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**Sub: Minutes of the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC- KBLP) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

The minutes of the (8<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) held on 18.12.2025 (Thursday) at Bhopal (M.P.) duly approved by Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR. Ministry of Jal Shakti and Chairman of the committee as enclosed for information and needful action please.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Manglik)

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To,

All members & Invitees  
(As per list enclosed)

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3. CEO, KBLPA, Bhopal
4. Chief Engineer (N), NWDA, Lucknow
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**List of members / invitees 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.	Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India or his nominee	Member
4.	Deputy Secretary (PFC-I), (Nominee of Secretary), Department of Expenditure, Ministry Finance, Govt. of India	Member
5.	Member (Hydro), (Nominee of Secretary), CEA, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India	Member
6.	Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, WRD, Govt. of MP	Member
7.	Additional Chief Secretary/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, MoJS, New Delhi	Member
12.	Director General, National Water Development Agency (NWDA)	Member
13.	CEO, KBLPA, DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Bhopal	Member
14.	Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority representing Director General, National Tiger Conservation Authority	Member
15.	Additional Director General Forest/WL, MoEFCC representing Director General, Forest/Wildlife/MoEF&CC	Member
16.	Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Govt. of MP	Member
17.	Engineer-in-Chief and HoD, I&WRD, MoJS, Govt. of UP	Member
18.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Govt. of MP	Member
19.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Govt. of UP	Member
20.	Advisor (Water & Land Resources), A representative from NITI Aayog	Member
21.	JS & FA, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India	Member
22.	Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA, New Delhi	Member-Secretary

**Special Invitees:**

1.	The District Collector, Panna
2.	The District Collector, Chhatarpur
3.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Land Management, Forest Dept., Govt. of MP, Bhopal
2.	Chairman of TAG for KBLPA & Former Director (Technical), NHPC, Faridabad
3.	ACEO (HQ&P), KBLPA & Chief Engineer (N), NWDA, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, Govt. of India
4.	ACEO (HW), KBLPA, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, Bhopal
5.	Chief Engineer (BODHI), WRD, Govt. of MP
6.	Director (F), KBLPA, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, Govt. of India
7.	Senior Joint Commissioner (BM), DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, New Delhi.

## **Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC- KBLP) held on 18.12.2025 at Bhopal**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Ken–Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) was held under the chairmanship of Shri V. L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India on 18.12.2025 at 14:00 hrs. at Bhopal. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset Joint Secretary (RD&PP), DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India welcomed all the participants. Special Purpose Vehicle i.e. Ken Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) has been formed for execution of project in co-ordination with the state of Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Madhya Pradesh (MP) and other stakeholders. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has been formed to advise the KBLPA on technical issues. Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has been formed for taking the policy level decision, wherein the representation from various Department of State Government of both the State i.e. UP&MP and various Ministries/ Organization of Government of India are its member. Seven meeting of the Steering Committee has been held so far. He requested Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR for his opening remarks.

Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India in his opening remarks stated that Ken–Betwa Link Project is most ambitious 1<sup>st</sup> interlinking of river project in the country being implemented between the state of UP and MP at an estimated cost of Rs. 44,605 Crore sanctioned in December, 2021. The project will significantly benefit the drought-prone area of Bundelkhand region. Successful implementation of Ken Betwa Link Project will set a role model for other upcoming Inter Linking of River project in the country. Budget provision of Rs. 2400 crore has been kept in the FY 2025-26 and expenditure is meagre till now, which is a cause of concern. Timeline shall be set for all the components whether being implemented by KBLPA or by State of UP & MP. Review of the project is being done at the highest level in the Govt. of India. It's our collective responsibility to deliver the project in time. SPV i.e. KBLPA has been created with the main purpose of expediting the progress of project and deliver in a faster way than conventional one. I, am looking for the support from all the stakeholders.

Thereafter, the Joint Secretary (RD&PP), asked Member- Secretary to proceed with the agenda of the meeting. The Member Secretary, SC-KBLPA, presented the agenda items for the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SC-KBLP. The brief of deliberations held and decisions taken on each agenda item are as follows: —

### **8.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of SC-KBLP**

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) was held on 24.04.2025 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti. It was informed that MoM of 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was circulated vide letter dated 20.05.2025. As no comments had been received from any member of the Committee, the Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting may be confirmed as circulated.

### **8.2 Follow up action of 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The updated status and follow up actions on the decisions taken in the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee are as under: -

Sl. No.	Decisions Taken in 7 <sup>th</sup> meeting of SC-KBLP	Follow up Action
7.3	LA and R&R of Daudhan Dam	Detailed at Item No.-8.3
7.4	Land acquisition for Link Canal	Detailed at Item No.-8.4
7.5	Tender Document for Link Canal	Detailed at Item No.-8.5
7.6	Status of State specific DPR	Detailed at Item No.-8.6
7.7	Status of Work of Daudhan Dam	Detailed at Item No.-8.7
7.8	Attachment of Offices by UP and MP	1. WRD, MP has attached 1-SE, 4-EE, 4-

