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Subject: Minutes of the 90th Weekly Review Meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of State(WR, RD & GR) on 05.10.2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 90th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State(WR, RD & GR) on 05.10.2016 for information and appropriate action.

Encl. As above.

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To,

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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 90th Weekly Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (WR, RD & GR) on 05.10.2016

The 90th Weekly Review Meeting was held on 05.10.2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS(WR, RD & GR) (Dr. S.K. Balyan). Progress of setting up of new flood forecasting sites, major MoUs with other countries (China, Israel, Australia and EU) and progress of expenditure were reviewed.. The following action points were identified for further action:

1. Flood forecasting

- I. Director CWC made a presentation on the progress made in installation of new Flood Forecasting sites and stations. He mentioned that during 12th Plan 800 hydrological observation(HO) sites to be opened under DWRIS Scheme, out of which 355 sites have already been opened. CWC has the target of installing remaining HO sites by December, 2016. He further mentioned that 100 new flood forecasting stations are to be opened during 12th Plan and till date 24 stations have been opened. Telemetry system has been installed at 57 stations. They have a target to open remaining stations by May, 2017. The following points emerged:
 - a) CWC has requirement of 2550 work charged staff for the operation of 800 new HO sites. It was decided to utilize the surplus manpower of Brahmaputra Board in the new HO sites in the NE region. About 150 persons who are presently working in Brahamputra Board which can be utilized for this purpose. A complete proposal in this regard may be processed on priority basis.

[Chairman, CWC/AS(A&GW)]

- b) For the remaining sites the manpower requirement may be managed through outsourcing. The proposal in this regard may be submitted for the approval of competent Authority on priority basis.
- c) CWC has issued tenders for 71 sites only till date. Tenders for installation of equipments in the new flood forecasting stations be floated at the earliest.
- d) Chairman, CWC mentioned that they need approval of Ministry for installation of RADAR System for the flood forecasting stations. CWC may examine the proposal in the light of EFC approval and submit the same for the approval of the Ministry.

[Chairman, CWC/Member, CWC]

e) OSD (WR,RD&GR) directed to review the progress in this regard in every 4th Weekly Review Meeting as the progress of work is not satisfactory.

[DS(Coord)]

2. Progress of MoUs

A detailed presentation on the MoUs with Australia, China, Israel and European Union was made by the DS(EA & IC). AS(A&GW) briefed the Hon'ble MoS that review of MoUs of the Ministry was done by the Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD&GR) in the weekly meeting on 28.9.2016 in which Hon'ble Minister directed to discontinue the MoUs which are not useful. Hon'ble Minister directed to continue MoUs with the above mentioned countries as these are very useful. The following points emerged:

1. NITI Ayog has suggested to discontinue the MoU with China which was entered in 2013 in the field of efficient irrigation management. The feasibility of the same may be examined and if required, be discontinued.

[Comm, B&B/DS(EA/IC)]

2. Cabinet has approved signing of MoU with Israel on 2.12.2015. It was expected to be signed by the Hon'ble Minister during her visit to Israel. But the visit of Hon'ble Minister could not materialize. Hon'ble MoS desired to finalize the MoU at the earliest. If required, a delegation of Ministry may visit Israel.

[DS(EA)]

3. Progress of expenditure

JS&FA briefed on the progress of expenditure. He mentioned that expenditure as on 5.10.2016 has been Rs. 1833 crore which is 61% of the total budget allocation excluding NMCG. If expenditure of NMCG of Rs. 315 crore is included, the total expenditure has been Rs. 2148 crore which is about 39% of total budget allocation.

1. The information on RE/BE sought by Budget Division may be provided immediately in the prescribed proforma.

[All SMDs]

2. The proposal for funding of Majauli Island by M/o-DONER may be obtained and processed.

[Comm(B&B)]