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To

Director (PP),  
Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR,  
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi marg,  
New Delhi

**Sub:E-Samiksha of Central State Coordination regarding Tamil Nadu State (CSC/TN/109).- regarding.**

**Ref:** MoWR, RD & GR letter No. PLU-61011/4/2016-PP(PLU)/408-412 dated 13.04.2016

Sir,

Please refer to MoWR, RD & GR letter No. PLU-61011/4/2016-PP(PLU)/408-412 dated 13.04.2016 on the above subject. As desired the updated information/comments in respect of the issues No. CSC/TN/109 up to February, 2014 is enclosed for your perusal please.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure : As above

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UID	Issue Description	Submitted By Submitted On	Status	Updated Status
CSC/TN/ 109	<p>Interlinking of Rivers: (i) Interlinking of Peninsular Rivers: The Government of Tamil Nadu has been urging the Government of India to implement the Interlinking of the Rivers Mahanadhi Godavari Krishna Pennar-Palar-Cauvery and then on to Gundar as also the diversion of waters of the west flowing rivers of Pamba and Achankovil to Vaippar in Tamil Nadu under the Vaippar in Tamil Nadu under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component. The Special Committee for interlinking of rivers should be activated. (ii) The proposal to divert the flood waters of Cauvery to drought prone areas by linking the Rivers Cauvery Vaigai Gundar at a cost of Rs. 5166 crores which was kept pending and later returned by the previous Central Government may be approved expeditiously. (iii) Pennnaiyar (Sathanur Dam) Palar link scheme and Pennnaiyar Nedungal</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU 26/05/2015 (K.Gnandesikar Chief Secretary)</p>	<p>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27/01/2016:</p> <p>(a) M/o WR, RD &amp; GR informed that the process of consensus building is on since it involves many States. Government of India notified the constitution of a Special Committee. 3 meetings of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers have been held.</p> <p>(b) Special Committee should instruct the National Water Development Agency for preparation of Detailed Project Report on the proposal to divert the flood water of Cauvery to drought prone areas.</p> <p>(c )The DPR preparation is in progress. Pennaiyar (Sathanur Dam) Palar Link Scheme and Pennaiyar Nedungal Anicut Palar Link at an estimated cost of Rs. 500 crores may be expedited.</p> <p>(d) Athikadavu Avinashi flood flow Canal Scheme is being revised as per the views of CWC and will be sent to CWC in due course.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cabinet Section 5, Under Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU AS ON FEB 10 2016 4:32 PM: <b>Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Palar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link:</b></li> </ul> <p>NWDA prepared the Feasibility Report for interlinking of Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Palar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link, in 2004. It has been proposed to divert 214 TMC(6060MCM) to Tamil Nadu at AP-TN State border. Tamil Nadu has also requested for enhancing the quantum of water proposed to be transferred to Tamil Nadu by at least another 100 TMC ft. The Supreme Court in a PIL on ILR has delivered judgement on 27.02.2012 directing</p>	<p>Eleven Meetings of Special Committee have been held so far. The consensus issues pointed out by representatives of States have been discussed in the meetings and further course of action is taken up under the guidance of Special Committee of ILR.</p> <p>Point (c &amp; d) are not under the purview of NWDA as the project proposal has not been received by NWDA.</p> <p>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 Mahanadi-Godavari link. As decided during weekly review meetings taken by the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, RD &amp; GR on December</p>