		<p>AE,5-JE, 2-DA, 3-Steno,7- Assistant (26 Nos.) -</p> <p>2. I&amp;WRD, UP has issued order for deputation of 1-SE, 4-AE and 12 JEs</p> <p>SE is on additional charge and DA has not joined from MP. 5 JE's from UP has joined.</p> <p>Issue of salary may be looked after by I&amp;WRD, UP as the JE's joined at KBLPA have not got their salaries of 2 month. PS, I&amp;WRD, UP informed that remaining officers shall join at KBLPA within 15 days.</p> <p>It was desired that the manpower requirement shall be assessed by the KBLPA as per requirement of SPV. Issue if any shall be discussed in the Authority with both the State.</p>
7.9	E.C. of Lower Orr Dam Project	Detailed at Item No.-8.8
7.10	Status of SNA Sparsh	Both the State of UP & MP have onboarded in SNA-Sparsh. Mother Sanction has been issued to UP (Component-Ib) and MP (Component-II) Mother Sanction for Component-Ib of MP is in process.
7.11	Release of State share to KBLPA	<p>JS (RD&amp;PP) intimated that KBLPA has requested to release the 10% State share and both the States are yet to release their state share.</p> <p>ACS, WRD, MP informed that they have kept the budget and will be released in this financial year by December,2025.</p> <p>PS, I&amp;WRD, UP informed that Budget provision has not been kept in this FY 2025-26. Budget provision of Rs. 200 Crore has been kept in FY 2026-27 and will be released to KBLPA.</p> <p>Secretary, DoWR, RD&amp;GR asked both the State to keep Budget provision.</p>
7.12	Status of Budget & Expenditure	Detailed at Item No.-8.9
7.13	Physical & Financial Progress of State specific Work	Detailed at Item No.-8.10
7.14	Work Plan 2025-26 and 2026-27	Detailed at Item No.-8.9
7.15	Status of Power House-I & II	Detailed at Item No.-8.11
7.16	Status of Pump House	Detailed at Item No.-8.12
7.17	Internal Audit of KBLPA	As agreed in the meeting held between CEO, KBLPA and DG, NWDA held on 27.08.2025, it was agreed that NWDA will conduct internal audits and inspections of the KBLPA.
7.18	Financial Powers of KBLPA	DoFP submitted to the DoWR, RD&GR.
7.19	Bye Laws of KBLPA	DoWR, RD&GR has approved the Bye-Laws (Rules & Regulations) of Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) vide letter dated: 08.10.2025
7.20	Other issues	
1	Member Secretary of SC-KBLPA would be ACEO (HQ/P), KBLPA instead of Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA	To be taken up

2	Monthly review shall be conducted to monitor the progress of the project by JS(RD&PP), DoWR, RD&GR	Project is being reviewed time to time by the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Secretary (WR, RD&GR), Additional secretary (WR, RD&GR) and Joint secretary (RD&PP)
3	The PMC should be mobilized in place by 01.06.2025	Contract agreement has been signed on 24.06.2025. 12 key experts and 14 Non keys experts have joined.
4	Forest Department may share the Action Plan for 2025-26 with KBLP.	Awaited. It was desired that the Forest Department may submit the Action Plan and Progress.
5	CWC may thoroughly scrutinize the Cost estimates provided in the Detailed Project Reports (DPR) submitted by the respective State Governments for various components of KBLP.	Cost estimate provided in the detailed project report are being scrutinized by CWC and thereafter the project is included for funding under the Ken Betwa Link project.

### 8.3 Land Acquisition and R&R for Daudhan Dam

#### a. Transfer of Land to PTR/ Forest Department (6017ha)

The PTR Authorities have accepted that total 6017 ha non-forest land has been transferred/ mutated by respective Collectors against desired 6017 ha forest land. District wise detail of non-forest land is as under: -

District	Revenue/ Government Land (ha)	Private Land (ha)	Total Land (ha)
Chhatarpur	3217.933	529.507	3747.44
Panna	912.37	694.130	1606.50
Damoh	663.06	0.0	663.06
Total	4793.363	1223.637	6017

It has been informed that 3885.66 ha encroachment free land has been transferred to PTR. However, PCCF (Wildlife), informed that possession of 2160.00ha land has been given to PTR. District Collector, Chhatarpur and Executive Engineer, WRD, Panna informed that all villages will be evacuated by February 2026, subsequent to which the remaining non-forest land will be handed over to PTR. Thus, by March 2026 remaining encroachment free land will be transferred to PTR. ACS, WRD, MP asked the District Collectors to ensure that remaining encroachment free land is transferred to PTR by March, 2026.

#### b) Land acquisition and R&R of Daudhan Dam

3239 ha (Govt Land: 1784.67 ha + Private Land 1454.33ha) of land is under submergence of Daudhan Dam. Land acquisition in respect of Daudhan Dam is completed. 100% land under submergence has been transferred to WRD, MP.

