



Government of West Bengal
Irrigation & Waterways Department
Jalasampad Bhavan, 1st Floor, Western Block
Bidhannagar, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

**Records of discussion of the meeting of the “Departmental Screening Committee”
held on 21.12.2020.**

List of attendees:

1. Shri G.K Chattopadhyay, Secretary
2. Shri H.P Purkait, Financial Advisor
3. Shri M. Chakraborty, Joint Secretary (Tech)
4. Shri S. Kundu, Chief Engineer (South)
5. Shri A. Ghosh, Deputy Secretary (Works)-II
6. Shri B. Chattopadhyay, OSD & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary-IV
7. Shri S. Sarkar, Superintending Engineer, Greater Calcutta Drainage Circle
8. Shri B.S Saha, Assistant Financial Officer

The concerned Executive Engineer also remained present in the meeting.


Agenda: Recommendation of the scheme ‘*Removal of water hyacinth weeds and floating debris from the river Ichamati for a stretch of 50.00 km starting from Duttafulia (ch. 55.00 km entry point from Bangladesh in Ranaghat-II block of Nadia district) to Satbhaikalitala (ch. 105.00 km in Block Bongaon in the district of North 24-Parganas) by mechanical water hyacinth harvester in the State of West Bengal for a continuous period of 03 (three) years*’ Estimated cost of Rs. 23.80 crore for inclusion under Core State Development Schemes Voted budget of Irrigation & Waterways Department during current FY of 2020-21.

Secretary took the chair and Departmental Financial Adviser with other Officers of the Department and the Directorate remained present.

Chief Engineer (South) was at Frazerganj in site visit, was connected on Zoom App.

The following were discussed:

1. Technically sanctioned DPR of the scheme mentioned above at an aggregate cost of Rs. 23.80 crore was placed in the meeting.
2. A threadbare discussion was held on the technical aspects of the scheme. The Chief Engineer (South) stated that this is the entire 50 km length of Ichhamati river from Duttafulia in Ranaghat-II block upto Satbhaikalitala in Bongaon block is being fully cleaned of all water hyacinth weeds and floating debris. This work will provide a huge relief from inundation in Ranaghat-II block in Nadia, Bagda & Bongaon blocks and Bongaon Municipality in North 24-Parganas. This type of work for a such a long stretch has never been executed before, and the technological knowledge is not available in this Department and rates not available in the Departmental SoR. Hence, Expression of Interest (EoI) was invited by advertising in leading newspapers and following other methods as per norms for obtaining budgetary quotes. Based on technical pre-qualification selection and L1 financial rate received in the EoI, the DPR has been framed.
3. Removal of water hyacinth in the 1st year and continuous maintenance for next two years has been included in the DPR based on the quotes obtained in the EoI. The Chief Engineer opined that after continuous work to keep the 50 km stretch free of water hyacinth, it is expected that for the subsequent years the growth of water hyacinth would be much reduced.
4. It was proposed by the Financial Advisor that the scheme should be proposed for administrative approval under maintenance budget of the Department under SDS.
5. Finally, the scheme was recommended at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.80 crore by the committee for sending to the Finance Department for administrative approval by inclusion under Core Sector Revenue Head State Development Schemes budget of I&WD under Demand No. 32, B.P no 18 during the current FY 2020-21.


Secretary to the
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Dated, 31st December, 2020

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1. The Sr. P.A to Additional Chief Secretary
Irrigation & Waterways Department

2. The Financial Advisor
Irrigation & Waterways Department

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(A. Ghosh)
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

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Dated, 31st December, 2020

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1. The Chief Engineer (South)
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
- ✓ 2. Shri Sujay Saha
OSD & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary-III
Irrigation & Waterways Department

He is requested to upload this order in the official website of this Department.

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(A. Ghosh) 31.12.2020
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal