



Government of West Bengal
Irrigation & Waterways Department
Jalasampad Bhavan, 1st Floor, Western Block
Bidhannagar, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 091

Record of discussion of the review Meeting taken by the Principal Secretary/Irrigation & Waterways Department on 16.11.2021 at Jalsampad Bhawan, Salt Lake to review the progress of ongoing plan works, planning of new urgent schemes in 2021-22, Planning for upcoming Rabi-Boro Irrigation & related fund requirement etc.

The meeting was presided by the Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department. The following officials were present :-

List of attendees :-

1. The Principal Secretary, I & W Department.
2. Sri Amit Roy (Secretary, I & W Department).
3. Sri H.P. Purkait (Financial Advisor, I & W Department).
4. Sri N.J. Ghosh (Chief Engineer (South), I & W Directorate).
5. Sri S. Banerjee (Chief Engineer (North), I & W Directorate).
6. Sri D. Sengupta (Chief Engineer & Project Director (WBMIFMP), I & W Directorate).
7. Sri Uttam Roy, (Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project), I & W Directorate).
8. Sri Sanjoy Kundu (Chief Engineer (West), I & W Directorate).
9. Sri Subrata Chattopadhyay (Chief Engineer (South-West), I & W Directorate).
10. Sri Subhankar Chakraborty (Chief Engineer (North-East), I & W Directorate).
11. Sri Krishnendu Bhaumik (D.P. & Ex-Officio Chief Engineer), I & W Directorate).
12. Sri K.J. Pal (Chief Engineer, Design & Research, I & W Directorate).
13. Sri S.K. Dey (Chief Engineer (M&E), I & W Directorate).
14. Sri Manash Chakraborty (Joint Secretary, Technical, I & W Department).
15. Sri Biplab Mukhopadhyay (Joint Secretary, Works, I & W Department).
16. Sri Amitava Ghosh (Deputy Secretary-II, I & W Department).
17. Sri Smarajit Sarkar (Deputy Secretary-I, I & W Department).
18. Sri Sujoy Saha (OSD & Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary-III, I & W Department).
19. Sri Bivabasu Chatterjee (OSD & Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary-IV, I & W Department).
20. The Superintending Engineers concerned also participated online through Zoom Meet App.

A. Planning for upcoming Rabi-Boro Irrigation & related fund requirement etc.

- a. A consolidated report prepared by the Executive Engineer, DVC Study Cell, showing availability of water at different dam reservoirs and proposed area to be irrigated during the forthcoming Rabi-Boro irrigation period of 2021-2022 through 04 Major Irrigation Projects i.e. barrage and irrigation system of Damodar Valley Project, Kangsabati Reservoir Project, Mayurakshi Reservoir Project, Teesta Barrage Project, 18 nos medium & minor irrigation projects and some tidal irrigation projects was placed in the meeting for discussion. The total projected area for Rabi-Boro irrigation in ensuing 2021-22 period as per the said report is **6,11,161 acre**. Chief Engineer wise requirement of fund for undertaking pre-irrigation maintenance of irrigation infrastructure to facilitate Rabi-Boro irrigation was reported to the Department.
- b. The Chief Engineer (Mechanical & Electrical) was requested to resubmit the maintenance fund requirement for repair of gates & regulators of irrigation system only. The Department would allocate maintenance fund by the end of November'21, for this purpose.
- c. The Chief Engineer (South-West), Chief Engineer (West), Chief Engineer (North) and Chief Engineer (Teesta Barrage Project) were instructed to arrange the District level Development Committee Meetings by the end of November, 2021 in order to finalize the targeted area of Rabi-Boro canal irrigation. Final reports, from concerned Chief Engineers should reach the Executive engineer/ DVC Study Cell within 07.12.2021 who was entrusted to prepare a booklet like previous years in English and Bengali versions. The State level Meeting Boro Rabi irrigation meeting would be finalized thereafter.

B. Review of progress of on-going Plan Works :-

- a. It was clarified that flood protection work will be taken on priority from State Plan budget. Deputy Secretary-II reported that out of a total of 107 schemes primarily

identified in the Departmental Review Meeting held on 13.07.2021, Administrative Approval orders have been issued for 05 schemes. 42 no. schemes have been cleared by DSC. 10 schemes are in the process of according administrative approval. It was decided that out of the remaining schemes pending administrative approval, only those related to renovation of sluices and critical anti-erosion works would be given priority.

- b. It has been decided to process identified and prioritized schemes related to de-siltation of drainage channels/ khals located within Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation and Howrah Municipal Corporation for Administrative Approval for which allocation of requisite fund will be sought from the Finance Department.
- c. It was also reported that a total of 60 no. schemes [04 nos in irrigation sector & 56 nos in flood sector] have been sanctioned by NABARD under RIDF-XXVII during 2021-22 at an aggregate estimated cost of Rs. 418.50 crore. The Chief Engineers and the Superintending Engineers relating to this works were instructed to float e-tenders immediately. The administrative approval power for NABARD schemes which has been delegated to the Department would be processed simultaneously. Work order for different schemes will be issued only after the administrative approval is accorded.

C. Planning of urgent works under SDS budget:-

- 1) There has been huge devastation during 2021 monsoon season. Accordingly, priority is to be assigned on extremely urgent schemes mainly in flood control sector during the current financial year in which the primary or initial breach closure was completed under SDRF. Before the coming monsoon season of 2022, restoration of breached embankments to sustainable section has to be completed. DPR of all such schemes are to be submitted within 2nd week of December 2021 by the respective Chief Engineers to the Directorate Level Technical Committee or the Technical Committee of Chief Engineers under intimation to the Departmental Secretary for placing before the Departmental Screening Committee for their finalization and clearance for processing for

administrative approval as per availability of budget under Core SDS Departmental budget. All these restoration works of embankments, damaged sluices etc, during recent flood in 2021 may be proposed under SDS budget (Core & Maintenance) with convincing justifications, photographs of sites [pre & present] with latitude / longitude. It was instructed to prepare DPRs for refurbishment of Pujali Sluice, Medinipur Anicut, and bank protection work at Hatala in North Bengal on priority basis.

- 2) Based on handling of flood during 2021 monsoon some preparatory work needs to be started. Arrangement of flood fighting materials like local earth, boat, pontoon etc. apart from sand, poly bags to combat flood during monsoon of 2022, may be planned at strategic locations to avoid scarcity of such flood fighting materials at site as well as considering site accessibility problems. Concerned Chief Engineers may technically explore the proposal and invite EOI in a time bound manner.




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Principal Secretary

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