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Subject: Minutes of the 88th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 14.09.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 88th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister(WR, RD & GR) on 14.09.2016 for information and appropriate action.

Encl. As above.


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To,

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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD &GR)
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**Minutes of 88th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairpersonship of
Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 14.09.2016**

The 88th Weekly Review Meeting was held on 14.09.2016 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister(WR, RD & GR). Detailed discussion on 2016-17 Budget, its progress, Time gap between sanction and physical release of fund by the Ministry and criteria for qualification/disqualification of the project of the states were made. The following action points were identified for further action by the concerned Wings/SMDs:

1. Hon'ble Minister directed that officers invited for meeting should come well in time. From the next meeting, officers will not be allowed to participate if he/she is late by more than 5 minutes of the scheduled time.

[All Wing heads/Head of organization/SMDs]

2. FBP may examine the proposal to develop the site of Farraka Barrage as a tourist spot. GM, FBP may come up with a complete plan in this matter in the quarterly review meeting scheduled on 29th September, 2016.

[GM, FBP/Comm(FM)]

3. JS&FA made a presentation on the Budget asked for 2016-17, Budget allocated and progress of expenditure made out of budget allocated. He mentioned that expenditure as on 14th September, 2016 is 44.4% (approx.) excluding NMCG. If amount of Rs. 315 crore approved for Ganga Cleaning to be provided to M/o-DWS is included, the expenditure will be 30% of the total budget allocation. The following action points emerged:-

- i. The main thrust of all SMDs dealing with the schemes to be to exhaust expenditure as early as it possible, so that more fund can be sought from MoF at RE stage.
- ii. JS&FA has highlighted that SMDs should prepare monthly expenditure plan(MEP) and quarterly expenditure plan(QEP) more carefully because if amount mentioned in one QEP could not be expended, it will be not available for expenditure in the next quarter except with the approval of MoF. If SMDs want any revision in their information on MEP and QEP, the revised information should be sent immediately to Budget Division.

[All SMDs/Wing Heads]

- iii. A workshop for SMDs and other officers of the Ministry on budget and expenditure management may be organized immediately.

[JS&FA]

- iv. All SMDs to expedite their proposals and follow up through different divisions within the Ministry till finalization.

[All SMDs]

4. JS&FA pointed out that 34 number of staff quarters were constructed by CWC in Jammu but are still vacant. Therefore if feasible, CGWB office may be shifted to these quarters instead of hiring the building for CGWB office. Chairman CGWB may depute some officers to inspect the site and inform CWC/Ministry accordingly.

[Chairman, CGWB/Chairman, CWC]

5. The proposal of CGWB for construction of building for training Institute at Raipur, Chhattisgarh may be expedited. Keeping in view the changed mandate such as Aquifer Mapping, investigation of Paleo Channels and Ground Water pollution abatement etc, CGWB should focus on construction of such institute which are suitable for these programmes.

[Chairman, CGWB]

6. Commissioner, CAD mentioned that 43 CAD project has been received for funding in 2016-17 out of which 30 projects are in non priority area. 13 projects are priority projects to be completed this year. Total budget requirement for these 13 projects would be Rs. 750 crore. Hon'ble Minister directed that first release of Rs. 280 crore allocated in 2016-17 should be release on priority. No release for Renuka project may be done from Rs. 280 crore. First committee constituted for the purpose is to give its report on Renuka Project. Comm. (SPR) mentioned that the balance money for CAD will be met from NABARD funding which would be available at the end of this month.

[Comm, CAD]

7. Chairman, CGWB may prepare a schedule for expenditure in the coming months and submit the same to Ministry. The proposal of CGWB for hiring of PMC may be examined and finalized immediately.

[Dir(GW)/Chairman, CGWB]

8. Director, CWC briefed about the action plan of different activities undertaken by them. He mentioned that under DWRIS, 860 new data collection sites are to be opened for which there is a manpower requirement of 2550 work charged staff. Hon'ble Minister directed that a large number of manpowers have become surplus in Betwa River Board and Brahmaputra Board. CWC may assign this work to one CE/Director to examine whether these surplus manpowers of Betwa River Board and Brahmaputra Board can be utilized for this purpose. CWC may also consider posting of lower staff from southern state to close to their own state.

[Chairman, CWC]

9. Director, CWC further stated that CWC is undertaking Reassessment of Water Availability in River Basin, setting up of new sites for Flood Forecasting and development of mathematical model for flood/inundation forecasting. He mentioned that contract for setting up new telemetry sites will be finalized by November, 2016. CWC may prepare a timelines for each activities for above works and submit the same for perusal of Secretary(WR, RD&GR).

[Chairman, CWC]

10. There is need to streamline the timelines from the proposal received from the states to the fund release in respect of state sector scheme by making all the process online. In case of central sector scheme, SMDs may prepare an action plan for process the proposal.

[All SMDs]

11. There is need to make changes in the criteria for qualifying a proposal under the scheme 'River Management Activities & Works in Boarder Areas'. A separate meeting in this regard may be organized in which Mr. Parashar, a retired IAS also be invited.

[Comm (FM)]

12. Three sample proposals one each from GFCC, CWC and Brahmaputra Board may be presented to examine the time taken in processing and finalization and difficulty faced by the SMDs.

[Chairman(CWC), Comm(B&B), Comm(FM)]

13. One of the agenda point for the next quarterly meeting schedule in the last week of September, 2016 will be – how to improve our budget and expenditure management.

[JS&FA/All SMDs]