



D.O. No. F-12011/1/2022-Coord

12th October 2022

Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of September 2022 are as follows :-

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs (CWC): -

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of **143** important reservoirs spread all over the country. Live storage in these reservoirs as on **29.09.2022** was **154.18** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **108%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **113%** of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG): -

- **Vishaal Kisan Sammelan:** On 5th September 2022, NMCG in association with Sahakar Bharati organized a workshop 'Vishaal Kisan Sammelan' in Bulandshahr district bringing together all Arth Ganga related initiatives with convergence of Jalaj, natural farming, Ghat pe Haat, sludge-to-fertilizer, marketing of agricultural/horticulture produce, tourism etc.
- **MoU with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare:** On 20th September 2022, an MoU was signed between NMCG and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare in the presence of DG, NMCG and other senior officers with an objective of taking forward the concept of Arth Ganga, by promoting natural farming, horticulture, micro-irrigation, soil management etc.
- **Public Accounts Committee (2022-23):** On 22nd September 2022, the review meeting was held on the subject 'Rejuvenation of River Ganga (Namami Gange) based on C&G Report No. 39 of 2017 for the Public Accounts Committee (2022-2023).
- **MoU with Ministry of Power:** On 26th September 2022, an MoU was signed between NMCG and the Ministry of Power for the use of treated waste water from STPS in Thermal power plants within 50 kms of the STP. This is under the Arth Ganga initiative to monetize treated water.
- On 30th September 2022 the **45th Executive Committee meeting** was held in which 14 projects pertaining to sewerage management, industrial pollution abatement, biodiversity conservation, afforestation, river front development and decentralized wastewater treatment were approved at a total estimated cost of approximately Rs. 1,145 crore.



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C. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti & Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) during the month of September 2022: -

- On 2nd September 2022, a review meeting to discuss the projects executed by Central Pollution Control Board under the Namami Gange Programme was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti.
- On 12th September 2022, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti attended World Water Congress on "Innovative funding for SDG's and Climate Change" at Copenhagen, Denmark. An MoU for the partnership in the water sector was also signed with Environment Ministry of Denmark.
- A review meeting regarding Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project – Inter State Clearance was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (JS&TA) on 13th September 2022, attended by Chairman, CWC.
- A review meeting to discuss the progress of Polavaram Project was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 20th September 2022, attended by Chairman, CWC.
- A high-level meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 21st September 2022 to discuss the various issues related to proposed Inter-State Agreement and implementation of Kishau Multipurpose (National) Project.
- Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti & Tribal Affairs) visited Amritsar on 27th September 2022 and reviewed the progress of CGWB work.

D. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of September 2022: -

- Secretary (WR) attended a meeting to review of NPCC projects regarding buildings of GGV, Chhattisgarh (Central University) along with the issues of Department of Sports held on 1st September 2022.
- A meeting regarding constitution of committee to suggest ways for enhancing the capacity of Head Regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder at Harike to 18,500 cusecs, was attended by Secretary (WR) on 01st September 2022.
- Secretary (WR) attended the delegation level talks & exchange of agreements during the State Visit of H. E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to India, held on 06th September 2022.

- 3rd meeting of Screening Committee for inclusion of major/medium and ERM projects under PMKSY-AIBP was attended by Secretary (WR) on 12th September 2022.
- Secretary (WR) attended the meeting with M/o External Affairs on the latest development in Kishenganga and Ratle issues, held on 29th September 2022.

E. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of September 2022: -

- DG (NWDA) attended 30th meeting of the Southern Zonal Council held on 3rd September 2022 at Thiruvananthapuram under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Home & Cooperation Minister.
- A video conference to review the implementation of new procedure of release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Scheme was held on 05th September 2022 under the chairmanship of Additional Director General, MI (Stats) with Census Commissioners/ Nodal Officers of 10 States/ UTs.
- DDG and Director from MI (Stats) wing attended the 12th meeting of the 'Inter-Ministerial Group on Environmental Economic Accounting – India' held on 13th September 2022 through virtual mode under the chairmanship of Director General (Statistics), National Statistical Office (NSO).
- A review meeting to discuss the progress of the Kanpur HAM project with Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (UPJN) & State Mission for Clean Ganga-UP was held on 26th September 2022 under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG).
- On 27th September 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG) for online monitoring of Industrial Emission & Effluent (OCEMS) to discuss the possible parameters in order to measure the water quality.

F. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme:-

Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 10 high discharge wells in Odisha (2), Gujarat (3), Bihar (1), Andhra Pradesh (1), Rajasthan (1), Uttar Pradesh (1) and Bihar (1) during the month of September 2022.

G. Indo-Bangladesh and India-Nepal MoU/Meetings -

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 6th September, 2022 between the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of the Republic of India and Ministry of Water Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on withdrawal of upto 153 cusecs of water each by

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India and Bangladesh from common border river Kushiyara during dry season for their consumptive water requirements.

- 7th Joint Standing Technical Committee (JSTC) meeting on 21st and 22nd September 2022 and 9th Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR) meeting on 23rd September 2022 were held at Kathmandu, Nepal led by Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission and Secretary (WR, RD & GR), respectively.

H. External Aided & International Cooperation: -

Visit of 3 member Indian delegation led by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti to Denmark took place to participate in IWA World Water Conference & Exhibition in Copenhagen, Denmark during 12-13th September 2022. DG (NMCG) visited Germany for bilateral meeting with Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) during 14-15th September 2022.

I. Increasing efficiency in decision making: -

As per the latest edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP), the channel of submission has been reduced to four levels by issuing departmental instructions. It has been observed that the Desk Officer System is not suitable for adoption in this Department, considering its allocation of work. The Department has adopted e-office from February 2017 and **is presently using the version 7.2.1**. The Central Registry Unit has been digitized.

J. The incumbency details of the posts in the Department and its organizations under the purview of the ACC have been updated on AVMS portal.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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