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Record of discussion of the Review Meeting taken by the Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department on 12.06.2020 through video conference to review the flood preparedness in 9 districts of South Bengal (Howrah, Hooghly, Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Jhargram and Purulia).

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department. The following were present:

List of attendees:-

A. Hon'ble Ministers

1. Sri Soumen Kumar Mahapatra, Hon'ble MIC, Environment Department
2. Sri Arup Roy, Hon'ble MIC, Agriculture Marketing Department
3. Sri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble MOS, MSME & Textiles and L&LR Department
4. Smt Asima Patra, Hon'ble MOS, Fisheries Department
5. Sri Shyamal Santra, Hon'ble MOS, Public Health Engineering Department

B. Hon'ble Sabhadhipatis

1. Smt Kaberi Das, Sabhadhipati, Howrah
2. Sekh Mehbor Rahman, Sabhadhipati, Hooghly
3. Smt Sampa Dhara, Sabhadhipati, Purba Bardhaman
4. Sri Debabrata Das, Sabhadhipati, Purba Medinipur
5. Smt Uttara Singh Hazra, Sabhadhipati, Paschim Medinipur
6. Sri Mritunjoy Murmu, Sabhadhipati, Bankura
7. Sri Sujoy Banerjee, Sabhadhipati, Purulia
8. Smt Madhabi Biswas, Sabhadhipati, Jhargram

C. Hon'ble MPs, MLAs and other Public Representatives

1. Sri Samir Panja, MP
2. Sri Pulak Roy, MLA
3. Sri Manoj Chakraborty, Sech Karmadhyaka, Hooghly
4. Md. Ismail, Sech Karmadhyaksha, Purba Bardhaman Zilla Parishad
5. Sri Rama Prasad Giri, Sech Karmadhyaka, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad
6. Sri Subhasish Batyabal, Sech Karmadhyaka, Bankura Zilla Parishad
7. Sri Arup Chakraborty, Mentor, Bankura Zilla Parishad

D. Officials of Irrigation & Waterways Department

1. Sri Naveen Prakash, Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department
2. Sri Gautam Chattopadhyay, Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department
3. Sri Anish Ghosh, Chief Engineer (South-West), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
4. Sri Jayanta Das, Chief Engineer (West), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
5. Sri Debasish SenGupta, Joint Secretary (Works), Irrigation & Waterways Department
6. Sri Manash Chakraborty, Joint Secretary (Technical), Irrigation & Waterways Department
7. Sri Gurupada Ghosh, Superintending Engineer, W.C-III, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
8. Sri Gurupada Patra, Superintending Engineer, WC-I, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
9. Sri Pradeep Bhattacharyya, Superintending Engineer, WC-II, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
10. Sri Debasish Parua, Superintending Engineer, DIC, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
11. Sri S.Misra, Superintending Engineer, Kangsabati Circle-I, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
12. Sri K.J.Pal, Superintending Engineer, Kangsabati Circle-II, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
13. Sri Jagadish Bhowmick, OSD & Superintending Engineer, Purulia, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
14. Sri Abhijit Saha, Director, Advance Planning and in charge of Central Flood Control Cell, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate

15. Sri Biplab Mukhopadhyay, Deputy Secretary (Works-I), Irrigation & Waterways Department
16. Sri Amitava Ghosh, Deputy Secretary (Works-II), Irrigation & Waterways Department
17. Sri Sujay Saha, OSD & Deputy Secretary-III, Irrigation & Waterways Department.
18. Sri Raghu Nath Chakraborty, Executive Engineer-II, L.D.C Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
19. Sri Tapan Pal, Executive Engineer-I, L.D. Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
20. Sri Kundan kumar, Executive Engineer-II, L.D. Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
21. Sri B.S.Mandal, Executive Engineer-I, D.C. Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
22. Sri L.N.Singh, Executive Engineer-II, D.C. Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
23. Sri Sanjoy Singh, Executive Engineer, D.H.W. Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
24. Sri Sanjoy Singh, Executive Engineer, Asansol Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
25. Sri Aswini Mandal, Executive Engineer, Bankura Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
26. Sri Asit Datta, Executive Engineer, K.C. Division-II, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
27. Sri Namit Sarkar, Executive Engineer, Jhargram Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
28. Sri Amresh Singh, Executive Engineer, Purulia Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate

E. District Magistrates

1. District Magistrate, Howrah
2. District Magistrate, Hooghly
3. District Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman
4. District Magistrate, Paschim Bardhaman
5. District Magistrate, Purba Medinipur
6. District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur
7. District Magistrate, Bankura

