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15. Chairman, Central Water Commission, Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi.
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Minutes of the 5th meeting of Empowered Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary (E&F) on 18th July, 2012 in Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

The Empowered Steering Committee met on 18th July, 2012 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (E&F) with members present as per list in the Annexure. The items discussed and decisions taken are as follows:-

1. **NGRBA Annual Plan (2012-13):** The overall plan was presented by the Mission Director and Member Secretary containing an outlay of Rs.512.50 crores. The Annual Plan, as circulated in the meeting, was approved with the following components:
 - a. EAP component
 - (i) World Bank assisted NGRB Project – Rs. 240 crores
 - (ii) JICA funded GAP Phase II Project – Rs. 10 crores
 - b. Non-EAP component – Rs. 250.04 crores
 - c. SCSP component – Rs. 12.46 crores

Accordingly, the States were requested to take up the preparation of FRs and DPRs for the investment proposed in the approved annual plan and to expedite the execution of already approved works. The points for decision, as detailed in the Memorandum for Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) were also approved.

2. The ESC also reviewed the ongoing works and projects under the NGRBA programme, as detailed below for each of the basin States:-

A. Uttar Pradesh -

The Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of UP, while mentioning that the DPR for Salori has been prepared and sent for appraisal and approval of NMCG, stated that further 3 DPRs of District-C, Allahabad, District-I, Kanpur and District-A, Allahabad will be sent by August and September, 2012 respectively.

(ii) The Principal Secretary has also assured that there will be good progress of works for the projected expenditure of about Rs. 245 crores under Non-EAP and Rs. 135 crores under EAP by the end of this financial year.

(iii) The Director, JnNURM, from the Ministry of Urban Development mentioned that the branch sewer in Kanpur District-I was taken up under

JnNURM and there should be no duplication of work with NGRBA fund in the same project area. The Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of U.P. and Chief Engineer, U.P. Jal Nigam, assured that these aspects will be taken care of.

(iv) The Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of U.P. was also requested to look into the proposals for taking up 'energy-positive pilot projects' in Varanasi and Mirzapur.

(v) Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of U.P. also asked for considering the proposal to fund O & M expenditure on projects, which was sanctioned after the NGRBA was constituted. These projects are:

(a) Sewerage & Non-Sewerage schemes for pollution abatement of river Ganga at Allahabad

(b) JICA assisted GAP Phase-II project at Varanasi.

This would be examined on file.

B. Uttarakhand –

(i) The Chairperson expressed concern about the slow progress of works in Uttarakhand. The State was also told that there is no objection, if they engage a number of executing agencies within the State on tributaries covered under Works within the NGRBA framework may be taken up, considering the influx of pilgrims and religious importance of various places in Uttarakhand.

C. Bihar -

(i) The Chairperson mentioned that the progress of works and booking of expenditure have been extremely slow in Bihar, and requested the Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of Bihar, to conduct detailed reviews. It was mentioned that the DPR of the river front development project at Patna should be finalized immediately by the State duly addressing the concerns raised in the preliminary appraisal by the World Bank and NMCG. The Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of Bihar, informed that FRs for 16 towns will be ready by September, 2012, with the assistance of the SPUR project team of DFID. He also stated that the ongoing works in Begusarai, Munger, Buxar and Hajipur will now be expedited as the executing agencies have been finalized.

D. Jharkhand :

(i) The Chairperson expressed the concern that no work is in progress in Jharkhand, and the State is completely left out from the present list of investments. The Secretary (Urban Development), Government of Jharkhand, mentioned that the works will be taken up in Sahibganj and Rajmahal and preparation of the FRs and DPRs will be expedited.

E. West Bengal:

(i) The Chairperson mentioned that the tenders on important works like municipal waste water projects at Gayeshpur, Bhatpara and Kalyani should be finalized early and submission of FRs and DPRs for other towns should also be expedited. The Programme Director, SPMG, West Bengal, informed that 2 DPRs - namely municipal waste water projects at Barrackpore and Budge Budge have first been submitted on 16th and 18th July, 2012 to NMCg for its appraisal and approval, and the DPR for Halisahar will also be submitted by August, 2012.

(ii) The State was also asked to send the DPR for Beliaghata Circular Canal as per discussions held in the Standing Committee of NGRBA on 8th February, 2012 and in accordance with the NGRBA framework.

(iii) The slow progress of works and less utilization of funds was also mentioned and the State was asked to improve the pace of implementation of ongoing works. It was also clarified to the State that the agreements with the contractors have to be only as per the guidelines and existing norms and escalation due to increase in taxes and rates cannot be permitted. The State was also requested to identify projects for energy-positive pilots.

(iv) The project proposal on Solid Waste Management for Kolkata shall be revised to meet the eligibility criteria as laid down in the NGRBA programme framework.

3. General issues regarding preparation of FRs/DPRs

(i) The States were asked to prepare the FRs and DPRs strictly as per the NGRBA programme framework and the new project preparation guidelines, which also include the provisions of CPHEEO. The proposals should contain city sanitation plan submitted with the respective feasibility report(s) and followed by detailed project report(s). The feasibility reports should discuss various options and alternatives to adopt a particular technology.

(ii) The States can also seek reimbursements for preparatory activities (preparing FRs and DPRs) for the projects under EAP allocation as per World

Bank norms duly following the prescribed procurement procedure of World Bank to select the agency which does this work by a process of competitive bidding and concurrence of World Bank through NMCG at each stage. It was also mentioned by the States that it may be possible to fund the project preparation activities under Non-EAP allocations with EAP fund with reimbursement from the World Bank on 70: 30 sharing basis and guidelines in this regard will be issued shortly.

