

Minutes for the Fifth meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 02.12.2016 at New Delhi.

The Fifth meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers was held on 02.12.2016 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 welcome all the members and invitees and others participants. 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. 5.1: Minutes of the meeting of the 3rd meeting and 4th meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 28th October, 2016 and 4th November, 2016 at New Delhi.

The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 28th October, 2016 at New Delhi were circulated to all the members vide letter dated 4th Nov, 2016 and the minutes of the 4th meetings of the Group held on 4th November, 2016 were circulated vide letter dated 10th November, 2016.

After deliberation the Minutes of the 3rd meeting were confirmed by the Group as circulated. In the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Group, Item No.4.2(c) Law on Water Allocations and Water Transfer, it was decided to also include the international Laws cases and basin –to- basin water transfer of other countries (very short description of Engineering aspect of the project but details description of legal aspects). With this addition the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Group were confirmed.

Item No 5.2: Discussion on of draft report of the Group on Legal Aspects.

Shri K.P. Gupta, Director (Technical) has informed the Group that 1st draft of 2 Sections namely Section I Introduction and Section II Inter-State Issues Involved in ILR Programme was circulated to members by email dated 29.11.2016 and 30.11.2016 respectively. The draft of these two Sections was enclosed as Annex 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 of Agenda. The Group duly discussed the draft and suggestions made:

(a) **Section I: Introduction**

Purpose and Scope of the Group – It was informed that Shri Virag Gupta, Constitutional and Environmental Law Expert has resigned from the Group due to personal reasons. This fact has to be suitably mentioned in the constitution of the Group.

(b) **Para 1.2: Background of National Perspective Plan: History of the Water Development in India: Changes in Water Development After 1970 – It was decided to add two new paras “g” and “h”.**

“g” - Environmental Aspects.

“h” - Water Jurisprudence and Legislative Efforts.

It was decided that Professor Avdhesh Pratap, Member of the Group will prepare the draft material for these additional Sections and email to Members and NWDA.

Section I: Introduction with above two additions was agreed by the Group.

Section II: Inter-State Issues Involved in ILR Programme:

Since the Section II was circulated on 30.11.2016, Members felt that sufficient time was not available for going through the material. Therefore, it was decided that the member may go through the material circulated in the Agenda of the meeting and modification, if any may be made in track mode and circulated to other Members. After the comments of all members are received, the National Water Development Agency will consolidate the material to Section II and will circulate to Member for their final approval.

(c) **Discussion on Section III:** The Chairman of the Group has indicated that he will compile the material for Section III for which he may need the logistic support such as Stenographer etc. from NWDA, for which Director General, NWDA assured to provide all the assistance as may be required by the Chairman.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annex-I

List of members, Special Invitees and Participants of Fifth meeting of the Group on Legal Aspects under Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers held on 02.12.2016 at New Delhi.

Sl.No .	Name	Designation
1	Shri A.D. Mohile Former Chairman, Central Water Commission	Chairman
2	Shri M. Gopalakrishnan Former Secretary General, ICID	Member
3	Prof. Avdhesh Pratap Water Law and Management Expert	Member
4	Shri Navin Kumar Chief Engineer (IMO), Central Water Commission	Special Invitee
5	Shri B.P. Pandey Director (ISM), Central Water Commission	Special Invitee
Officer from NWDA		
6	Shri S. Masood Husain Member WP&P, CWC & Director General, NWDA	
7	Shri R.K. Jain Chief Engineer (HQ)	
8	Shri N.C. Jain Chief Engineer (North)	
9	Shri K.P. Gupta Director (Technical)	