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Subject: Minutes of the 79th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 13.07.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 79th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 13.07.2016 for information and appropriate action.

Encl. As above.


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To,

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Copy for kind information to :

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD &GR)
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Minutes of 79th Weekly Review Meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 13.7.2016

The 79th weekly review meeting was held on 13.7.2016. The meeting was chaired by Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Minister of State and co-chaired by Dr. S.K. Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State. Issues related to Flood Management Program/Flood forecasting, MI (Census), setting up of NEBRRRA and progress of expenditure were reviewed. At the beginning, senior officers of Ministry introduced themselves to the Hon'ble MoS's.

Hon'ble MoS advised to implement the following points with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD&GR):

i) CGWB should be well equipped so that testing of water quality of any individual/common people can be done by them. Any citizen of the Country may apply for Testing of Water of their tube-well simply by approaching CGWB. If required, accreditation/outourcing of some private labs may be done for this purpose. CGWB may prepare a complete proposal in this regard. At least one such laboratories should be established/accredited in each states.

[Chairman, CGWB]

ii) For better coordination in matters related to Water Quality, an officer from Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation should sit in the CGWB, Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR. The matter may be taken up accordingly with Ministry of Drinking Water and sanitation.

[Director, Water Quality]

iii) The proposals/projects received in Ministry/Organization should be examined in a time-bound manner and SOP for the same should be prepared. Wherever there is deficiency, concerned officers of CWC/CGWB/other wings would visit the states to get it finalized. It was informed that Appraisal process for the projects are being simplified. This should be implemented within one month.

[All Wing Heads/Chairman, CWC/Chairman, CGWB/JS&MD, NMCG]

iv) Printing of various booklets/reports of the Ministry should be done in Hindi. The language of the booklet should be simple so as to enable a common man to understand it.

[JS (RKG)/Advisor (Eco)/Chairman, CWC/Chairman, CGWB]

v) A list of Member of Parliaments (MPs) who are experts in water related matters may be prepared and be provided to Hon'ble MoS's.

[Dir. (Parliament)]

vi) A list of Court Cases/inter Ministerial disputes may be prepared which can be resolved by the intervention of Hon'ble MoS.

[DS (E.I)]

Thereafter review of progress of Flood Management Program/Flood forecasting, MI (Census), setting up of NEBRRA and expenditure were done one by one. The following action points identified for further action by the concerned officers/wings:

1. The matter may be pursued by Director, CWPRS (Central Water & Power Research Station) to complete the work assigned to them regarding study the erosion/desilting of Rivers and submit their reports on priority.

[Chairman,CWC/Director (CWPRS)]

2. Comm.(FM) mentioned that at present there are 175 flood forecasting stations for forecasting of water levels of Rivers. There is target to increase it to 275 by the end of 12th Plan. Necessary action plan along-with timeline be prepared to complete the work of setting up of 100 new telemetry stations by March, 2017.

3. In the next weekly review meeting Digital Elevation Model of flood forecasting and flood forecasting Map may be presented.

4. Matter may be pursued with the State Govt. of Assam to submit the proposal with 80:20 ratio for funding from the Ministry.

5. It was also discussed that Budget allocation for flood management program is very less and keeping in view the expenditure involve in flood management work the fund is not sufficient. It may be examined whether some National Scheme can be made for long term solution of flood problem.

6. There are problems of deposition of silt in Rivers which is one of the causes of flood. Matter may be examined and be taken with Ministry of M/o-E,F&CC for allowing regulated sustainable mining in Rivers.

[Comm.(FM)].

7. **Colour code** for water above danger level should be reflected in blue or some other colour in flood forecasting Maps of India. So as to make a clear cut distinction between different levels.

[Chairman, CWC]

8. ADG (Stat) made a presentation on the progress of 5th MI Census. She informed that data compilation of 19 states have been completed and analysis of these data is being done. Necessary steps may be taken to complete analysis of data of 19 states in time bound manner.

9. Information of water bodies should also be included from the next MI Census.

[ADG (Stats)]

10. Matter may be taken up with concerned Ministries/Departments/State Govts. for the comments on the draft Cabinet Note of NEBRRRA . Cabinet proposal may be finalized after 15 days.

11. Major part of Brahmaputra Board Budget is for salary components due to its large staff strength. It may be examined whether some Voluntary Retirement Scheme(VRS) for other employees may be introduced to reduce establishment Budget and enable NEBRRRA function properly.

[Comm(B&B)/Dir.(E.III)]

12. Critical exploited blocks of Western UP and Haryana may be included in the National Ground Water improvement program undertaken by CGWB.

[Chairman, CGWB]

13. Two more villages may be included in each Jal gram under Jal Kranti Abhiyan. In consultation with concerned Member of Parliament.

[JS(PP)]