(iii) The States requested that a rolling fund may be allowed to be retained with the SPMGs to carry out project preparation activities. This issue may be separately examined on file.

(iv) In view of the slow progress of preparation of FRs and DPRs and lack of unified approach, it was also decided, based on a suggestion of World Bank in their initial discussions, that the NMCG will prepare a panel of qualified consultants in consultation with the World Bank following the due procedure. The States can then send Request for Proposals to the empanelled consultants and finalize their agreements based on limited competitive bidding and standard terms of reference for preparation of CSP/FR/DPR including environmental and social framework, communication plan. The quality improvement to the existing FRs and DPRs can also be taken up following the procurement procedure. However, the States can continue to select the consultants based on the prescribed competitive bidding process for preparation of DPRs, till the expenditure process is completed.

(v) The States were also told to adhere to the CCEA-approved World Bank assisted NGRBA frame-work project and the inter se allocations therein.

(vi) The States were requested to expeditiously send the monthly progress reports of various works and status of preparedness of FRs and DPRs in a standard format which will be communicated by NMCG. All such reports shall be submitted by the 1st week of every month.

(vii) The NMCG will also consult the World Bank to prepare standard set of mile-stones with well defined time-lines for preparing DPRs. It was also explained that the concerns raised by the officers from the Ministry of Urban Development regarding the safeguards to be taken up in preparing the detailed project reports as per the norms and standards prescribed by them, should be duly considered. It was clarified that the revised project preparation guidelines conform to the prescribed CPHEEO Manual and must be strictly followed.

(viii) In order to expedite the appraisal of FRs and DPRs, the procedure followed in West Bengal was explained to the States. According to this, the third party appraisal agency and the technical experts of NMCG are jointly associated

in the appraisal at every stage along with the local bodies, SPMG and EA. Meetings are to be held periodically to discuss issues and concerns raised by each agency so that there is no duplication of efforts while carrying out corrections to the DPRs.

(ix) The Chairperson also emphasized that the preparation of FRs and DPRs, site selection, etc. should be done for future investment projects sufficiently in advance keeping in view the targets of progress for the coming years in this 8-year long NGRBA programme. Accordingly, the States were requested to take advance action on the preparation of DPRs as per the perspective plan given in the approved annual plan document in a time-bound manner.

(x) It was also agreed to examine on file the proposal to permit the SPMGs in the States to give advances to the consultants for preparation of FRs and DPRs with adequate safeguards, such as bank guarantees.

(xi) It was also mentioned by Mission Director that NMCG shall prepare a standard operations manual, which will help in standardizing the procedures to assist the States in expeditious implementation of the programme. This would inter-alia conform to the approved NGRBA framework and CPHEEO guidelines.

4. The Chairperson also reviewed the functioning of SPMGs and the States were asked to fill up all the vacant positions. All the States assured that a regular full time officer to head the SPMG shall be posted by August, 2012. The SPMGs have been designed to have staff support in each specialized area, such as financial, procurement, communication, environmental & social management and technical support. The Project Directors and the Principal Secretaries from the States should issue a clear job chart and indicate the nodal person for each of these activities so that they can interact with their counterparts in NMCG and World Bank. It was also emphasized that the meetings of the apex body, i.e. the State River Conservation Authority and State Executive Committee of SRCA should take place regularly and minutes of these meetings should be sent to the NMCG from time to time.

5. The relevance of having a 'public awareness campaign' before the start of Kumbh Mela and other major religious festivals, such as Magh Mela, Ganga Sagar Mela, etc, was appreciated with regard to its importance. The Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of U.P. would send a detailed action plan in this regard. Other States were also asked to give their plans for public awareness campaigns, leveraging events with large public gatherings.

6. The Principal Secretaries were also requested to ensure that plans for capacity building of State Pollution Control Boards are sent to the NMCG with

due consultation from their counterparts in the Environment & Forest Departments of the States.

7. Senior Advisor from the Planning Commission mentioned that there should be proper coordination between the Urban Development Departments and the Departments dealing with the Environment & Pollution Control in the States.

8. It was also decided to process for approval the project proposals for Strengthening of Environmental Regulator (CPCB) and Water Quality Monitoring System of River Ganga to be implemented through the CPCB including the GKC project proposal prepared in-house by the NMCG, with technical help from the World Bank. The Additional Secretary and FA mentioned that these projects had not been formally appraised as required. Since CPCB is itself the Regulator, it was decided that in case of projects for CPCB, technical scrutiny should be done by the NMCG/Ministry. The need to take urgent initiatives to check untreated industrial effluents flowing into Ganga was discussed. It was mentioned that a major component in the NGRBA programme framework pertains to dealing with CETPs to control industrial pollution. The States were advised to facilitate formation of Societies/SPVs comprising of owners of industries and State representatives and to send proposals for funding to assist them in creating proper common infrastructure and CETPs to treat effluents. The critical industries mentioned are sugar, paper and pulp, tanneries and petro-chemicals industry. The hot-spots mentioned includes Kanpur, Kashipur (Uttarakhand) and Haldia. It was mentioned by the Chief Engineer, UP Jal Nigam that they are preparing a DPR for CETP in Jajmau, Kanpur through CLRI, and requested for funding for the preparatory activity. He was asked to send a proposal in this regard as per NGRBA framework.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and Members who participated.

ANNEXURE

List of participants for the 5th meeting of Empowered Steering Committee of NGRBA, held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (E&F) on 18th July, 2012 at Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

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