### Status of Award, Disbursement and Implementation of R&R:

#### i. Payment for Acquisition of Private Land:

The District Collectors of Chhatarpur and Panna have passed Land Acquisition (LA) awards amounting to ₹267.68 crore and ₹92.98 crore, respectively, for 21+1 villages (14 villages in Chhatarpur and 7+1 villages in Panna) on 20.09.2023 and 27.09.2023, in accordance with the provisions of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013. Following is the details of award and disbursement: -

District	Villages Affected	Person	Award Amount (In Crore ₹)	Disbursement (In Crore ₹)
Panna	8	1699	92.98	82.96
Chhatarpur	14	9214	267.69	234.74

Total	22	10913	360.67	317.70
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## ii. Payment for Abadi:

Following is the details of award and disbursement towards property in Abadi Area: -

District	Villages Affected	Person	Award Amount (In Crore ₹)	Disbursement (In Crore ₹)
Panna	7	1291	65.65	51.30
Chhatarpur	13	3383	84.58	78.46
Total	20	4674	150.23	129.76

## iii. Status of R&R:

As per the details available following are the PAFs:-

District	Villages Affected	PAFs (Preliminary Assessment)	PAFs (LA act-2013 Dhara-11)	PAF opted for Special Package	PAF opted for Plots	Undecided PAF
Panna	7	1876	1058	1058	0	0
Chhatarpur	14	4979	3800	3080	91	629
Total	21	6855	4858	4138	91	629

**ACS, WRD, MP asked the Collector, Chhatarpur regarding the status of PAF who have opted for Plot (91 nos.) and undecided PAF (629nos.). Collector, Chhatarpur intimated that all the PAF have now opted for R&R package. Following is status of PAF along with award and disbursement:**

District	Villages Affected	PAFs (LA act-2013 Dhara-11)	Award Amount (In Crore ₹)	Disbursement (In Crore ₹)
Panna	7	1058	132.25	132.00
Chhatarpur	14	3800	385.00	355.47
Total	21	4858	517.25	487.47

**Overall status of fund released, award issued and disbursement made is as under: -**

District	Fund released (In Crore ₹)	Award Amount (In Crore ₹)	Disbursement (In Crore ₹)	Fund released by
Panna	489.72	290.88	266.26	Gol:1498.44 MP: 97.94
Chhatarpur	1106.66	732.26	668.67	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1596.38</b>	<b>1028.14</b>	<b>934.93</b>	

**CEO, KBLPA informed that with the construction of coffer dam for Daudhan dam in Ken River three villages namely Daudhan, Palkoha and Kharyani near the dam site are located in close proximity to the dam area and therefore need to be vacated on top priority.**

District Collector, Chhatarpur intimated that Notices for Eviction has been issued. Eviction of villages will start from January, 2026. **The District Collector assured that these three villages will be vacated in January, 2026, while the remaining villages will be evacuated by February, 2026. Similarly for Panna, Notices for Eviction has been issued in respect of 2 Villages. Remaining will be issued shortly.**

Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR asked the District Collectors of Panna, Chhatarpur and Damoh to ensure that by March, 2026 all the villages get evicted and encroachment free land is transferred to PTR as earlier timeline of December, 2025 has not been complied.

#### 8.4 Alignment of Link Canal & Land acquisition

##### Status of Alignment of Link Canal:

**It was informed that a 218.60 km long Ken–Betwa Link Main Canal is proposed, the alignment of which passes through Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, and Niwari districts of Madhya Pradesh and Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh.** Following is the status of alignment: -

- TAG has recommended the revised alignment in its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13.08.2025
- CWC has in-principal approved the revised alignment received vide letter dated 22.09.2025.
- ACEO (Canals) intimated that as per requirement of state of UP and MP design discharge of canal at the head is about 180.00 cumecs.
- WRD, MP has raised observation on the outfall of Link Canal in the Barua Sagar vide letter dated 27.10.2025, which has been replied by ACEO (Canals) vide letter dated:30.10.2025

Joint Secretary (RD&PP) informed to the Steering Committee that alignment has been modified and vetted by the TAG, CWC, however same has not been approved by Steering Committee.

After detailed discussion with the State of UP and MP revised alignment has been approved by the Steering Committee, as the issues raised by both the States has been addressed and there are no issues.

Land Acquisition for Link Canal:

**The approximate land requirement for the project including Revenue, Private and Forest land, is as detailed below: -**

S. N.	No. of Villages	Land Required (Revenue + Pvt +Forest)
1	99 Villages in MP	2517.40
2	11 Villages in UP	239.86
	Total	2757.26

##### Madhya Pradesh

Additional Chief Secretary , WRD, MP informed that notification under Section 11(1) of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 for all 99 villages of Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh and Niwari districts was published in the Gazette of Madhya Pradesh in March, 2024.

District Administration Chhatarpur has extended the Section 11(1) for 1 more year, which is valid upto March, 2026. Section 11(1) is to be issued for additional areas in Chhatarpur as per revised alignment. Tikamgarh and Niwari has to issue Section 11(1) afresh as per revised alignment.

Regarding the availability of fund, it was informed that fund is available with the Collector, Chhatarpur (Fund released ₹1106.66-Award amount ₹732.26=₹374.40 Crore). Collector, Chhatarpur informed that Notification under Section-19 can be issued within a month. Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR asked the ACS, WRD, MP and Collector, Chhatarpur to deploy the special team for issuance of Section-19. He further asked the Collector's of Tikamgarh and Niwari to issue the Notification under Section 11(1) within a month.

##### Uttar Pradesh:

The concerned Officials of the Government of UP informed that most of the preparatory work has been done and sought the co-ordinates of Link Canal at Bagora Village. CEO, KBLPA ensured that the same will be given immediately.

Chairman-SC informed that ₹100.00 Crore has been kept for LA work of Link Canal. The State of UP may raise the demand for fund. ACEO (Construction), KBLP- I&WRD, UP informed that by 15.01.2026 demand will be submitted to KBLPA based on the requisition from District Collector.

