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(Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)



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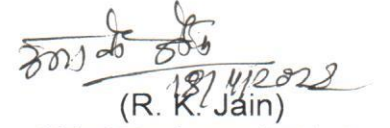
Sub: Minutes of the First meeting of Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) held on 07th April 2022 at 11.00 Hrs.

Sir/Madam,

The First meeting of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) was held on 07th April, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR.RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, in the Committee Room of Ministry of Labour and Employment, First Floor, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi. The Minutes of the meeting are enclosed for kind information.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above


(R. K. Jain)

Chief Engineer (HQ) &
Member Secretary of the Committee

To,

All Members and Invitees of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (As per list enclosed)

Copy for kind information to:

1. PPS to Secretary, D/o WR, RD & GR, MoJS, New Delhi.
2. SPS to DG, NWDA, New Delhi.
3. CE (N), NWDA, New Delhi.
4. Director (Tech), NWDA, New Delhi.
5. SE (N), NWDA, New Delhi.

List of members of Steering Committee (SC) of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP)

1.	Secretary (WR), DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Ministry of EF&CC, Government of India or his nominee	Member
3.	Shri L. K. Trivedi, Deputy Secretary (PFC-I), (Nominee Secretary), Department of Expenditure, Ministry Finance, Govt. of India	Member
4.	Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India or his nominee	Member
5.	Shri B. K. Arya, Member (Hydro), (Nominee Secretary), CEA, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India	Member
6.	Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, WRD, Govt. of MP	Member
7.	Shri Anil Garg, Principal Secretary, I & WRD, MoJS, Govt. of UP	Member
8.	Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC)	Member
9.	Member (WP&P), Central Water Commission	Member
10.	Member (D&R), Central Water Commission	Member
11.	Joint Secretary (RD&PP), DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi	Member
12.	Director General, National Water Development Agency (NWDA)	Member
13.	Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority representing Director General, National Tiger Conservation Authority	Member
14.	Additional Director General Forest/WL, MoEFCC representing Director General, Forest/Wildlife/MoEF&CC	Member
15.	Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Govt. of MP	Member
16.	Shri V. K. Niranjan, Engineer-in-Chief and HoD, I&WRD, MoJS, Govt. of UP	Member
17.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Govt. of MP	Member
18.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Govt. of UP	Member
19.	Shri Avinash Mishra, Adviser (Water & Land Resources), A representative from NITI Aayog	Member
20.	Chief Engineer, NWDA (HQ)	Member-Secretary

Minutes of the First meeting of Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) held on 07.04.2022 at 11:00 hrs. in the Committee Room of Ministry of Labour, 1st Floor, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

The first meeting of Steering Committee of Ken – Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti & Chairman, Steering Committee of KBLP on 07th April 2022 at 11.00 hrs. in the Committee Room of Ministry of Labour, 1st Floor, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annex-I.

2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all participants and highlighted main features of KBLP and its importance to Bundelkhand region. He emphasized that the joint implementation of the project with major central funding will be an excellent example of the cooperative federalism and requested cooperation of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and various Union Ministries/Departments to play a proactive and positive role in driving the implementation of the project. Then, the Chairman requested Director General, National Water Development Agency to take up agenda items of the meeting.
3. Director General, NWDA briefed the Committee about the agenda items proposed to be deliberated during the meeting. He then requested Member-Secretary to make presentation on the agenda items for detailed discussions.
4. Chief Engineer (Hq.), NWDA & Member Secretary of the Steering Committee made Power Point Presentation covering details of KBLP, approval by Govt. of India for the implementation of the project, constitution of Special Purpose Vehicle (Ken – Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA)), and Steering Committee of KBLP for implementation of the project as well as High Level Committee headed by Union Minister for Jal Shakti for resolving disputes arising at Steering Committee, physical and financial progress made during FY 2021-22, status of preparation of Landscape Management Plan (LMP) for Greater Panna Tiger Reserve by Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Land Acquisition and R&R for Daudhan reservoir, recruitment rules for engaging officials for KBLPA, opening of Head Offices and other offices of KBLPA, TOR for Project Management Consultant, work plan for year 2022-23 etc.
5. The Member-Secretary informed the committee that approval of Hon'ble Minister Jal Shakti has been obtained for entrusting the additional charge for CEO, Addl. CEO (HQ & Planning), Addl. CEO (Env., R&R and Land Acquisition) and Director (Fin.) posts of KBLPA as per prevailing work requirements of KBLP since engagement of requisite officials for KBLPA would take some time. He also informed that a Project Cell has been established in NWDA at New Delhi under Chief Engineer (Hq.) for utilizing funds, received by KBLPA, as per Gol guidelines and maintaining records for auditing.
6. After detailed deliberations on the agenda items, the following decisions were taken by the Steering Committee:

