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महोदया/महोदय,

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**Sub: Minutes of the Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the "Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers" held on 19.4.2024 at New Delhi, in hybrid mode - reg.**

Madam / Sir,

The nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the "Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers" was held on 19.4.24 at 11:30 A.M., at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Sriram Vedire, Chairman of the Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers and Advisor, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The meeting was held in Hybrid mode.

A copy of the Minutes of the meeting duly approved by the Chairman, Task Force, is enclosed for kind information.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above

(Bhopal Singh)

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**Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers (TFILR) held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at New Delhi.**

The nineteenth meeting of Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers was held on 19.4.24 at Shram Shakti Bhawan, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi in hybrid mode, under the Chairmanship of Shri Sriram Vedire, Chairman, Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers & Advisor, Ministry of Jal Shakti. List of the participants is given at **Annexure-I**.

**1.0** At the outset of the meeting, Director General welcomed Chairman of Task Force, its members and all the invitees.

**2.0** In his opening remarks, Chairman of the Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers appreciated the pace of progress of Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) Projects and NWDA's pursuance of goals. He apprised the members about recent successful achievement of signing of MoU between two States viz; Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and Central Govt. for in-principle development and preparation of DPR for Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) Link project which is the outcome of concerted efforts of Ministry and frequent meetings held with both the States at various platforms. Presently, DPRs of most of the components are ready except for few DPRs which are to be completed by state of Madhya Pradesh. Regarding Godavari - Cauvery Link Project he informed that vigorous efforts are being made by Ministry for consensus building among concerned States. For the link projects involving international issues, Ministry of Jal Shakti is trying to move forward with the help of MEA.

He mentioned that "water" is a sensitive as well as crucial subject. Water being a State subject, many interstate issues crop up and Ministry /Centre tries to resolve these issues to the maximum possible extent by helping States.

Thereafter, he requested DG, NWDA to take up the agenda items.

**3.0** DG, NWDA thanked Chairman, TFILR for his efforts in consensus building process for the link projects. He made a power point presentation covering agenda items one by one. The deliberations held and decisions taken on agenda items are as follows:

**3.1 Item 19.1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers that was held on 10.11.23 at Hyderabad.**

Director General, NWDA informed that the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers (TF-ILR) were circulated. Comments as received from Govt. of Telangana and Sh. A.D. Mohile, Member, TFILR were suitably replied.

The members of the Task Force confirmed the minutes.

### **3.2 Item 19.2: Action Taken Report on the Decisions Taken in the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of TF-ILR**

DG, NWDA informed the members that the necessary actions have been taken on decisions of last meeting and shall be deliberated in the in subsequent agenda items.

### **3.3 Item 19.3: Implementation of Ken–Betwa Link Project:**

DG, NWDA briefed the members about the present status and progress made for implementation of Ken Betwa Link Project. He explained that initially the focus is on land acquisition, R&R, fulfilling the compliances to the conditions of forest clearance and wildlife clearance. He informed the members that framework for the implementation of Ken Betwa Link Project has been broadly established and Ken Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) and all other groups / committees constituted for implementation of KBLP are working smoothly. This year shall be “take-off” stage for main component of the project i.e. Daudhan Dam as the tenders have been floated, opened and are being evaluated for awarding the work of Daudhan Dam possibly by June, 2024. Project Management Consultant for assisting KBLPA shall be engaged by July, 2024. All the clearances have been obtained except for Environment clearance of Lower Orr project. Land acquisition work is progressing at fast pace.

Sh. M. Gopalakrishnan appreciated the significant progress made for KBLP as well as the multi-disciplinary approach adopted for progressing forward for the project. He highlighted the fact that two departments of two different States are working jointly and this is a big example of sectoral cooperation that could be achieved only due to this model ILR Project. He opined to take extra care of other aspects like environmental Impact and to adopt a comprehensive plan for Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Project Affected families.



DG, NWDA assured that these suggestions shall be duly taken care of. He explained that in addition to developmental activities, due consideration has been given to conservational activities. Planning for an Integrated Research and Learning Centre (IRLC) at Panna has already been initiated by WII. Three wildlife sanctuaries have been brought under "Project Tiger". Elaborate plan for conservation of tigers, vultures and crocodiles have been prepared and there is availability of sufficient funds for carrying out these conservational activities parallelly.

Chairman, TFILR queried about tendering process that has been adopted for the components of the project in terms of ensuring the soundness of tenders / bidding companies.

