To
The Under Secretary (Co-ord.),
Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR,
‘B’ Wing, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi

Sub: e-Samiksha of Central State Coordination regarding Tamil Nadu State (CSC/TN/109) upto December 2017- reg.


Sir,

Kindly refer to the cited letter on the above subject. As desired, the updated information/comments in respect of the issue No. CSC/TN/109 upto December, 2017 is enclosed for your perusal please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

Copy for information to:

1. The Senior Joint Commissioner (BM), Room no. 207, Block –III, 2nd Floor, BM Section, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
2. Director(MDU), NWDA, New Delhi.
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<td>The proposal of Cauvery-Gundar Link Canal Scheme as planned under Flood Management Programme (FMP) by Govt of Tamil Nadu has not been received by NWDA. Hence, no comments to offer in this regard by NWDA.</td>
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<td>The work of preparation of DPR of the link has been taken by State Government. The DPR of the project for Rs. 174 crore at 2008 09 price level was received in CWC in December, 2008. The observations of various specialized units were sent during January, 2009 to May 2009. The latest observations on Irrigation Planning and hydrology were sent in October 2011 and December 2011 respectively. The State Govt has not submitted the compliances which are essential to finalise the planning parameters. As considerable time was lapsed and requested compliances were not submitted by State Government, the DPR of project proposal was returned to the State Government on 18.04.2012 with a remark that the revised DPR with updated cost may be submitted to CWC after finalizing the Water Availability and Irrigation Planning along with various statutory clearances for the project.</td>
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<td>Pennaiyar(Nedungal Anicut)-Palar link: As per the request of Govt of Tamil Nadu, NWDA has completed the draft DPR of Pennaiyar(Nedungal Anicut)-Palar link project and will be finalized shortly.</td>
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approved expeditiously.

(iii) Pennnaiyar (Sathanur Dam) Palar link scheme and Pennnaiyar Nedungal Anicut Palar Link at an estimate cost of Rs. 500 crores may be expedited. (iv) Athikadavu Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 1862 crores may be sanctioned.

Under Implementation

Athikadavu Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme

Detailed Project Report on Athikadavu Avinashi Flood flow Canal Scheme in Tamil Nadu with an estimated cost of Rs. 1862.00 crore was received by C&SRO, CWC, Coimbatore in April, 2013 for consideration under scheme Flood Management Programme of Govt. of India. The proposal is for diverting 2000 cusecs of water for 12 days in a year (which is about 2 TMC) from Bhavani River from upstream of Pillar Dam. The diverted water will be used for filling 31 nos of PWD tanks, 40 nos of Union tanks and 538 ponds in Coimbatore, Erode & Tiruppur districts. The proposal was examined by CWC, Coimbatore office and observation on proposal were sent to State Govt. for compliance vide letter dated 23.05.2013. State Govt. of Tamil Nadu has not submitted the compliances till date, hence proposal deemed to be returned to State.

Mahanadi-Godavari link is the main link of nine links system of Mahanadi Godavari Krishna Pennar Palar Cauvery Vaigai Gundar linkages. NWDA has completed feasibility report of these links. Govt. of Odisha is not agreeable to Mahanadi Godavari link due to considerable submergence involved in proposed Manibhadra Dam in Mahanandi Godavari link. As decided during weekly review meetings taken by the Hon’ble Minister Water Resources, RD & GR on December 3, 2014, NWDA has reviewed the planning of Mahanadi-Godavari link to address concerns of Govt. of Odisha due to considerable submergence involved in Manibhadra Dam in Mahanadi - Godavari link. Alternate proposals of Mahanadi-Godavari with reduced submergence has been prepared and discussed with Principal Secretary, WRD, Odisha on 6.4.2015 by DG, NWDA. Further, a presentation on alternate proposal of Mahanadi-Godavari link was made by Mahanadi-Godavari link is the main link of nine links system of Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Palar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar linkages. NWDA has completed feasibility report of these links. Govt. of Odisha is not agreeable to Mahanadi-Godavari link due to considerable submergence involved in proposed Manibhadra Dam in Mahanandi-Godavari link. As decided during weekly review meetings taken by the Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources, RD & GR on December 3, 2014, NWDA has reviewed the planning of Mahanadi-Godavari link to address concerns of Govt. of Odisha due to considerable submergence involved in Manibhadra Dam in Mahanadi-Godavari link. Alternate proposals of Mahanadi-Godavari with reduced submergence has been prepared and discussed with Principal Secretary, WRD, Odisha on 6.4.2015 by DG,
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A joint Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR and Water Resources Department, Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha to speed up the process of having consensus on the planning and preparation of detailed project Report (DPR) of Mahanadi Godavari link project and to resolve the issues related to Polavaram project was constituted vide MoWR, RD &GR letter dated 26.04.2016. The first meeting of Joint Committee was held on 2nd June 2016 NWDA. Further, a presentation on alternate proposal of Mahanadi-Godavari link was made by Additional Secretary, MoWR, RD &GR to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Odisha on 29.05.2015.

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