Notification under Section 11(1) is expected to be completed by January, 2026. Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR asked the PS, I&WRD, UP to ensure that demand is submitted to KBLPA by 15.01.2026.

### 8.5 Tender Document for Link Canal:

Member Secretary informed that Land Acquisition and drafting of Tender document can be taken up simultaneously. CEO, KBLPA intimated that draft tender document is ready as per original alignment. Revision of Tender document is in progress as per revised alignment. Tender for Package-I will be placed to TAG in December, 2025 and by January, 2026 Tender document will be submitted to Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC). CEO, KBLPA requested for approval of constitution of TEC at the earliest.

Joint Secretary (RD&PP) **informed that** TEC as per following composition is proposed:

1.	Chief Executive Officer, KBLPA	Chairman
2.	Engineer-in-Chief, WRD, MP or his representative not below the rank of Chief Engineer	Member
3.	Engineer-in-Chief, I&WRD, UP or his representative not below the rank of Chief Engineer	Member
4.	Financial Adviser, DoWR, RD&GR or his representative	Member
5.	Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA	Member
6.	Chief Engineer, PAO, CWC	Member
7.	Senior Joint Commissioner (BM-I)	Member
8.	ACEO (Canal), KBLPA Jhansi	Member-Secretary

#### **Steering Committee approved the proposed TEC.**

**Chairman-SC** sought the details of Package-I & Package-II. CEO, KBLPA intimated that Package-I is from Upper-Level Tunnel outlet (Beyond scope of EPC contract of Daudhan Dam) to near River Dhasan and Package-II is from the River Dhasan to outfall at Barwa Sagar dam. The Estimated Cost of Package-I is about ₹3000.00 Crore and Package-II is ₹2500.00 Crore.

Joint Secretary (RD&PP) informed to the Steering Committee that Tender for two Packages for the Link has been proposed by the KBLPA after discussion at TAG, however same has not been approved by Steering Committee till now.

**Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR and Chairman-SC** sought the opinion of both the States and other Members of Steering Committee regarding the number of Packages for Tendering.

ACS, WRD, MP intimated that as per his experience number of packages may be increased. At present Package are of about 110 Km. In other projects of MP most of the canal length is about 50-60 Km. The official of the Government of **UP informed that in Saryu Nahar Pariyojana- length of individual package was about 40-50 Km.**

**CEO, KBLPA informed that by increasing the number of packages in EPC mode may create issue of hydraulic connectivity in interfacing after execution. Two packages has been proposed. If considerate opinion is given, number of packages can be increased. ACS, WRD, MP sought the availability of eligible contractors to have better competition. CEO, KBLPA informed that sufficient bidders are available. In case the number of Packages are increased, it may involve the bidder, who may not have sophisticated machineries, experience and managing the contract may be issue.**

After detailed discussion with all the members, EPC Tendering for Link Canal has been approved by the Steering Committee in Two Packages i.e. Package-I [from Upper-Level Tunnel outlet (Beyond scope of EPC contract of Daudhan Dam) to near River Dhasan] and Package-II [from the River Dhasan to outfall at Barwa Sagar dam].

**Chairman-SC** sought the timeline for finalisation of Tender. CEO, KBLPA, informed that the Draft Tender Document for Package-I is at an advanced/final stage and would be submitted to TEC in January 2026 for their approval after discussion at TAG likely by December, 2025. After approval of Tender Document of Package – I from the DoWR, RD&GR, Tender Document of Package – II shall be finalized soon.

**Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR and Chairman-SC** directed that the tender be floated by March 2026. He further directed the WRD, Madhya Pradesh and I&WRD, UP to simultaneously complete at least 80%

of land acquisition.

## 8.6 Status of State Specific Projects – S&I, Preparation of DPR-UP

### A. Uttar Pradesh:

#### I) Banda Barrage:

It was informed that due to change in the axis of Banda barrage, fresh geological, geotechnical and topographical survey were needed. Topographical survey & geological investigations, drilling has been completed. Report from GSI awaited.

I&WRD, UP has raised the issue of increasing of Pond Level of Banda Barrage from 104.00m to 107.00m in the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of TAG held on 13.08.2025. WRD, MP vide letter dated: 11.09.2025 has requested for the data from UP so that issue of submergence can be verified. **ACEO (Construction), KBLP- I&WRD, UP informed that they have compiled the data and will share with MP shortly.**

**ACS, WRD, MP asked, whether there will be any submergence in Madhya Pradesh due to increase of Pond Level. In this regards, the concerned Officials of Government of UP has informed that submergence will be within the River area.** After finalisation of Pond Level all the field data will be submitted to CWC for design and drawing of Banda Barrage. On receipt of design and drawing from CWC, estimate and other chapters will be prepared by NWDA.

I&WRD, UP may submit the details of command area, conveyance system so that same can be incorporated in DPR as suggested by CWC in case of Pailani Barrage (meeting dated: 11.11.2025).

Based on above, DPR is likely to be submitted by March, 2026.

#### II) Pailani Barrage

NWDA has submitted the DPR to I&WRD, UP. I&WRD, UP has submitted the DPR to CWC for Appraisal on 01.07.2025. CWC has finalized the cost of Pailani Barrage at an estimated cost of ₹2444.64 Crore on 08.09.2025. In a meeting held on 11.11.2025 in CWC, it was decided that the revised DPR of the Pailani Barrage would be resubmitted by UP for complete Techno-Economic appraisal in CWC. I&WRD, UP intimated that Revised DPR will be submitted to CWC in December 2025.