JS & FA replied that all the norms of a model tender as circulated by Ministry of Finance have been followed in tendering process.

Thereafter, DG, NWDA briefed about work plan for year 2024- 25 for KBLP.

#### **3.4 Item 19.4: Modified Parbati – Kalisindh - Chambal (PKC) Link Proposal: Integration of Parbati – Kalisindh - Chambal (PKC) Link as proposed under Peninsular Component of NPP with proposed Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) of Rajasthan**

DG, NWDA apprised all the members about inception of proposal of modified PKC link, its components and benefits and explained about progress made so far. He informed that about 5 BCM of water shall be available from the link system for utilization by both the states for various purposes. He highlighted the significant achievement of signing of MoU by the State of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and Central Govt. for in principle development of the link project and preparation of its DPR.

DG, NWDA explained that about 33 projects are covered under Modified PKC and are spread across various sub basins of Chambal basin. As proposed in MoA, implementation of these components may be taken up in phases as per requirement and readiness of States.

He informed that DPR preparation is likely to be completed by June, 2024. A draft MoA for the implementation of the link project has also been shared with both the states. Madhya Pradesh has submitted its views / comments on draft MoA.

Sh. M. Gopalakrishnan opined that the status and progress of this link project may be submitted to Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) as soon as possible as States have wider representation in SCILR and this development of Modified PKC Link project and its MoU would reach States which are concerned with other link projects. This information would be encouraging for other States in respect of moving forward for ILR Projects.

Chairman, TFILR requested DG, NWDA to plan for holding next SCILR meeting by end of June, 2024.

Sh. A.D. Mohile appreciated the remarkable achievement of Modified PKC Link project and opined to expedite further action of finalisation of DPR, MoA etc. to take the link project forward for implementation.

### **3.5 Item no. 19.5: Godavari (Inchampalli barrage) – Cauvery link proposal**

DG, NWDA briefly explained about inception of proposal limiting the transfer from 7000 MCM to about 4189 MCM from Godavari along with combining the proposal for supplementation in Krishna basin through Bedti-Varda link and circulation of its Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) and Draft DPR to concerned States. A Draft MoA has also been prepared for implementation of link project and has been circulated to concerned States/ UT for their perusal and observations. The key challenge for this project is consensus building amongst states for implementation of the link project.

Chairman, TFILR pointed out that involving any State which is not enroute of alignment of link projects would create more issues and challenges for consensus building.

DG, NWDA apprised the members about certain issues requiring deliberations like consensus building, 'Sammakka-Sarakka' project of Telangana that is encroaching Inchampalli barrage and exploring more storages on Indravati itself in addition to storage of 450 MCM available in Indravati basin, for the link project. Issue of 'Sammakka-Sarakka' project needs to be discussed with Telangana and also with CWC

for technical issues likely to be faced if both projects are constructed. Discussions with Chhattisgarh are to be initiated if some more barrages and storage sites can be developed benefitting them as well as this link project.

Chairman, TFILR requested DG, NWDA to explore a greater number of dedicated storages and present the outcomes in next meeting of TFILR for deliberations. Regarding Sammakka-Sarakka project of Telangana, he queried about feasibility of Inchampalli coming up with Sammakka-Sarakka barrage at 83m FRL. He asked CWC to clarify about Sammakka-Sarakka barrage project status.

Sh. Naveen Kumar, Member (WP & P), CWC replied that they have requested Telangana to conduct a meeting with Chhattisgarh and bring NOC from them as in this project, there is submergence in Chhattisgarh.

Sh. A. D. Mohile appreciated the efforts of NWDA and approach of Ministry to reach an agreement among States through signing of an MoA. He raised two points for consideration, one is regarding funding of the project without permanent water allocation to party States and other is integration of present proposal of water transfer with Himalayan component, if and when it materialises.

Chairman, TFILR summarised the factors affecting Inchampalli barrage. He explained that in principle there is need of this separate barrage for G-C link as Sammakka-Sarakka barrage is already constructed with small storage capacity and planned by Telangana as a backup for their Devadula lift irrigation Project. He requested CWC and NWDA to study these issues and find technically feasible solution for taking up Inchampalli barrage without affecting the benefits of those projects to Telangana and asked that a meeting with State of Telangana can be held in June, 2024 to discuss these issues and arrive at appropriate solutions.

