No. 12011/02/2016-Coord Govt. of India Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg New Delhi 30.09.2016

Subject: Minutes of the 89th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 28.09.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 89th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 28.09.2016 for information and appropriate action.

Encl. As above.

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To,

All concerned wing Heads/SMDs/Head of Organizations.

Copy for kind information to:

- 1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD &GR)
- 2. PS to Hon'ble MOS(WR,RD &GR)
- 3. PS to Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR)
- 4. PPS to Secretary(WR,RD &GR)
- 5. PPS to OSD(WR,RD &GR)



Minutes of 89th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) on 28.09.2016

The 89th Weekly Review Meeting was held on 28.09.2016 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister(WR, RD & GR). Detailed discussion on different MoUs of the Ministry with the Foreign Countries, MoUs of the Organizations, preparedness on centenary celebration of CWPRS and progress of expenditure were taken up. The following action points were identified for further action by the concerned Wings/SMDs:

 MoWR, RD&GR had signed an MoU with Australia on Water Resource Development & Management/River Basin Management in 2014. Australian Government offered their cooperation in Ganga Rejuvenation project. Progress made in this regard be sought from NMCG and put up for perusal of Hon'ble Minister.

[DS(EA&IC)]

2. MoUs with major countries such as Australia, Israel, China and EU may be put on fast track. In respect of MoUs with the other countries , its relevance/continuance may be examined and be discontinued, if it is not serving any useful purpose. A report may also be sought from WAPCOS on the continuance of MoUs with these countries.

[DS(EA&IC)]

3. A detailed presentation on the MoUs with Australia, Israel, China and EU may be made in the next weekly review meeting .

[DS(EA&IC)/Concerned SMDs]

4. MOU between NIH, Roorkee and Division of Water Sciences, Univ. Of Applied Sciences Dresden (HTWD), Germany may be further strengthened as they have done good work on Rhine River.

[Director(NIH)]

5. CSMRS should conduct soil testing of Himalyan Region from the point of view of the construction of road. CSMRS may also consult Mo-RTH in the matter.

[Director, CSMRS]

6. Chairman, CGWB made a presentation on the MoUs signed by them with the different organizations/agencies for cooperation in the field of ground water management and regulation. Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD&GR) directed CGWB to concentrate on its major programs of Aquifer Mapping and Aquifer Recharge.

[Chairman, CGWB]

7. The proposal of CGWB for the construction of institute buildings at Raipur and Pune may be finalized on priority basis.

[Chairman, CGWB/Director, CGWB]

8. Site of Farakka Barrage may be developed as a tourist spot. A team from the Ministry may be sent for inspection of the site. Similarly site of Tungbadhra Dam, Rajghat Dam Projects also be considered for tourist spot.

[JS(PP)/Comm(FM)/GM, FBP]

9. MoWR, RD&GR should explore development of sites near the water bodies as a tourist spots. A concept paper in this regard be prepared .Action be taken to sign an MOU with Ministry of Tourism & Culture in this regard.

[JS(PP)/Comm(SP)]

- 10. JS&FA briefed on the progress of expenditure. He mentioned that expenditure as on 28.09.2016 has been Rs. 1825 crore which is 60.1% of the total budget allocation excluding NMCG. If expenditure of NMCG of Rs. 315 crore is included, the total expenditure has been Rs. 2140 crore which is about 39% of total budget allocation.
- 11. Re-appropriation of funds within the schemes which are within the power of Ministry may be done. Each SMDs may intimate savings, if any to the budget section well in advance, so that re-appropriation of funds could be done.

[All Concerned SMDs/JS&FA]