#### III) DPR for Renovation and Modernisation of Tanks in Mahoba and Enroute:

NWDA has submitted the DPR to I&WRD, UP. I&WRD, UP has submitted the DPR to CWC for Appraisal in May, 2025. Appraisal of the DPR is under process. Compliance is awaited from State of UP. Compliance is awaited from State of UP. I&WRD, UP assured that they will submit the compliance in December, 2025. The CWC has been directed to complete the appraisal by January 2026.

#### IV) DPR for Strengthening/ Repair of Bariyarpur PUW, Parichha Weir, Barwa Sagar Dam etc.

The Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Uttar Pradesh informed that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted to the CWC for appraisal in July 2025. Chief Engineer, PAO, CWC informed that there are issues with the proposed Gates in DPR. Details have been sought from project Authorities. Compliance is awaited from State of UP. CWC and UP may take pro-active action.

#### V) DPR for i) Developing pumping system, pipe distribution network and micro irrigation System from Ken Betwa link canal to serve 17,488 ha of enroute commands of Uttar Pradesh and ii) Development of new command area 37,564 ha in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh with pressurized pipe micro irrigation system:

I&WRD, UP has submitted the DPR to CWC for Appraisal in July, 2025. Cost appraisal has been approved by CWC on 26.11.2025. Next stage of approval will be taken in concurrence of the execution work of Ken-Betwa Link Canal by I&WRD, UP.

### B. Madhya Pradesh

**I) Ken Left Bank Canal of MP:**

WRD, MP has submitted the DPR to CWC 03.10.2025 for Appraisal. WRD, MP has made the presentation to CWC on 03.12.025. ACS, WRD, MP intimated that this component can be executed in parallel with Daudhan Dam as the work of Daudhan Dam, LLT and ULT has been awarded.

Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR and Chairman- SC sought the timeline from KBLPA. CEO, KBLPA intimated that by December, 2030 Dam work be completed.

CEO, KBLPA requested to share the DPR of this component as it will draw the water from Lower-Level Tunnel for interface purpose.

**II) Bariyarpur Left Bank Canal of MP:**

From the existing Bariyarpur Left Bank Canal (LBC), a CCA of 38,890 ha will be covered through the existing open canal network in Chhatarpur district. The WRD, Government of Madhya Pradesh, informed that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted to the Central Water Commission (CWC). CWC has sought additional information on the project, as it had earlier been taken up under AIBP and PMKSY and was completed during 2018–19, i.e., about five years ago.

It was further informed that while the benefits of the project components have been included under the Ken–Betwa Link Project, the corresponding financial provisions were not incorporated in the approved outlay of the Ken–Betwa Link Project.

After detailed discussion, it was agreed that the WRD, MP may take up the work from their own budget and will not be a part of future agenda.

**III) DPR for Developing pumping irrigation system by lifting water from Daudhan reservoir/initial reach of Link water carrier to serve a part of high-level command (43,678 ha.) of Chhatarpur District of MP.**

DPR is being prepared by WRD, MP. WRD, MP intimated that field survey and investigation work has been completed. DPR is likely to be completed by March, 2026.

**IV) DPR for Patne Bearma Project (in lieu of Panna Hatta LIS)**

Screening Committee of CWC has accorded In-Principal Consent to Pre-feasibility Report for preparation of DPR on 06.02.2025 of Patne Bearma Project in lieu of Panna Hatta Lift System. DPR is being prepared by WRD, MP. KBLPA highlighted that since the construction of Daudhan dam is in progress and the works of link canal will commence in near future, therefore existing setup and the arrangement of Daudhan Dam and KB Link Canal should not be altered in the proposed DPR.

WRD, MP intimated that field survey and investigation work has been completed. DPR is likely to be completed by March, 2026

**V) DPR for developing pumping system, pipe distribution network and micro irrigation system from Ken- Betwa link canal to serve left out area of 42,096 ha. of high-level command & 96,751 ha. enroute command of MP.**

DPR is being prepared by WRD, MP. WRD, MP intimated that field survey and investigation work has been completed. DPR is likely to be completed by March, 2026.

**VI) DPR for augmenting supply to the tanks of MP**

DPR of 42 tanks is being prepared by NWDA. Tender for topographical survey of 20 new tanks has been issued. DPRs is likely to be submitted to CWC by March 2026.

**8.7 Status of work of Daudhan Dam and Its Appurtenant structures etc.**

The status of progress of the Daudhan Dam was presented to the Steering Committee. The contractor-initiated mobilization in April 2025. Sub-contractors for Design and Hydro-Mechanical (HM) works have been approved, and pre-construction activities are nearing completion. Installation of machinery and batching plants is in progress. The colony and office layouts have been approved, and construction activities have commenced. Road widening and strengthening works from Bhusor Gate to the dam site are underway. Foundation excavation for Concrete Dam Blocks 1 to 19 is

presently in progress.

MoUs have been signed with the CWC, CSMRS, and GSI for expert technical support. MoU has also been signed with the MP-SPCB for monitoring of air quality, water quality and noise levels.

