### No.18/5/2013-Pen. River Government of India

# Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (Peninsular River Wing)

107-B, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Reconstitution of Supervisory Committee on Babhali Barrage to give effect to the implementation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 28.02.2013 in the matter of Original Suit No.1 of 2006, State of Andhra Pradesh vs. State of Maharashtra & Others – reg.

In pursuance of the Order dated 01.08.2016 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation hereby reconstitutes the Supervisory Committee on Babhali Barrage which was earlier constituted vide Office Memorandum of the Ministry of Water Resources dated 24.10.2013 in compliance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 28.02.2013 in the matter of Original Suit No.1 of 2006, State of Andhra Pradesh vs. State of Maharashtra & Others on Babhali Barrage issue. The Supervisory Committee shall be as follows.

- (a) Member, Central Water Commission (CWC), Chairman ex-officio
- (b) Administrative Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Member ex-officio
- (c) Administrative Secretary, Irrigation & CAD Department, Government of Telangana, Member ex-officio
- (d) Administrative Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra, Member ex-officio

## 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AS LAID DOWN BY HON'BLE COURT ARE:

- (i) The Committee shall supervise the operation of the Babhali barrage.
- (ii) The Committee shall ensure that;
- a) Maharashtra maintains Babhali barrage storage capacity of 2.74 TMC of water out of the allocation of 60 TMC given to Maharashtra for new projects under the agreement dated 06.10.1975.
- b) The gates of Babhali barrage remain lifted during the monsoon season, i.e., July 1 to October 28 and there is no obstruction to the natural flow of Godavari river during monsoon season below the three dams mentioned in Clause II (i) of the agreement dated 06.10.1975 towards Pochampad dam.

- c) During the non-monsoon season i.e. from October 29 till the end of June next year, the quantity of water which Maharashtra utilizes for Babhali barrage does not exceed 2.74 TMC of which only 0.6 TMC forms the common submergence of Pochampad reservoir and Babhali barrage.
- d) Maharashtra does not periodically utilize 2.74 TMC from time to time.
- e) Maharashtra releases 0.6 TMC of water to Telangana on 1<sup>st</sup> March every year.
- f) Maharashtra maintains the capacity of Balegaon barrage to 1.5 TMC. Out of this 0.9 TMC is adjusted from sanctioned utilization of Vishnupuri project upstream and 0.6 TMC remains the intercepted storage of Babhali barrage.

#### 3. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- i. The Committee shall meet as and when necessary. The Committee shall follow its own procedure while conducting the Meeting.
- ii. Decision shall ordinarily be by consensus. If no consensus is reached, the decision may be left to the Chairperson.

#### 4. SUPPORT AND INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE:

- a) All the reports of the Expert bodies as well as the status reports whichever were filed, before the Hon'ble Supreme Court during the pendency of Original Suit No.1 of 2006, shall be made available to the Committee for its use.
- b) Governments of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana shall provide necessary support and information to enable the Committee to implement the directions contained in the Order dated 28.2.2013 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- c) All data required/as decided for the smooth functioning of the Committee from the respective member States shall be made available to the Committee as per format, frequency and mode of transmission as may be decided by the Committee. In case of emergent situation, all data/inputs as desired by Chairman/Head of Office shall be made available by member States/CWC on urgent basis.
- d) The Committee may seek help from CWC and/or any other State/Central Agencies to undertake its assigned functions.
- **5. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** The Committee shall follow its own procedure for conducting of its business.
- **6. OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE:** The Supervisory Committee will have its office at Nanded Irrigation Circle Office, Nanded, Maharashtra.

#### 7. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS:

- a. Maharashtra shall bear the entire expenditure of the Committee.
- b. Government of Maharashtra will work out the modalities for booking expenses of the Committee in consultation with CWC and Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- c. Salaries of the Officer(s) of CWC and Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana shall be charged under their respective Office/Budgetary Heads.
- d. The expenditure made on travelling expenses, rent receipts and office use items/requirements for discharging duties of the Committee will be borne by State Government of Maharashtra.
- e. Other expenses by officials will be borne by the respective Government office, as per their entitlement under relevant rules.
- f. Accounts of the Committee shall be maintained and audited in such manner as may be notified by the Central Government, in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in this behalf.

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- 2. Administrative Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
- 3. Administrative Secretary, Irrigation and CAD Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
- 4. Administrative Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

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- a) PS to Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD&GR).
- b) PPS to Secretary (WR, RD&GR)/OSD (WR, RD&GR).
- c) PS to JS(PP), MoWR, RD&GR
- d) PS to JS&FA, MoWR, RD&GR
- NIC, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MOWR, RD&GR) with a request to upload this order on the Ministry's website.