

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the "Group on Financial Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers" held on 12.06.2018 in the Committee Room of NWDA, Palika Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Tenth meeting of the "Group on Financial Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers" was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, former Secretary to Govt. of India and Chairman of the Group on 12.06.2018 (Tuesday) at 11.30 A.M. in the Committee Room of NWDA, Palika Bhawan, New Delhi. List of Members and other participants is enclosed as Annex-I.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members, Special Invitees and other participants. He then briefly mentioned about the points discussed in the 9th meeting of Task Force for ILR held on 30.05.2018. He informed that the Task Force has appreciated the complexity of the problems involved in finalizing the report of the Group on Financial Aspects. The Chairman Task Force requested that the Interim Report of the Group may be submitted by end of July, 2018. Chairman mentioned that two more meetings could be held to finalise Interim Report in the remaining period. He then requested Member Secretary of the Group to take up the agenda item for discussion.

Item 10.1: Confirmation of minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Group on Financial Aspect held on 01.05.2018

The Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the Ninth meeting of the Group on financial aspects were circulated among the Members/Special Invitee vide letter no. SCILR/Tech/400/12/2017/538-54 dated 31-05-2018 through email. Since no comments were received from any of the Members, minutes of Ninth meeting were confirmed as circulated.

Item 10.2: Presentation made in task force for ILR meeting held on 30.05.2018

As mentioned in his introductory remarks, the Chairman once again explained the points on which he made presentation (copy enclosed as Annexure-10.2) in the 9th meeting of Task Force held on 30.05.2018. Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- (i) Interim Report may be submitted by end of July, 2018.
- (ii) Initially funding of Prioritized Links namely Ken-Betwa (DPR prepared), Par-Tapi-Narmada (DPR prepared), Damanganga- Pinjal (DPR prepared), & Godavari (Akinapalli)- Cauvery (PFR) should be worked out.
- (iii) Funding from Government should be kept to a minimum, as suggested by Hon. Minister for WR, RD & GR on 03 April 2018 to Finance Group.
- (iv) Outline strategy for international Funding should be worked out.

Item 10.3: Presentation by NITI Aayog on projection of fiscal resources that may be available for ILR programme.

Shri Avinash Mishra, Joint Adviser (WR&LR), NITI Aayog made a presentation on projection of fiscal resources that may be available for ILR programme. He emphasized in his presentation on the following points:

- (i) Four prioritize links namely (a) Ken-Betwa (b) Par-Tapi-Narmada (c) Damanganga-Pinjal (d) Godavari (Akinapalli)- Cauvery including its benefits and projected cost.
- (ii) Other benefits by these inter linking of rivers such as (a) Flood Control (b) Irrigation (c) Drought Mitigation (d) Navigation (e) Employment-Fisheries (f) Tourism (g) Hydro Power
- (iii) Ways to finance of Inter linking as (a) Central Assistance (b) State contribution (c) Beneficiary contribution (d) Public Private partnership (e) Taxes/Cess and user charges (f) Funding from debt support as Bonds and public Issues
- (iv) Loans from Multilateral financial Institution.

He mentioned that World Bank has provided cheap loan to various Water related projects so the possibility of cheap loan from the World Bank and External Commercial Borrowings can be explored. Regarding funding from Government sector (including contribution from Central and State Governments), he mentioned that funding to the tune of 20 to 25% is possible.

Item 10.4: Presentation by Dr. Gosain, Professor of IIT Delhi.

Dr. Gosain, Professor of IIT Delhi could not attend the meeting possibly due to their other engagements.

Item 10.5: Presentation by Shri H. Satish Rao & Sri Deepak Das Gupta.

Shri H. Satish Rao & Sri Deepak Das Gupta could not attend the meeting possibly due to their other engagements.

Item 10.6: Presentation by Yes Bank on projections of possible flow of funds for the ILR programme from Indian Banks/Financial Institutions.

YES Bank team presented a revised financial model projecting possible flow of funds for the ILR Programme from Domestic Financial Institutions (DFIs) from an economics perspective for a 30 year period – making certain specified assumptions on GDP growth, savings rate, sectoral credit-deposit flows etc. YES Bank team also presented an estimate of the potential for funding from Gol (Centre) basis capital expenditure projections for Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation over 2019-2030.

Following modifications were suggested to the financial model presented by YES Bank Team:

- YES BANK to fine-tune projections for DFI funding based on scenario basis, and distribution of total ILR Programme cost into DFI and GoI funds available (preferably over 5 year period intervals), after taking on board higher ILR cost adjusted for 'technical uncertainties' to the tune of ~25% - as suggested by experts in the meeting.
- DPR project phasing and components detail along with cost (Main Canal cost, Distribution network, etc.) need to be provided to YES BANK team as early as possible for consideration in preparation of financial projection.

Item 10.7: Review of progress of work of the Group and to draw up a work programme for completion of its tasks.

- (i) The Chairman made a review of the work programme at the end of the discussion.
- (ii) YES bank was asked to consider the total funding for ILR Projects as Rs.8.68 lakh crore at the price level 2015-16 and time frame for implementation of these projects as suggested by Shri M.K. Sinha in his presentation. Accordingly copy of Presentation was handed over to Ms. Yuvika.

Item 10.8: Any other matter(s) with the permission of the Chair.

After discussion with members and other participants it was decided to **convene** next meeting of the Group on 28/06/2018 at 11.30 A.M. in the Committee room of NWDA ,Palika Bhawan New Delhi.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annex-I

List of Members, Special Invitees and other participants of the Tenth meeting of the “Group on Financial Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers” held on 12 June, 2018 at New Delhi.

1.	Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, Former Secretary to Govt. of India & Member of Task Force for ILR and Distinguished Fellow, TERI, New Delhi	In Chair
2.	Shri A. B. Pandya, Secretary General ICID & Former Chairman, CWC, New Delhi	Member
3.	Shri Avinash Mishra, Joint Adviser (WR), NITI Aayog, New Delhi	Member
4.	Shri Bhupesh Rathore, President, Strategic Govt. Advisory, Yes Bank Ltd., New Delhi	Representing Shri Rana Kapoor, Managing Director and CEO, Yes Bank Ltd., Mumbai
5.	Shri K. P. Gupta, Director Tech., NWDA, New Delhi	Member-Secretary
6.	Shri M.K. Sinha, Assessor, Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal & (Retd.) Chief Engineer, CWC, New Delhi	Special Invitee
7.	Shri R. K. Pachauri, Chief Engineer (PPO), CWC, New Delhi	Special Invitee
Other Officers		
8.	Shri Anil Kumar Jain, Deputy Director(SCILR), NWDA, New Delhi	
9.	Shri R. K. Agrawal, Consultant, NWDA, New Delhi	
10.	Ms. Yuvika Oberoi, Economist & Sr. Vice President, Yes Bank Ltd., New Delhi	
11.	Shri Chandan Sinha, Vice President (SGA), Yes Bank Ltd., New Delhi	
12.	Shri Dasari Srinivasa Praveen, Manager, CFIB, Yes Bank Ltd., New Delhi	
13.	Ms. Namrata S Panwar, Young Professional (WR&LR), NITI Aayog, New Delhi	