The CEO, KBLPA, and the ACEO (HW) highlighted the following issues requiring attention:

- Tree felling permissions for Dam Blocks 20 to 40 need to be prioritized by the PTR / Forest Department.
- 46.21 ha land (Revenue 26.87 ha +river 19.34 ha) of land on the right bank of Daudhan Dam, earlier not considered as forest land, has now been identified as forest land during the tree-cutting process (declared as Forest land in 2022). The matter to be taken up.
- Working hours at site need to be increased to maintain the construction schedule.
- For facilitating construction of balance portion of coffer dam of the Daudhan, water level in the river is required to be lowered by releasing water from Gangau weir

The PCCF (Wildlife) informed that 26.87 ha of land on the right bank of the Daudhan Dam, originally recorded as revenue land of Gangau village, was notified as part of a Protected Area in 2022. Accordingly, a forest diversion proposal is required to be submitted by the Project Authority.

The Chairman-SC directed the KBLPA to take up the matter with the Forest Department and send a note to DoWR,RD&GR, so that matter can be taken up with the MoEF&CC.

The Chairman-SC directed the KBLPA to upload the forest diversion proposal on the PARIVESH Portal by 15.01.2026. The Chairman-SC further directed the KBLPA to expeditiously complete all pending forest land clearance-related matters. The Panna Tiger Reserve and the concerned Forest Division were also requested to extend necessary support to facilitate timely forest land clearances, tree felling.

Regarding the depletion from Gangau Dam, Chairman-SC directed the KBLPA to submit a formal request to the Government of UP and coordinate with the authorities of Uttar Pradesh for regulated discharge from Gangau Dam.

### 8.8 Environmental Clearance of Lower Orr Dam Project

The status is same as informed in the previous SC meeting. The WAPCOS has submitted damage assessment report of Lower Orr Dam. Representative of MoEF&CC informed that presently there is ban on the appraisal of violation cases, by MoEF&CC due to the order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

WRD, MP vide letter dated: 03.10.2025 has also sought clarification regarding filling of the Dam as the Headwork has been completed, so that phase wise irrigation potential can be started.

Matter has been discussed with the WAPCOS, MoEF&CC in view of Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated: 18.11.2025 and they have intimated that Notification will be issued after seeking legal views on the judgement

The Chairman-SC said that DoWR,RD&GR will coordinate with the MoEF&CC regarding the same.

### 8.9 Revised Estimate, Expenditure of 2025-26 and Budget Estimate of 2026-27

Following is the Budget Estimate 2025-26 allotted, Revised Estimate 2025-26 and Budget Estimate of 2026-27 proposed based on the information received from all the stakeholders:-

Budget Head	In Crore ₹			
	BE 2025-26	Exp upto 30.11.2025	RE 2025-26	BE 2026-27
ILR (KBLP)				
General	33.00	4.90	20.10	26.00
Salary	11.00	1.71	3.36	8.99
Creation of Capital Assets	925.00	0.00	968.37	887.99
Grant-in aid to State Govts				
General	26.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creation of Capital	1405.00	102.87	902.50	1258.09

Total ILR	2400.00	109.48	1894.33	2181.07
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The Chairman-SC, expressed concern over the very low expenditure incurred on the project up to November 2025 and directed KBLPA, WRD, MP, and I&WRD, UP, to prepare a concrete plan to ensure that the budgeted provisions for FY 2025–26 are fully utilised and that commensurate physical progress is achieved.

### 8.10 Physical and financial progress of works of MP & UP

Following is the physical and financial progress of ongoing works of MP:-

S.N.	Name of Project	Gol-approved*/ CWC appraised cost** (₹ in crore)	Expenditure till 11/2025 (₹ in crore)	Physical Progress upto 30.11.2025		Total Work (%)	Designed Irrigation (Ha.)
				Head Work (%)	Canal Work (%)		
1	Lower Orr Dam	3426.39*/ 2657.04**	1942.15	100.00	48.00	73.00	90,000
2	Kotha Barrage	860.07*/ 709.47**	486.98	82.00	72.00	77.00	20,000
3	Bina Complex <sup>\$</sup>	4182.06*/ 3353.62**	2736.32	100.00*	66.00*	60.00*	96,000
	*PL 2020-21	**PL2017-18					

<sup>\$</sup> For two dams out of 4 dams in Bina Complex project

Following is the physical and financial progress of ongoing works of UP:-

Project	Gol-approved*/ CWC appraised cost** (₹ in crore)	Budget plan 2025-26 (₹ in crore)	Expenditure till 11/2025 (₹ in crore)	Physical progress (%)	Contract award date	Expected date of completion
Restoration of Ken Canal System	1000.00*/ 1191.51**	350	96.82	10 %	03/2025	03/2028
*PL 2020-21	**PL 2023-24					

### 8.11 Power House Construction under KBLP Phase-I:

#### Power House-I

It was informed that MoEF&CC has stipulated that “the State Government and the User Agency shall ensure that the proposed Power House, having a capacity of 78 MW, shall not be constructed in the forest area proposed for diversion, so as to avoid constant disturbance in the Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR).”

In this context M/s WAPCOS conducted an economic viability and cost-benefit analysis for Power House-I and concluded that relocation of Power House-I outside the PTR area is not feasible on techno-economic grounds.

During the site visit held on 06.09.2025 by the ACS, Forest Department, MP; Deputy Director, PTR, Government of Madhya Pradesh intimated that Power House-I is located on revenue (non-forest) land and not within forest land.