8. District Magistrate, Purulia
9. District Magistrate, Jhargram

2.0 At the outset, the Hon'ble MIC, I&WD welcomed everyone and asked the I&WD officials to apprise the meeting about the status of pre monsoon maintenance and repair works at damaged/vulnerable spots along embankments/river banks, structures etc and also preparedness for the ensuing rainy season. He emphasised on strict vigilance by the district administrations on illegal and indiscriminate sand extraction from rivers, endangering the nearby embankments, bridges and other structures. He also advised the I&WD officials to keep close liaison with the DVC, DVRRC, IMD, CWC and the District Administrations to ensure avoiding of flood like situation due to sudden release from the reservoirs. The Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers of I&WD briefed the Hon'ble MIC on the status of completion of pre-monsoon maintenance works in the 9 districts of South Bengal. The Additional Chief Secretary, I&WD informed about the important schemes completed by the Department during last two years which will have significant impact on flood mitigation. He particularly mentioned that field works of the world bank funded project, WBMIFMP, have been started, two important works of Ghatal Master plan have been completed and 80% of the works of Arambagh Master Plan have been completed. He also informed that temporary pumps have been installed for low lying areas of Howrah district and requested District Magistrates to shift people from Char lands and keep watch on unprotected vulnerable areas. Hon'ble MOS, MSME and L&LR Department requested the intervention of I&WD to control the erosion near Samudragarh Railway Station. Hon'ble MIC, Agriculture Marketing Department requested to take up de-siltation of Pacha Khal, Baltikri Khal, Sarnamoyee Khal in Howrah District. Hon'ble MOS, Public Health Engineering Department, requested to take up anti erosion works along Sali river at Sonamukhi block, along Dwarakeswar river in Patrasayer and Kotulpur blocks and improvement of drainage channel (Junbedia khal) in Bankura Town. Sri Samir Jana, Hon'ble MLA informed that there are 19 vulnerable spots along Damodar Embankment from Udaynarayanpur to Amta, which require appropriate restoration and also requested maintenance of some wooden bridges in Udaynarapur area. Sri Pulak Roy, Hon'ble

MLA, opined that river banks, at some places along river Rupnarayan, damaged during AMPHAN, should be repaired at the earliest. After detailed deliberations, following decisions were taken:-

- 2.1 All the pre monsoon maintenance works at 204 spots (reported by the Chief Engineer, West and Chief Engineer, South-West) in Howrah (40 spots), Hooghly (15 spots), Purba Bardhaman (42 spots), Paschim Bardhaman (2 spots), Paschim Medinipur (60 spots), Purba Medinipur (43 spots), Bankura (2 spots) and repair of 169 damaged structures are to be completed positively by 25.06.2020.
- 2.2 District Magistrates will conduct district level flood preparedness review meetings with the officials of I&WD, Panchayat and Public Representatives to ensure timely completion of maintenance works and smooth co-ordination during emergency flood situation.
- 2.3 Special emphasis should be laid on attending to anti erosion works at Udaynarayanpur, Amta in Howrah and Pursurah in Hooghly, Ghatal, Daspur, Datan and Chandrakona in Paschim Medinipur, Denan, Kolaghat, Ramchandrapur, Badhya(Contai) and Panskura in Purba Medinipur. Moreover, erosion problem at the bank of river Subarnarekha in Gopiballavpur-I & II blocks are to be adequately addressed.
- 2.4 Howrah Municipal Corporation will take all appropriate measures to ensure drainage from Howrah Station Area. I&WD officials will tender all supports to Howrah Municipal Corporation in this regard.
- 2.5 All the Executive Engineers will physically inspect the spots, proposed for sand extraction, before issuance of NOC from their side to the district level committee. The District Magistrates will take special drive to stop unauthorised sand mining from river beds particularly from river Subarnarekha and Kangsabati.
- 2.6 Improvement of Arora Khal in Hooghly district, as proposed by the Sech karmadhakshya of Hooghly Zilla Parishad, will be planned after the monsoon of 2020.

2.7 Engagement of labours under MGNREGA, may be explored for earthworks to restore the damaged embankments, river banks and removal of water hyacinth and solid wastes from drainage channels.

3.0 Hon'ble MIC, I&WD desired that flood mitigation measures in the ensuing monsoon season should be taken up by the I&WD officials by maintaining close liaison with the District & Block Administrations and also with due consideration of the suggestions of the elected peoples' representatives.




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