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Subject: Minutes of the Meeting on 'Flood Preparedness for the ensuing Flood Season 2017" held on 15.05.2017

Sir,

I am directed to enclose the copy of Minutes of the Meeting on 'Flood Preparedness for the ensuing Flood Season 2017" held on 15.05.2017 in the NIC Training Hall of NIC, Jalsampad Bhavan (Ground Floor), Salt Lake, Kolkata-70009.

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Director,
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Monitoring Cell.

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Copy along with enclosure submitted for information to:-

1. The P.S to Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge , Irrigation & Waterways Department. Hon'ble M.I.C. may kindly be apprised.

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Director,
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Copy along with enclosure submitted for information to:-

1. Sr. P.A. to Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department. Principal Secretary May kindly be apprised.
2. P.A. to Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department. Secretary may kindly be apprised.

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Copy along with enclosure submitted for information to:-

1. The Joint Secretary, to the Govt. of West Bengal, I & W. Department.
2. The Director of Designs, Central Design Office, I & W. Directorate.
3. The Director, Dam Safety Organisation, I & W Directorate.
4. Project Director, Head Quarter, SERP, I & W Directorate.
5. The Superintending Engineer, Greater Calcutta Drainage Circle, I & W. Directorate.
6. The Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, I & W. Directorate.
7. The Superintending Engineer, Metropolitan Drainage Circle, I & W. Directorate.
8. The Superintending Engineer, Western Circle-I, I & W. Directorate.
9. The Superintending Engineer, Investigation & Planning Circle-I, I & W. Directorate.
10. The Superintending Engineer, Investigation & Planning Circle-II, I & W. Directorate
11. The Superintending Engineer, Western Circle-II, I & W. Directorate.
12. The Superintending Engineer, North Irrigation Circle-I, I & W. Directorate.
13. The Superintending Engineer, North Irrigation Circle-II, I & W. Directorate.
14. The Superintending Engineer, Mayurakshi Canal Circle, I & W. Directorate.
15. The Superintending Engineer-I, Kangsabati Canal Circle, I & W. Directorate.
16. The Superintending Engineer-II, Kangsabati Canal Circle, I & W. Directorate.
17. The OSD, Purulia, I & W. Directorate.
18. The Superintending Engineer, Damodar Irrigation Circle, I & W. Directorate.
19. The Superintending Engineer, North East Irrigation Circle-I, I & W. Directorate.
20. The Superintending Engineer, North East Irrigation Circle-II, I & W. Directorate.
21. The Superintending Engineer, Teesta Barrage Circle, I & W. Directorate.
22. The Superintending Engineer, Mahananda Barrage Circle, I & W. Directorate.
23. The Superintending Engineer, Teesta Canal Circle, I & W. Directorate.
24. The Superintending Engineer, Mech. & Electrical Circle, I & W. Directorate.
25. The Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mech. & Electrical Circle, I & W. Directorate.
26. The Deputy Secretary (Works – I) to the Govt. of West Bengal, I & W. Department.
27. The Deputy Secretary (Works – II) to the Govt. of West Bengal, I & W. Department.
- ✓ 28. Sri Sujay Saha, Executive Engineer, I & W Department. He is requested to upload the minutes in the web site of this Department.

D. Kumar 29/5/17
Director,
Advance Planning, Project Evaluation &
Monitoring Cell.

Minutes of the Meeting on "Flood Preparedness for the ensuing Flood Season 2017" held on 15.05.2017 in the NIC Training Hall of NIC, Jalasampad Bhavan (Ground Floor), Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091

The meeting was chaired by Shri Rajib Banerjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department. Shri Naveen Prakash, Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Shri Kaushik Chattopadhyay, Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Shri Siddhartha Dutta, Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, Shri Goutam Chattopadhyay, Chief Engineer (South), Shri Basudev Kumar Chowdhuri, D.P. & Exofficio Chief Engineer, Shri Anish Ghosh, Chief Engineer (South West), Shri Dipak Kr. Banerjee, Chief Engineer (Design & Research) and Shri Paramanu Bhowmik, Chief Engineer (North) were present in the meeting. Shri Debashis Sengupta, Joint Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Shri Biplab Mukherjee, Deputy Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department and Shri Amitava Ghosh, Deputy Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department and Directors/Superintending Engineers, Dy. Directors/Executive Engineers were also present in the meeting.

