



**Government of West Bengal  
Irrigation & Waterways Department  
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**No . 01-W/2022-23**

**Dated, 28.04.2022**

**NOTIFICATION**

A number of tanks/ reservoirs have been created / renovated by WRI&D Department in various places of the State which are usually fed by rain water. These tanks/ reservoirs offer multiple benefits like fishery, cattle feeding etc. apart from irrigation in non-monsoon period as well as supplementary irrigation during monsoon to the command area of the tanks/ reservoirs.

2. There is a large network of canal maintained by Irrigation & Waterways Department which provides irrigation benefit to a vast command area. A good number of tanks/ reservoirs have been created/ renovated by WRI&D Department and many of them are situated in the canal command area. The canal network may serve as a source of water to fill up these tanks/ reservoirs whenever necessary especially during non-monsoon period to harness benefit from tanks/ reservoirs to the extent possible. Therefore, creation of linkage between the branch outlet and tanks/ reservoirs has been felt necessary wherever feasible.

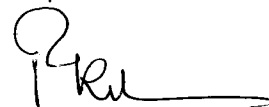
3. This matter has been under active consideration from sometimes past. Now after careful consideration and with a view to judicious use of surface water in a holistic manner, it has been decided to allow drawing of water from canal system for storage in reservoir / tank created renovated by WRI&D Department as per requirement subject to technical feasibility from the outlet of the branch canal and consensus among the water users from the tanks/ reservoir.

4. The standard procedure is to be followed in this regard would be :

- I. Field level officers of WRI&D Department are required to identify possible tanks/ reservoirs which could be fed from nearby branch canal. A list of such identified tanks/ reservoirs with geo-reference is to be communicated by the concerned Executive Engineer of WRI&D Department to the counterpart executive Engineer of Irrigation & Waterways Department.
- II. On receipt of such list, field level officers of I & W Department shall make a joint visit and identify the branch canal outlets for drawing of water for feeding tanks/ reservoirs as identified by WRI&D Department in close coordination with field officers of WRI&D Department keeping technical feasibility in consideration. The

list of geo-referenced branch canal outlets, identified during site visit is to be communicated to the Executive Engineer of WRI&D Department by the concerned Executive Engineer of I & W Department.

- III. A detailed survey may be carried out by WRI&D Department in close coordination with I & W Department.
  - IV. On identification of branch canal outlet and tanks/ reservoirs, and receipt of the list of identified outlets, WRI&D Department shall form a Water User's Association (WUA) comprising beneficiary farmers.
  - V. On the basis of discussions with WUA, keeping in view the technical aspects, field channels are to be constructed by WRI&D Department for feeding of water to tank/ reservoirs from branch canal outlet. For this purpose, existing *Kachha Nallah* will be utilized.
  - VI. Cost for construction of field channel shall be borne by WRI&D Department.
  - VII. WUA will collaboratively manage water distribution from each outlet.
5. The order is being issued in concurrence with WRI&D Department.



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