	<p>Anicut Palar Link at an estimate cost of Rs. 500 crores may be expedited.</p> <p>(iv) Athikadavu Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 1862 crores may be sanctioned.</p> <p>Under Implementation</p>		<p>Government of India to constitute Special Committee for Interlinking of rivers for early Implementation of inter linking of rivers. Government of India has constituted Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers, vide, Gazette notification dated 23.09.2014.</p> <p>In the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Special Committee held on 14.05.2015, NWDA, informed that it is considering two alternative proposals with reference to Mahanadi-Godavari link, instead of originally proposed since the Government of Odisha is having some reservations with the original proposals.</p> <p>It has been requested that the quantity earmarked to be diverted to Tamil Nadu at the AP-TN border of 214 TMC may not be reduced. It has also been requested that an additional quantity of 100 TMC sought to be diverted by Tamil Nadu may be considered while formulating the alternative links.</p> <p>In the subsequent meetings of the Special Committee, NWDA was requested to share the details of the revised proposal of Mahanadi-Godavari link in the initial stage itself and requested that the link has to be taken on priority as that is the only hope for the water deficit State of Tamil Nadu.</p>	<p>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 Additional Secretary, MoWR, RD &amp;GR to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Odisha on 29.05.2015. The response of Govt. of Odisha in this regard is awaited.</p> <p>Due to variation in availability of water/water balance of Mahanadi basin at proposed Manibhadra dam site, it was decided that NIH will carry out system studies of Mahanadi-Godavari link project (Flood moderation study). NIH submitted the draft report and presented in the ninth meeting of the Sub-Committee on System Studies for identification of most appropriate alternative plan (Sub-Committee-II) held on 30.08.2016. The study is under revision..</p> <p>Hon’ble Minister (WR,RD&amp;GR) held a meeting with the Chief Minister of Odisha on 3.2.2016 at Bhubaneswar regarding Mahanadi- Godavari link project. A positive response is expected from Govt. of Odisha in this regard.</p> <p>The Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation after the approval of the Union Cabinet had constituted the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers vide Gazette notification on 23.9.2014.</p>
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**Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link:**

NWDA prepared the feasibility report in 1995 for diverting the surplus waters of Pamba basin and Achankovil basin of Kerala to the areas east of Western Ghats to the drought prone Vaippar of Tamil Nadu.

It envisages diversion of 22 TMC (634 MCM) of water which is only about 20% of the surplus water available in the rivers of Pamba and Achankovil of Kerala. However, the Kerala Government is not giving its concurrence for this project. However, the Government of Tamil Nadu is taking efforts through NWDA and Government of India to bring the Government of Kerala to the negotiating table for getting their

So far, 11 meetings of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers have been held. The last meeting was held on 09.11.2016. The matter is also being discussed regularly in the meeting of Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers.

A Joint Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR and Water Resources Departments, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR.

**Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link**

Government of Kerala is not in favour of the proposal of the National Water Development Agency for the diversion of water from the Pamba and Achankovil rivers to the Vaippar basin in Tamil Nadu on the basis of the feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link prepared by the National Water Development Agency in June 1995. The concern was reflected in the discussions in the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 06.08.2003. The House unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Central Govt. to give up the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link

			<p>concurrency. Government of India has to pursue this. Pennaiyar Cheyyar Palar Link originally the DPR was prepared at a cost of Rs.174 crore in the year 2009. It has been decided to prepare a revised DPR. The DPR preparation is in progress. The NWDA has completed the investigation works and prepared the Detailed Project Report for an amount of Rs. 562 crore for the scheme of Pennaiyar(Nedungal)-Palar Link based on the schedule of rates for the year 2014-15. Necessary action will be taken to complete the scheme after obtaining necessary clearances. Athikadavu Avinashi Flood Flow Canal Scheme, is being revised and will be sent to CWC in due course.</p> <p>Under Implementation.</p> <p><i>(K.Gnanadesikan, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu)</i></p> <p>MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES RD &amp; GR AS ON JAN 27 2016 10:51AM</p> <p>Interlinking of rivers is being supervised by Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers. There are certain Inter-State issues and it is being considered with the decision of Committee that the consensus building efforts will continue before taking up any project. All projects mentioned need concurrence of respective Governments before sanctioning, which is awaited.</p> <p>Implemented.</p> <p><i>B. Rajender, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, RD&amp;GR</i></p>	<p>project completely. As a result, no further progress regarding the preparation of DPR could take place in respect of the above link. The proposal (i) to divert the flood waters of Cauvery to drought prone areas by linking the Rivers Cauvery- Vaigai- Gundar, (ii) Pennnaiyar (Sathanur Dam) Palar link scheme, (iii) Pennaiyar Nedungal Anicut Palar Link and (iv) Athikadavu Avinashi Flood Canal Schemes have not been received in NWDA and therefore, NWDA has no comments to offer in this regard.</p>
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