The Chairman-SC asked the PCCF(WL), Forest Department, MP, whether it is true. PCCF(WL) intimated that the Power House-I is falling in revenue land, however running of Power house may create disturbance. CEO, KBLPA informed that now a days Power House are sound proof and being

monitored through SCADA remotely.

DPR of Power House-I is part of DPR of Ken Betwa Link project. WRD, MP intimated that execution of Power House-I is to be done by KBLPA and 100% funding is to be done by Government of MP. Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR and Chairman-SC directed that the land records may be verified and the matter may be intimated to MoEF&CC with supporting documents. Subsequent action for execution of Power House-I may be taken up in co-ordination with WRD, MP.

#### **Power House-II**

KBLPA may prepare the DPR of Power House-II considering MoEF&CC restrictions by engaging PSU of the DoWR, RD&GR. Details if any may be taken from the WRD, MP.

#### **8.12 Pump House for Upper Tunnel:**

The construction of a pumping system to lift water to the upper-level tunnel, ensuring water supply in the Ken-Betwa Link Canal whenever the reservoir depletes below the crown level of the Upper-Level Tunnel. The monthly water distribution between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh has now been finalized.

The KBLPA may take necessary action for location, feasibility and DPR of the pump house or any other arrangement in consultation with WRD, GoMP and CWC, so that the project may serve its intended purpose.

#### **8.13 Status of implementation of Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP):**

Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR and Chairman-SC sought the background of ILMP. ACEO (HQ/P) briefed about the ILMP and its implementation. The ILMP was prepared by WII, Dehradun and is to be implemented under the guidance of the Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC), constituted vide order dated 16.10.2023 and chaired by the Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh.

First meeting of the GPLC was held on 05.09.2023 at Bhopal. Second meeting of the GPLC was held on 20.11.2025 at Bhopal.

PCCF (Wildlife) has submitted a proposal for release of funds amounting to ₹49.00 crore, out of which ₹13.11 crore is earmarked for implementation of the ILMP in Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR), and the remaining ₹35.89 crore is proposed for implementation of the Integrated River Landscape Component (IRLC) for the year 2025–26.

The ACEO (HQ/P), KBLPA informed that proposal for release of ₹13.11 crore for implementation of the ILMP in PTR has been processed. However, with regard to the release of ₹35.89 crore for IRLC, it was stated that the final Detailed Project Report (DPR), utilization details of ₹5.00 crore already released to PTR, along with detailed designs and drawings, have not yet been received.

The Chairman-SC directed the PCCF (Wildlife) to submit all requisite documents to the KBLPA by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 for facilitating the release of funds for IRLC.

#### **8.14 Implementation of CAT, CA by Forest Department**

An amount of ₹272.59 crore and ₹256.51 crore has been deposited with CAMPA for the implementation of the Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan and the Compensatory Afforestation (CA) Plan, respectively. Against the total funds deposited, progress reports for works amounting to ₹8.40 crore under CAT and ₹21.64 crore under CA have been submitted so far by the State Forest Department up to FY 2024–25 and FY 2025–26 (up to July 2025).

The ACEO (HQ/P) informed that requests have been made to the Forest Department for submission of the detailed work plan and updated progress reports for the CAT and CA activities being implemented by them; however, the same have not yet been received.

Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR and Chairman-SC directed the Forest Department to share the detailed work plan and progress reports with KBLPA at the earliest.

#### **8.15 Agenda by Uttar Pradesh**

- a. In principal consent for Central share in Pailani Barrage to the tune of ₹2444.64 Crore (60:40)
- b. Inclusion of cost of work of augmentation of Govind Sagar dam on substitution basis

Both the items proposed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh were discussed, and it was agreed that the SC-KBLP may not be the appropriate authority to take a decision, as the KBLP was approved by

the Union Cabinet in December 2021. Accordingly, the proposals may be submitted to DoWR, RD&GR, where due consideration will be given.

**8.16 Agenda by Madhya Pradesh:**

- a. Proposal of a pipeline/conduit system or construction of tunnel instead of the open canal system

Matter has been discussed with all the stakeholders on 14.11.2025. reply has been furnished vide letter dated: 04.12.2025.

- b. Inclusion of the Kopra Medium Irrigation Project and the Ken-Mandakini Intra-Basin Link Project in the Ken-Betwa Link Project.

No DPR has been received. Proposal may be submitted to DoWR, RD&GR, which will be examined as per approval of Ken Betwa Link Project.

- c. Release of Mother Sanction for ₹72.23 crore towards the works of Component-1(b) of the first phase under the SNA SPARSH system Regarding.

Mother Sanction issued on 22.12.2025.

- d. Guidelines/ Head of Account from Government of India for reimbursement of Madhya Pradesh's share ₹364.00 crore in expenditure incurred on land acquisition and rehabilitation for the Daudhan Dam during year 2022 to 2025

DoWR, RD&GR has clarified the head of account for deposit vide letter dated: 16/12/2025.

- e. Provision for connecting the tail-end of the Ken-Betwa Link Canal alignment from Barua River to the Betwa River

Discussed in depth at Agenda Item No. 8.4

- f. Timeline for the DPR for the restoration, strengthening, and recharging of 42 Chandel-era ponds in Madhya Pradesh being prepared by the National Water Development Agency (NWDA).

