencies shall be strengthened for protection of project premises and prevention of further encroachment.
9	The Cabinet note regarding continued operation of Farakka Barrage in the context of the Ganga Water Treaty, 1996, expiring on 11 December 2026, shall be reviewed
C. National Water Mission	
10	The JS, NWM briefed the Hon'ble Minister on the priority activities and initiatives of the National Water Mission.
D. Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM)	
11	The implementation status of 35 pilot clusters was reviewed. Work orders have been issued for 18 clusters, the process is underway for 10 clusters, and tenders have not been floated for seven clusters, as recorded in the meeting notes. Pending actions shall be expedited.
12	Issues pending with 14 States/UTs were brought to notice. D.O. letters shall be issued to the concerned State Governments for early resolution and expeditious implementation. Additional Secretary& MD NWM informed that he is pursuing with the States which are not showing progress.
E. Basin Management–I	
13	The proposed amendments to the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act were discussed. The matter shall be placed before the Group of Ministers for consideration.
14	The roles of Basin Management–I and NWDA in relation to interlinking of rivers were discussed.
F. National Water Development Agency	
15	Chairman NWDA shall furnish a detailed report/presentation on the studies done and DPRs prepared with findings.
G. Ken–Betwa Link Project Authority	
16	The status of the Ken–Betwa Link Project, including the link canal, Daudhan Dam and relocation/replanning of the hydropower component outside the eco-sensitive zone of Panna Tiger Reserve, was reviewed.
17	The Chairman KBLPA shall furnish a detailed component-wise progress report indicating the responsibilities of the Centre, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, current progress, pending impediments, mechanism for their resolution and expected timelines for completion.
H. Basin Management–II	
18	The inter-State water disputes and associated matters, including the Mekedatu project, Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal–II award, Kalasa–Banduri project, Narmada fund-related dispute and Mahanadi dispute, shall be examined in separate meetings for detailed discussion and resolution **A**
I. Brahmaputra–Barak River Matters	
19	The status of international cooperation, including water-data sharing with China and Bhutan, and the Upper Siang Multipurpose Storage Project, was presented and discussed.
J. Brahmaputra Board	

20	The progress of preparation of master plans/DPRs was reviewed. It was noted that 52 out of 76 master plans had been prepared, while adoption by the States remained an issue. Overall assessment of Brahamputra Board working and future course of action shall be submitted by Chairman within three months as decided earlier in the meeting.
21	Master plans/DPRs should henceforth be prepared on the request/requirements of the concerned State Governments, with a view to facilitating their adoption and implementation.
K. Minor Irrigation Statistics	
22	The four ongoing censuses under the Minor Irrigation Statistics programme shall be completed by March 2027.
L. National Institute of Hydrology	
23	The Director, NIH, briefed on the targets and progress of major programmes and activities. Training capacity & accommodation strength may be reviewed and interaction with States/UTs should be done for their training requirements.
M. For all Divisions	
24	All organisations and divisions of DOWR, RD & GR to prepare the status note on the pending audit paras. A meeting may be organized for review of the pendency and status.

All concerned Wings and Organisations shall take necessary action on the above decisions and directions in a time-bound manner and keep the Department apprised of progress.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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