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Subject: Minutes of the 81st Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 27.07.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 81st Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 27.07.2016 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 81st Weekly Review Meeting held under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD&GR) on 27th July, 2016

The 81st Weekly Review Meeting was held on 27th July, 2016 under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (WR,RD&GR). The issues relating to progress of tender works including engagement of PMC for NAQUIM, redeployment of chemists in CGWB Laboratories, status of cabinet notes of the Ministry and progress of budget expenditures were deliberated in details. Besides some important issues like maintenance of punctuality, cleanliness, timely disposal of tasks and use of Hindi were also taken up for discussion as additional agenda.

2. At the outset the meeting started with the introduction of newly inducted Joint Secretary (Shri Sanjay Kundu) in the Ministry of WR, RD & GR. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion one by one. The following action points emerged for further action:-

3. Progress of tender works including engagement of PMC for NAQUIM:

- Addl. Secretary (A&GW) briefed that CGWB had been taking up the aguifer mapping work departmentally with departmental rigs. However, since it has been decided to upscale the work substantially so as to complete the aquifer mapping of nearly 23 lakh square KM area within 2 years, they need to outsource the work, Since CGWB does not have the requisite experience to contract out such works and their earlier attempt has not been very fruitful, it was discussed and decided earlier that they may engage Project Management Consultants to help them in the tendering process. Chairman, CGWB informed that in the southern states CGWB is itself processing the tenders. The tenders for construction of Exploratory Well and Observation Well through outsourcing in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan was floated twice but none of the bidder was found technically qualified. In the Punjab state tender process has been completed. Tender has again been floated for Haryana and Rajasthan. Chairman, CGWB mentioned that they have finalized the PMC in the meantime. In the States of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Karnataka Bundelkhand region, the CGWB would complete 5.25 lakh sq. km. mappable area for data generation against the target of 8.90 lakhs sq. km. by the end of next year. The aquifer mapping plan for 500 overexploited blocks has been prepared. Work for aquifer mapping in arsenic affected areas of Balia and Ghazipur districts of UP has been completed.
- 3.2 CGWB may arrange a meeting for convergence of Ground Water Recharge work with MNREGA and Water Shed Management. JS(RB) may also be associated in the meeting. This work can be taken up under Jal Kranti Abhiyan.

3.3 Mapping for the ground water recharge and its packaging may also be planned in a time bound manner.

[Action:Chairman,CGWB]

4. Redeployment of Chemists in CGWB Laboratories:

4.1 Chairman, CGWB indicated that 26 posts of chemists are lying vacant out of total sanctioned strength of 79. The requisitions have been placed with UPSC and SSC but till date no candidates have been sponsored. Addl. Secretary (A &GW) emphasized that action may be taken for revival of deemed abolished posts. The manpower should be distributed equitably according to the assessment of work of different laboratories. CGWB may modernize its laboratories of different regions according to the need of that region.

[Action: Chairman, CGWB]

5. Status of Cabinet Notes:

- 5.1 The status of various cabinet notes in the Ministry was reviewed.
- 5.2 The final Cabinet Note on Amendment to the ISRWD Act, 1956 be sent to the Cabinet Secretariat immediately.

[Action: SJC (BM)]

5.3 There is a need of consultation with states on Dam Safety Bill to avoid any objection at later stage. This can also be discussed with states during "Jal Manthan" program.

[Action: SJC (BM)]

- 5.4 The status of pending Cabinet Notes in the different Wings/Division of Ministry may be sent to Coordination Division on monthly basis for their monitoring during the weekly review meeting.
- 5.5 The comments/views on the draft Cabinet Notes received from other Ministries should be sent within prescribed time limit. Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD &GR) should invariably be briefed before each cabinet meeting in which a subject matter is to be taken up where MoWR, RD &GR has sent its comments/views.

[Action: All Wings/SMDs]

6. Progress of expenditure:

6.1 JS&FA informed that total budget of the Ministry is Rs.5500 crores for the FY 2016-17 out of which Rs.2500 crores is allocated for Namami Gange. Out of the balance of Rs.3000 crores, Rs.610 crores has been spent so far. Thus overall expenditure works out to be only

around 11% and excluding Namami Gange it works out to be around 20%. It was informed that proposals worth about Rs. 600 crore are under process for release. It was decided that the release in these cases should be expedited so that expenditure position improves.

[Action: Chairman, CGWB/JS&FA/Comm.(FM)/Comm.(CAD)]

7. Additional general Items:

- 7.1 Addl. Secretary (A&GW) stressed upon the punctuality in attendance. He stated that practice to follow punctuality should be the habit of each employee. Example should be set up by Senior Officers. It was directed that the attached and subordinate offices will analyse the biometric attendance of staff and furnish report in graphical and tabular form within a week's time. Similar exercise in respect of the Ministry will be done by Director(Admn).
- 7.2 Cleanliness should be a part of habit. Surprise inspections should be made by the senior officers to ensure proper cleaning.
- 7.3 All works should be completed within scheduled time frame. Regular follow up action needs to be taken to ensure completion of tasks in time.
- 7.4 It was emphasised that sincere steps should be taken to maximize use of Hindi in the Ministry. It was decided that the next weekly review meeting should be organized in Hindi. The presentations should also be made in Hindi.

[Action: All Wings/Organizations/Divisions]
