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Subject: Minutes of the 80th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 20.07.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 80th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 20.07.2016 for information and appropriate action.

Encl. As above.


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**Minutes of 80th Weekly Review Meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of
State (WR, RD & GR) on 20.7.2016**

The 80th Weekly Review Meeting was held on 20.7.2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (Dr. S.K. Balyan). Issues related to progress of DRIP, functioning of NPCC, Strengthening of laboratories of CGWB and progress of expenditure were reviewed. The following action points identified for further action by the concerned organization/wings:

1. Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (DRIP)

Project Director, DRIP (CWC) made a presentation on different activities under DRIP. He mentioned that DRIP work is being undertaken at 250 Dams in 7 states with the financial assistance of World Bank. Under DRIP, work relating to Dam Rehabilitation, Institutional Strengthening and Project Management components are being undertaken. They also mentioned that the estimate of the project was 2100 crore but as per the latest estimates (based on tender value) it may increase to Rs. 3000 crore. The following action points emerged:

i. Draft Cabinet Note on Dam Safety may be finalised by incorporating the comments of different departments on priority basis.

[Sr.JC(BM)]

ii. At present, the vetting of tender process of the projects of cost Rs 25 crore & above are being done by DRIP, Directorate, CWC. Desirability of such functions/power with DRIP,CWC may be re-examined to avoid delays.

iii. EFC proposal of the additional requirement of the fund of Rs. 800 crore (approx.) may be finalized at the earliest.

iv. The progress of DRIP projects in Tamilnadu is slow. Matter may be taken up with the State Govt. to speed up the tendering process/works.

v. R&R issues of Hirakund Dam, Odhisa may be resolved at the earliest.

[Director, DRIP, CWC/Comm(PR)]

2. National Project Construction Company (NPCC)

CMD, NPCC made a presentation on the functioning of NPCC. He mentioned that till 2010 NPCC was a sick company. But since 2011 financial condition of the Company improved and now it has become a profit making company. NPCC has been undertaking different projects of other Central Ministries/State Govts.

i) Selection of candidate for the post of Director(Finance) has already been done by PSEB. All formalities for the recruitment may be completed for an early recruitment.

- ii) It was observed that the net profits and turnover of NPCC have declined during the 2013-14 and 2014-15.

3. Strengthening of Laboratories of CGWB

MoWR, RD & GR constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Scientist 'G' NIH for the study of strengthening of laboratories of CGWB. Dr Sudhir Kumar made a presentation on the studies undertaken on the strengthening of different laboratories of CGWB. He mentioned that in most of the laboratories the sophisticated equipments are more than 10 years old. There is no maintenance contract for the equipments. Manpower have not been properly distributed among the 16 laboratories of CGWB. There is problem of proper storage of samples as proper Cooling/refrigeration is not available. The following action points emerged:

- i.) The recommendation of the Committee with respect to creation of Zonal Laboratories, Upgradation of Regional Laboratories and setting up of new Labs may be examined by CGWB in a time-bound manner.
- ii) Out of sanctioned strength of 79 posts of Chemist, 55 are filled and 24 posts are vacant. Necessary action may be taken for the filling up of the vacant posts. If the post went under deemed abolition, the same may be revived and be filled up.
- iii.) It emerged that personnel/Chemists are not properly distributed among different laboratories. It was directed that CGWB may make a presentation next Wednesday on the sanctioned strength, personnel posted in each laboratory, workload(sample received/tested during last 5 years), equipment available and proposed redeployment of personnel in each laboratory with justification.
- iv) AMC contract should be given for all newly procured equipments. Feasibility of AMC for the old equipments may also be explored.

[Chairman, CGWB]

4. Progress of expenditure

JS&FA mentioned that there is allocation of Rs. 5500 crore for the year 2016-17 out of which Rs. 2500 crore is for NMCG. Out of rest Rs. 3000 crore, Expenditure has been Rs. 309 crore. In addition, proposals for 375 crore have already processed by SMD and 278 crore is presently with IFD for vetting. By the end of July, 2016, expenditure is expected to reach around Rs. 1000 crore. The following points emerged:

- i. Vetting of PMKSY projects pending in IFD may be done so that release of fund could be made.

ii. There is budget provision of Rs. 100 crore for Polavaram project. Proposal may be processed for the release of the same.

iii. Under Ground Water Management & regulation, against BE of Rs. 303 crore expenditure has been Rs. 18 crore only. Member CGWB mentioned that tenders for various works are in the process and after finalization of the contract, release of fund will start. Progress of the tender works including engagement of PMC be presented in the next weekly review meeting by CGWB.

[JS&FA/Comm.(SP)/Chairman, CGWB]