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Subject: Minutes of the 85th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of State (WR, RD & GR) on 24.08.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 85th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (WR, RD & GR) on 24.08.2016 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 85th Weekly Review Meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS(WR, RD & GR) on 24.8.2016

The 85th Weekly Review Meeting was held on 24.08.2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS(WR, RD & GR). Review of progress of NAQUIM, Priority ILR projects, action plan of NHP and implementation of Aadhar&DBT in schemes of the Ministry were deliberated in details. The following action points were identified for further action by the concerned Organization/Wings:

NAQUIM

Member CGWB made a presentation on the progress of Aquifer Mapping Program. He mentioned that there is a target of 8.89 lakh sq km. aquifer mapping for XII Plan out of 23.25 lakh sqkm 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. Mapping of 3.60 lakh sq. km. has already been completed. He also mentioned that while studying Aquifer, they are doing geophysical assessment and water quality analysis. He mentioned that Arsenic contamination in water in dug wells is very less in comparison to hand pump and bore wells. The following action points emerged :

- i. CGWB shall finalize the tender process for hiring of PMC and procurement of rigs at the earliest so that the work of Aquifer Mapping could get momentum.
- ii. Possibility of integrating Ground Water Recharge Activity with the MNREGA may be explored. Matter may be taken up with Ministry of Rural Development accordingly.
- iii. Matter may be taken up with the Chief Minister of States at Minister level to promote dug wells for Arsenic free drinking water sources.
- iv. Member CGWB has informed that data generation under Aquifer Mapping program in the state of Haryana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh are almost complete. A program of Hon'ble MoS (WR, RD&GR) may be fixed with the Chief Minister of Haryana to discuss the Aquifer Management Plan in the state.
- v. While drilling of wells is proposed to be outsourced in addition to the drilling activities being carried out departmentally, interpretation of data and preparation of aquifer map is to be carried out departmentally. In order to reduce the time lag between drilling and interpretation of data and preparation of aquifer map, CGWB will explore that possibility of outsourcing the jobs of data interpretation and preparation of aquifer maps.
- vi. CGWB had made Ground Water Recharge Structure in 72 districts in past. CGWB should depute some officers to find out the present status of recharge structure of Baghpat district, UP and a report should be submitted to Hon'ble MoS (WR, RD&GR) on priority basis.

[Chairman, CGWB]

Priority ILR projects

DG, NWDA made a presentation on the progress of priority interlinking projects. He mentioned that statutory clearances of Ken Betwa Link-1 and Link-2 projects are under process. Techno economic clearances of Advisory Committee have already obtained for Ken Betwa Link projects and Daman Ganga-Pinjal interlinking projects. Meeting of the National Tiger conservation Authority has been held on 23.8.2016 in which clearance for Ken Betwa Link was also discussed. The following points emerged :

- i) 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.
- ii) The meeting at the level of Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Gujarat and Maharashtra with Union Minister (WR, RD&GR) for resolving the water sharing issue of Daman Ganga Pinjal project may be arranged at the earliest.
- iii) 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.
- iv) Matter may be pursued vigorously with Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), GoI for Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) plan for Scheduled Tribe Affected Families (STPFs) in respect of Ken-Betwa Link Project.

[DG, NWDA]

NHP

1. Sr. Hydrogeologist, NHP made a presentation on the action plan of the NHP. He mentioned that Procurement of Consultancy for TAMC, Framework Agreement for Hydro-met Equipment, Extension of e-SWIS, Sedimentation & Morphological Studies, IWRM Studies, Flood Forecasting etc are the major area of work under NHP. He also made a presentation on tentative timelines fixed for each activities.

- i. Tenders for IWRM studies of 10 River Basins may be called simultaneously instead of Three River Basins.
- ii. Task Manager for each activity of the NHP may be appointed and their duties should be clearly defined.

[Dir., NHP]

Implementation of Aadhar & DBT

JS(PP) made a presentation on implementation of Aadhar & DBT in schemes of the Ministry. He mentioned that as per DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat instructions, DBT is to be

implemented in each scheme of the Ministry. It was decided to finalize the modalities for implementation in consultation with DBT Mission.

[JS(PP)]

Other Issues

- i. A letter may be put up for M/o-DONER on the decisions taken in the Brahmaputra Board Governing Council Meeting.
- ii. Additional manpower of Brahmaputra Board may be deputed to CWC, CGWB and other organizations of the Ministry where additional manpower is required.

[AS(A&GW)/COMM(BB)]

- iii. There is a report in the newspaper on the Dam mismanagement of Ban Sagar Dam. CWC may obtain a report in this regard from Ban Sagar Control Board/State Govt.

[Chairman,CWC]

- iv. There is problem of Arsenic and other water contamination in Hindon and Kali River of Western UP. NMCG may examine the possibility for installing STP on Kali River.

[JS&MD,NMCG]

- v. Additional Secretary(A&GW) pointed out that the information/inputs for monthly summary for Cabinet are not being received on time. Also quality of information is not good and significant achievements of Ministry are missing. All Wing Heads may check the content of monthly summary personally before sending and also send it by 5th of every month to Coordination Division.

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