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Record of discussion of the Review Meeting, taken by the Secretary on 08.05.2018 at Jalasampad Bhavan to monitor the progress of upkeep and cleaning of drainage channels in and around Kolkata

The meeting was started at 11:30 A.M. under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department. The following were present.

List of attendees:-

1. Sri. Gautam Chattopadhyay (Secretary, I & W Department)
2. Sri Manash Chakraborty (Joint Secretary, I & W Department)
3. Sri Pradip Kr. Basu (Superintending Engineer, IPC-I, I&W Directorate)
4. Sri Subhamay Sarkar (Superintending Engineer, GCDC, I&W Directorate)
5. Sri Sanjoy Kundu (Superintending Engineer, MDC, I&W Directorate)
6. Sri Biswanath Das (Assistant Engineer, CDO, I&W Directorate)
7. Sri Subhendu Pal (Assistant Engineer, CDO, I&W Directorate)
8. Sri Partha Ganguly (Assistant Engineer, SDO, CDO, Sub Division-I, I&W Directorate)
9. Sri Goutam Adhikari (Executive Engineer, MDD-II, I&W Directorate)
10. Sri Ashis Dutta (Executive Engineer, UD Division, , I&W Directorate)
11. Sri Jagabandhu Bandhopadhyay (Executive Engineer-II, Canals Divisions, I&W Directorate)
12. Sri Asesh Kumar Saha (Executive Engineer, SDD, I&W Directorate)
13. Sri Kousik Mandal (Executive Engineer-I, Canals Division, I&W Directorate)
14. Sri Debabrata Sarkar (Executive Engineer, MDD-I, I&W Directorate)
15. Sri Samarjit Sarkar (Executive Engineer, IPDS, I&W Directorate)
16. Sri Biplab Mukhopadhyay (Deputy Secretary(Works-I), I & W Department)


At the outset the Secretary reminded everyone present in the meeting about the importance of keeping the drainage channels free from water hyacinth, debris and other solid wastes throughout the year through Annual Maintenance Contracts with a view not only to ensure proper drainage but also to control the vector borne diseases. The Executive Engineers informed the status of canal cleaning in the respective jurisdictions and the actions taken by them in

compliance to the decisions taken in the last review meeting taken by the ACS/I&WD in this regard on 11.04.2018.

After discussion the following decisions were taken:

1. All the Executive Engineers will ensure initial cleaning of all canals under their respective jurisdictions including removal of weeds and jungles from the slope and adjoining inspection paths and disposal of removed water hyacinth, solid waste, debris etc to a suitable place away from the Canal bank, by 20.05.2018. They will inspect personally all the stretches and send a declaration to the department by 24.05.2018 through the respective Superintending Engineer, stating that the said all the stretches of the canals have been cleared of water hyacinth, debris etc.
2. No obstruction in any stretch of the drainage channels by way of putting staging, shuttering etc for construction of bridge or any structure across any channel is permissible after 15.05.2018. All such obstructions are to be removed immediately.
3. As decided in the last meeting, the S.E/IPC-I will start monitoring the status of upkeep and cleaning of drainage channels by engaging an agency to take photographs and video through drone cameras, positively from 30.05.2018. Such video will be taken twice during monsoon, respectively in the 1st week of June and 1st week of August and also twice during non-monsoon period preferably in November and April.
4. The Executive Engineers will continue sending fortnightly reports to the Department in the format already provided by the Department, stating therein the length of the channels cleaned during that particular period, and also any stretch that remained unattended with cogent reason.
5. Each Superintending Engineer will also inspect at least 10% of the channel stretches and send a report of such inspection to the Department.
6. The Executive Engineer, Urban Drainage Division will write to the Metro Authority to stop dumping of branches of trees into KLMNE khal.

7. All the executive engineers will identify the canal stretches where beautification on the canal banks can be taken up. While identifying such stretches, the zones at the crossings of important roads, 1 KM on both sides of the crossings, are to be given top priority. A list of all such identified stretches is to be submitted by each Executive Engineer to the Executive Engineer-I, Investigation & Planning Division (South) by 25.05.2018.
8. During the last review meeting on 11.04.2018, the Executive Engineers were asked to inform the concerned municipalities/corporations about the ongoing cleaning works with request to construct vats/dumping yards at uncovered places (where dumping of solid wastes & garbages from local residences/markets etc directly in to channels are practiced) to avoid dumping of solid wastes by local residents into drainage channels. It was further decided in the meeting on 08.05.2018 that the Executive Engineers will also identify the illegal encroachments on the canal banks, adjacent government lands and will inform the respective district administration to take appropriate action for evacuation. Two separate lists, one containing the location of proposed new vats canal-wise, other containing the detail of canal-wise encroachments are to be sent to the department positively by 25.05.2018.


[Gautam Kumar Chattopadhyay]
Secretary to the
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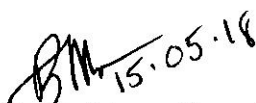
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