- i. The Government of Madhya Pradesh may actively pursue the land acquisition in respect of 21 villages for which notification under section-11 has already been issued by district authorities of Panna and Chhattarpur.
- ii. The Govt. of MP may initiate the process of transfer of non-forest Govt. land identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) for PTR/coming under submergence in 21 villages immediately.
- iii. Barkatullah University, Bhopal which has been engaged for socio economic survey for relocation of 12 revenue villages should be pursued to complete the work by mid of May, 2022 so that the R&R plan for all villages identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) for PTR/coming under submergence can be completed by June, 2022. District Authorities of Panna and Chhattarpur districts should constitute the requisite committees for verification, finalisation and implementation of R&R plan of these villages on priority. ACS, WRD, Govt. of MP also suggested to approach MoFF&CC for work permission in the limited area of PTR stating that impoundment of reservoir shall be made only after fulfilling all the conditions of environment clearance and wildlife clearance.
- iv. Looking at proximity of various components of KBLP, the SC-KBLP proposed the opening of the Head Office of KBLPA at Bhopal and offices at Chhattarpur and Jhansi. Officials of both the States agreed for providing the office space at these locations. KBLPA may carry out the refurbishing works at these office spaces as per requirements.
- v. The proposed recruitment rules for engagement of CEO and ACEOs for KBLPA were deliberated at length. The Committee suggested to review the requisite educational qualification and work experience proposed in the RRs for CEO and ACEOs of KBLPA. ACS, WRD, Govt. of MP and Principal Secretary, I&WRD, MoJS, Govt. of UP suggested the RRs should be framed in such a way that the post of CEO of KBLPA is open to candidates having administrative or technical experience in the water resources sector while post of ACEOs are filled by person from requisite technical background. The Chairman of the Committee directed that these recruitment rules for CEO/ACEOs for KBLPA may be modified suitably in light of the discussions held today in the meeting in consultation with Chairman, CWC and ACS/Principal Secretary of both the States and initiate the process for the engagement of CEO/ACEOs/Director(F) at the earliest. The Chairman of the Committee also enquired whether both the States have been requested to nominate the two ACEOs (from each State) as stipulated in the notification of the Authority. In this regard, DG, NWDA clarified that both the States shall be requested to nominate two suitable ACEOs each in due course once the process for engagement of CEO and ACEOs is initiated.
- vi. The Committee was intimated that WII has submitted the draft report on Landscape Management Plan (LMP) of PTR and same was discussed with all the stakeholders on

06.04.2022. It is planned to finalise the LMP report by 30th April, 2022 and the recommendation of the same along with implementation mechanism shall be placed in next meeting of Steering Committee.

- vii. The Committee felt that engagement of the Project Management Consultant (PMC) would be helpful in the timely implementation of the project using state of art technology. The Committee found that the proposed ToRs for PMC are broadly in order and advised that a committee may be constituted with representation from officials of KBLPA, CWC, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh to finalise ToRs and initiate the process for the engagement of PMC at the earliest.
 - viii. In the concluding remarks, Chairman of the Committee stressed on the proactive actions on the part of all the stakeholders particularly both the States to implement this project of national importance in a time bound manner. The work/activity plan for the implementation of the project may be prepared on monthly basis and monitored by the Authority on regular basis. The next meeting of the Committee may be convened sometime in the month of June, 2022.
6. The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair, all the members and participants.

List of participants of the First meeting of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP), held on 07.04.2022 at 11:00 hrs. in the Committee Room of Ministry of Labour, 1st Floor, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

1.	Shri Pankaj Kumar Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti	Chairman
2.	Shri S. N. Mishra Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Member
3.	Shri Anil Garg Principal Secretary, I&WRD, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Member
4.	Shri Kushvinder Vohra Member (WP&P), Central Water Commission	Member
5.	Shri Avinash Mishra Advisor, NITI Aayog, New Delhi	Member
6.	Shri Bhopal Singh Director General, National Water Development Agency	Member
7.	Shri S. K. Sibal Chief Engineer, Designs (NW&S), Central Water Commission	Representing Member (D&R)
8.	Shri Ashoka Kumar Singh Engineer-in-Chief & HOD, I&WRD, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Member
9.	Shri Shesh N. Mishra Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Member
10.	Shri J. S. Chauhan PCCF & CWLW, Madhya Pradesh	Representing Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
11.	Shri Rajendra G. Garawad DIG, National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi	Representing Member Secretary
12.	Shri Suneet Bhardwaj AIG, MoEF&CC	Representing Additional Director General Forest/WL

13.	Shri Rajeev Varsihney Director, CEA	Member Representing Member (Hydro)/Secretary
14.	Shri L. K. Trivedi Deputy Secretary (PFC-I), Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi	Representing Secretary
15.	Shri R. K. Jain Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA, New Delhi	Member Secretary
Other Officials		
16.	Shri Sunil Sharma JD (Wildlife), MoEF&CC	
17.	Shri Rakesh Kumar Deputy Director, CEA	
NWDA Officials		
18.	Shri Shiva Prakash Chief Engineer (North), NWDA, Lucknow	
19.	Shri D. K. Sharma Director (Tech.), NWDA, New Delhi	
20.	Shri S. C. Awasthi Superintending Engineer (North), NWDA, Lucknow	
21.	Shri B. L. Sharma Superintending Engineer, NWDA, Gwalior	
22.	Shri R. K. Gupta Executive Engineer, NWDA, Jhansi	
23.	Shri S. K. Gawande Executive Engineer, NWDA, Bhopal	
24.	Shri K. K. Rao Assistant Director, NWDA, New Delhi	
25.	Shri K. Krishna Murthy Assistant Director, NWDA, New Delhi	