

Minutes for the Eighth Meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 23.02.2017 at New Delhi.

The Eighth meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers was held on 23.02.2017 at 15:00 hrs, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri A.D. Mohile, Former Chairman, CWC and Chairman of the Group. At the outset, the Chairman of the Group welcomed all the Members and Invitees and others participants. He mentioned that first draft report prepared by NWDA was discussed upto para 3.3.2 of Section-3 in last meeting and now we would be discussing remaining part of the Report. Further Mr. Gopalakrishnan had suggested (through e mail) his views about addition/ deletion of some content at some places. So we should quickly go through his suggestions and decide whether suggested addition/ deletion is required at given places or not. Later, Shri K.P. Gupta, Director (Technical), NWDA took up the Agenda Items. The list of the participants is enclosed at Annex-I.

Item No. 8.1: Minutes of the meeting of the 7th meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 14th February, 2017 at New Delhi.

The minutes of the 7th meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 14th February, 2017 at New Delhi were circulated to all the Members vide letter dated 22nd February, 2017. After deliberation, the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Group on legal aspects as circulated were confirmed by the Group.

Item No 8.2: Discussion on of Draft report of the Group on Legal Aspects.

Shri K.P. Gupta, Director (Technical) placed before the Group the second draft of the complete report for discussion. Members first went through suggested addition/ deletion suggested (through e mail) by Shri Gopalakrishnan, Member of the Group and made necessary corrections wherever it was considered appropriate. Later discussion on the report after para 3.3.2 took place and based on suggestions of the Members, necessary corrections were made in the report at various places during the meeting itself. Apart from this, Members of the Group, after deliberations, decided following points for making improvement in the report:

- (i) Section-IV (Work done by the Group) should be deleted as many things discussed in this section are of repetitive nature. Thus the Report will now have only four Sections.
- (ii) International Experiences on Inter Basin Water Transfer, particularly of China, Colorado, Japan, Egypt, etc. should be added in the Final Report.

- (iii) Material given by Prof. Avdhesh Pratap, Member of the Group on three judgements of Supreme Court of USA should be suitably included in the report, explaining its technical background.
- (iv) Summary of the Report should be modified in view of addition of recommendations.
- (v) Modified draft report prepared by NWDA should be circulated among the Members preferably on 3rd March, 2017 which would be discussed in the Ninth Meeting of the Group proposed to be held on 9th March, 2017 and finalised for submission.

Item No. 8.3 Any other item (s) with permission of the chair

Chairman of the Group expressed the hope that the report would be finalised in next meeting to be held on 09.03.2017. As such he requested the Members to go through the content of the entire report before coming for the next meeting and suggest last minute changes, if required, at any place.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annex-I

List of Participants of 8th Meeting of the “Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers” held on 23.02.2017 at CWC, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

1.	Shri A.D. Mohile, Former Chairman, CWC	Chairman
2.	Prof. Avdesh Pratap, Water Law and Management Expert	Member
3.	A.B. Pandya, Former Chairman, CWC	Member-Convener
4.	Shri Navin Kumar, Chief Engineer (IMO), CWC	Special Invitee
	Officers from NWDA	
5.	Shri S Masood Husain, Director General	
6.	Shri K. P. Gupta, Director (Tech)	
7.	Shri M.K. Sinha, Senior Consultant	