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Subject: Minutes of the 78th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 06.07.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 78th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 06.07.2016 for information and appropriate action.

Encl. As above.


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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR, RD & GR)
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Minutes of 78th Weekly Review Meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 6.7.2016

The 78th weekly review meeting was held on 6.7.2016 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Dr. S.K. Balyan). Issues related to priority projects of Interlinking of rivers, progress of RRR Scheme, activities under National Water Mission and NQUIM were deliberated in details. The following action points identified for further action:

1. Interlinking of River Projects:

Giving an overview of the ILR Project, Chief Engineer, NWDA stated that this project had a potential of irrigating 35 million ha. And generating 34000 MW of power.

The current focus as per the recommendations of the Task Force headed by Mr. Suresh Prabhu is on four priority link projects namely, Ken-Betwa Phase I & II, Damanganga – Pinjal, Par-Tapi- Narmada, Mahanadi-Godavari. The following points emerged for further action:

- i) Special Secretary (WR,RD&GR) mentioned that Ken Betwa Link will provide irrigation to an area about 6.7 lakh ha annually in drought prone Bundelkhand region and would solve water scarcity problem of the area. The in principle clearance of National Wild Life Board has been received and the final clearance is expected soon.
- ii) The issue of forest and environment clearance has to be pursued with the State Government as well as Ministry of EF&CC for an early decision.
- iii) Implementation of Damanganga-Pinjal Link project would take care of the 70% of the drinking water needs of Mumbai till the year 2050. The DPR of the project has already been finalized in March 2014 and submitted to Government of Maharashtra

- iv) For Par Tapi – Narmada Link Project, issue of water sharing between two States may be sorted out by arranging meeting at Hon'ble Minister's level. Matter may be regularly pursued with the State Governments for an early consensus between these two States.

[Action- DG, NWDA]

2. RRR Scheme

Commissioner (SP) mentioned that RRR scheme is now a part of PMKSY (HKKP). As per guidelines, water bodies of 2-10 hectares in Urban Area and of 5 hectares in Rural Area are covered under the RRR scheme. Grants are covered in the ratio of 90:10 in NE/special category/Tribal/Naxal areas, 60:40 in drought prone areas and 25:75 for general category States. There is a target of creation of 1.5 lakh ha. irrigation potential during 12th Plan. For 2016-17, the target of irrigation potential creation is 40,000 ha.

Hon'ble Minister directed that demarcation of water bodies needs to be carried out for avoiding encroachment.

[Action - Commissioner SP]

3. NWM

Adviser (Tech), NWM made presentation on the activities of NWM. He mentioned that there are five goals identified under NWM on which action is being taken by the NWM. The following points emerged:

- i) The cabinet note for setting up of National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency is under submission . The employment generation component may be incorporated in the draft cabinet note as suggested by Cabinet Secretariat and proposal be finalized on priority.
- ii) State Specific Action Plan in water sector be finalized for the selected States on a priority.

[Action-Adviser (Tech) NWM]

4. NAQUIM :

Member, CGWB made a presentation on activities/achievements on aquifer mapping programmes undertaken by them. He mentioned that there is a target of 8.89 lakh sq km. aquifer mapping for XII Plan out of 23.25 lakh sq km mapable area of the Country. Major thrust is in 8 States viz. Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Bundelkhand areas of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh constituting 5.25 lakh sq. km. The following action identified:

- i) Action on Aquifer Mapping may be taken as per monthly action plan so that target fixed for 2016-17 could be achieved as per plan.
- li) Procurement/outsourcing of rigs/other equipments be finalized at the earliest.

[Chairman, CGWB]