### **3.6 Item no. 19.6: Kosi-Mechi Link project**

DG, NWDA explained about status of Kosi-Mechi Inter and Intra State link. DPR of Kosi-Mechi intra-state link project has been updated by NWDA and appraisal for the

same has been completed by CWC recently and approved by TAC of MoJS for an estimated cost of Rs. 6282.32 crore at 2022-23 price level. The design and drawings for tender purpose for main canal and distributaries are being prepared by CWC and working DPR is planned to be finalized by June, 2024 by NWDA.

Sh. Naveen Kumar, Member (WP &P), CWC informed the members that they have sought some data from State of Bihar as they plan to prepare a model to understand the flow pattern of main canal and to evaluate the existing structures. After getting that data and preparation of model, alignment of main canal shall be finalized.

Sh. A.D. Mohile appreciated the progress achieved for this link project. He suggested that MEA and concerned division of MoJS shall play an important role and could deliberate with Nepal.

Chairman, TFILR queried about funding pattern of the Kosi-Mechi Intra State link project and actions taken on the suggestions of SCILR in its last meeting asking to study the matter further.

DG, NWDA clarified that funding pattern of 60(Centre):40(State) is accepted by Government of Bihar with 60% funding to be provided under PMKSY by Centre as project area is flood prone area and for 40% of their share, Government of Bihar is planning to take loan from World Bank. Regarding, SCILR advice to study the matter further, he apprised the members that proposal of considering Kosi – Mechi Intra State link project as an alternate of the original Kosi – Mechi link project and making it as a part of National Perspective Plan (NPP) will be submitted in next meeting of SCILR.

### **3.7 Item no. 19.7: Manas – Sankosh -Tista – Ganga link project**

DG, NWDA briefed about Manas – Sankosh – Tista - Ganga (MSTG) link project, an important link under Himalayan Component. The Feasibility Report of the link was completed in year, 2020. Three alternative alignments were studied and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Alternative-II is under progress. He mentioned about a meeting that was chaired by Secretary, D/o WR, RD & GR, MoJS and Secretary, Ministry of Power on 12.03.2024 on issues related to implementation of Sankosh Hydro-Electric Project. During the meeting, various alternatives considered by NWDA

to transfer the regulated water from Sankosh dam to India were discussed. He apprised the members that Ministry of Power is mainly looking for apportionment of cost of Sankosh Hydro Electric Project to irrigation in Sankosh basin which would come only through ILR project (MSTG Link project).

DG, NWDA opined that if Sankosh HEP comes up, then there is strong possibility that Link from Sankosh to Tista to Ganga would be very useful for Tista and Ganga basins in lean period also.

Sh. M. Gopalakrishnan commented that if Bhutan agrees for MSTG link then it would become a model ILR Project with international dimensions.

Sh. Amit Mishra, Director, MEA apprised that Sankosh HEP may take some years to materialise.

### **3.8 Item no. 19.8: System studies of Link projects**

DG, NWDA briefed about status of progress of system studies work of 4 link projects viz; Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga Link, Ganga-Damodar-Subarnarekha Link, Subarnarekha-Mahanadi Link and Farraka - Sunderban Link and apprised the members that these studies are planned to be completed by June, 2024. He explained about meetings of Sub Committee for Comprehensive Evaluation and System Studies on Interlinking of Rivers, held so far.

He apprised the members that a System Study Cell has been established and fully functional in NWDA HQ Office at New Delhi and one more cell will be established at NWDA Office, Hyderabad. In next meeting, NWDA would present a model prepared by NWDA.

**3.9 Item 18.8: National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA):** DG, NWDA briefed about status of Cabinet Note for constitution of NIRA. Draft Cabinet Note was submitted to Ministry and after approval from Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti), it was circulated to various Ministries / Departments. The views so obtained were suitably incorporated and submitted to Ministry. Other Ministries/Departments have supported the constitution of NIRA. The modified Cabinet Note is under active consideration in the ministry.

In the end, Chairman, TFILR thanked all the members and participants. He highlighted that TFILR meetings are being held frequently since last few years, which is very helpful for progress of ILR projects. He requested DG, NWDA to have meeting with Telangana for resolving their issues related to Godavari-Cauvery link project before next meeting of TFILR. He also requested CWC to focus more on DPRs of components of Modified PKC Link project that are being prepared by Madhya Pradesh.

Thereafter, DG, NWDA thanked Chairman, TFILR for his guidance and concerted efforts for progress of Interlinking of Rivers programme. He expressed his deep gratitude to all the members for their valuable guidance and suggestions.

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