At the outset Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department appraised the house about the importance of the meeting for preparedness against flood during the ensuing flood season of 2017. Agenda-wise discussion was initiated by the Hon'ble MIC and Principal Secretary, I&WD. After thread bare discussions, the following aspects were decided :

1. Director, Advance Planning, Project Evaluation and Monitoring Cell proposed for a digital display board outside the Central Flood Control Room (CFCR) at Jalasampad Bhavan for daily display of the reservoir levels of important dams and barrages as well as warning messages. The said proposal was accepted.
2. Hon'ble MIC desired that the Daily flood report is to be published within 9 AM and instructed different divisions to upload their respective data at the departmental web portal within 8.30 AM. It was decided that respective divisions will upload the flood data within 9 AM. On receipt of those data and after necessary compilation Central Flood Control Room will publish the Daily Flood Report by 10 AM.
3. Executive Engineer, DVC Study Cell informed about the commencement of video conference system from this year. Hon'ble MIC advised him to assure proper and smooth running of the system so that everybody up to the level of Executive Engineers could be

connected through video conference. Executive Engineer, DVC Study Cell informed that the network in all districts is almost ready and Burdwan district would be connected within a short period. Hon'ble MIC advised to test the entire system in first week of June.

4. Hon'ble MIC instructed Director, Advance Planning, Project evaluation and Monitoring Cell to finalize the gauge stations to be included in the Daily Flood Report Format consequent to the creation of new districts. Director, APPEMC informed that the gauge stations were already finalized last year. Only the new districts are required to be included. They requested the Joint Secretary, Works to arrange a Flood Preparedness meeting with IMD, DVC, CWC, BSNL and NIC.
5. Second part of the meeting started with discussion about flood preparedness and measures to be taken thereof. Principal Secretary instructed the concerned Divisions to complete their pre monsoon work preferable within May'2017 and in no case it should be continued during the monsoon. After discussion it was decided that the pre-monsoon work must be completed latest by first week of June.
6. Hon'ble MIC and Principal Secretary expressed that cleaning of a few portion of Jamuna khal in Nadia & North 24 Pgs is immediately required. Concerned Executive engineers agreed to do so. In Birbhum there is no pre monsoon work as reported by concerned Superintending Engineer. In Burdwan district all pre-monsoon work has already been completed as reported by concerned Superintending Engineer. It was instructed that maintenance of Ex-zamindari Bundh should be avoided as those do not fall under the per view of Irrigation & Waterways department. In Sunderban area all pre-monsoon work would be completed within 31st May. In Purulia and Bankura no pre monsoon work is required.
7. Hon'ble MIC instructed not to take up any maintenance work during monsoon except in case of emergency nature of work. Joint Secretary discussed about the allotment of fund and informed that fresh allocation of non plan / plan maintenance fund will be issued within 2 to 3 days for the period from April to October 2017, taking into consideration of the inputs received from the respective Chief Engineers and with the understanding that total allocation of a division will not exceed the previous year's allocation. However Hon'ble MIC instructed that adjustments of funds could be done among Circles / Divisions where there is necessity but in no case total budget will exceed last year's budget. It was informed by Secretariat Works Branch that during current Financial Year an aggregate sum of Rs. 113.0 crores has

been released till date to meet the liabilities of ongoing core plan schemes. 200 new schemes at an aggregate estimated cost of Rs. 339.0 crores under core plan have been approved in this current Financial Year and 74 new projects at a cost of Rs. 273.15 crores have been submitted to NABARD, Kolkata office for approval under RIDF XXIII.

8. Non availability of funds under SDRF during 2016 – 17 was discussed in the meeting. It was stated by the Joint Secretary (Works) that proposals for release of previous year's liability amounting to Rs. 45.00 crores has been submitted to the Disaster Management Department a few days back. In view of uncertainty in getting SDRF, all the field level Officers have been advised to take up only extremely critical works out of SDRF, upon having permission of the Department during the monsoon of 2017 and keep the demand of SDRF restricted to the minimum possible extent.
9. Principal Secretary asked about the position of jetty with respect to future safety in Hooghly and Howrah and asked concerned officers to propose model schemes and send the same to transport department / respective DM.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



[Naveen Prakash]
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Irrigation & Waterways Department