Discussed in depth at Agenda Item No. 8.6 (B)-VI

- g. Madhya Pradesh's opinion to be taken to ensure the water share in accordance to agreement between the two states on drawings and designs proposed by the Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority for the construction of the Daudhan Dam for approval from Central Water Commission.

KBLPA shall ensure as per MoA.

**8.17 Approvals required by KBLPA**

- a) Delegation of Financial Power

Under consideration at DoWR, RD&GR

- b) Approval of TEC for Canal Tender-Sent to DoWR, Rd & GR on 11-7-2025.

Discussed in depth at Agenda Item No. 8.5

c) Filling of posts of ACEO(E&M), ACEO (Env, R&R) and Director (Finance)

#### I. ACEO (E&M)

The Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA, informed that an advertisement had been issued, pursuant to which two eligible applications were received. The selection meeting was held on 25 September; however, no candidate appeared for the meeting.

#### II. ACEO (Environment, R&R and LA),

The Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA, informed that an advertisement had been issued and applications were received from five candidates; however, none of them met the prescribed eligibility criteria. The Chairman-SC, directed NWDA to submit a proposal to DoWR, RD&GR for revision of the eligibility criteria.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

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#### Annex-I

#### List of participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) held on 18.12.2025 at 14:00 hrs. at Bhopal

S.No.	Participant	Participation Status	Mode of Participation
1.	Shri V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS	Chairman-SC	Physical
2.	Dr. Rajesh Rajora, Additional Chief Secretary, WRD, MP	Member	Physical
3.	Shri Reading Simray, Member (D&R), CWC	Member	Physical
4.	Shri Baleshwar Thakur, DG, NWDA, New Delhi	Member	Physical
5.	Shri Prashast Kumar Dixit, CEO, KBLPA, Bhopal	Member	Physical
6.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Agrawal, Joint Secretary (RD&PP), DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS	Member	Physical
7.	Shri Gaurav Masaldan, JS&FA, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS	Member	Physical
8.	Shri G. S. Naveen Kumar, Secretary, I&WRD, UP	Member	Physical
9.	Shri Shubharanjan Sen, PCCF (WL)& CWLW, Forest Department, MP	Member	Physical
10.	Shri Vinod Kumar Deora, Engineer-in-Chief, WRD, MP	Member	Physical
11.	Shri Soran Singh, Engineer-in-Chief (P), I&WRD,	Member	Physical

	UP		
12.	Shri Nandkishor Kale, AIG (Forests), NTCA, RO-Nagpur	Representing DG, NTCA	Physical
13.	Shri Vinod Kumar, Director (Finance), KBLPA	Member	Physical
14.	Shri H. V. Girisha, CCF, Forest Department, Jhansi, UP	Representing PCCF, WL, UP	Physical
15.	Shri Rakesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, PAO, CWC, New Delhi	Representing Member (WP&P)	Physical
16.	Shri Shiv Charan Chhirolia, Director, CEA	Representing Member(Hydro)	Physical
17.	Dr. Mrs. Satya, Scientist-E, MoEF&CC, RO- Bhopal		Physical
18.	Shri A Muralidharan, Dy. Advisor (Water & LR), NITI Aayog	Representing Advisor(W&LR)	Physical
19.	Shri Neeraj Kumar Manglik, Chief Engineer (HQ), NWDA, New Delhi	Member-Secretary	Physical

S.No.	Participant	Mode of Participation
<b>Special Invitees</b>		
1.	Shri H. S. Mohanta, PCCF (LM), Forest department, MP	Physical
2.	Shri D. P. Bhargava, Chairman-TAG, KBLPA	Through VC
3.	Shri Parth Jaisawal, Collector & District Magistrate, Chhatarpur	Through VC
4.	Shri Deepak Kumar, Chief Engineer, NBO, CWC, Bhopal	Physical
5.	Shri Avanti Verma, Sr. Joint Commissioner, DoWR, RD&GR	Physical
6.	Shri Mohit Sood, Deputy Director, Panna Tiger Reserve	Through VC
7.	Shri Shiva Prakash, ACEO (HQ/P), KBLPA, Lucknow	Physical
8.	Shri Devesh Shukla, ACEO (Construction), KBLPA, I&WRD, UP	Physical
9.	Shri R.K. Mishra, ACEO(HW), KBLPA, Bhopal	Physical
10.	Shri T.M. Tripathi, ACEO (Canals), KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
11.	Shri R.D. Ahirwar, Chief Engineer (BODHI), WRD, Govt. of MP	Physical
<b>Other Officials</b>		
<b>DoWR, RD&amp;GR</b>		
1.	Shri Abhishek Gaurav, Dy. Commissioner (BM), DoWR, RD&GR	Physical
<b>Central Water Commission</b>		
1.	Shri Sarajeet Singh Bakshi, Chief Engineer, (NW&S) CWC, New Delhi	Physical
2.	Shri M.W.Paunikar, Director (Mon & KBLPD), CWC, Bhopal	Physical
3.	Shri Karan Singh Saini, Executive Engineer, Bhopal	Physical

4.	Shri Dheeraj Kumar, Dy. Director (Mon & KBLPD), CWC, Bhopal	Physical
<b>Central Electricity Authority</b>		
1.	Shri Devkishan Charan, Deputy Director, CEA	Physical
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>		
1.	Shri John Kinsdly, Secretary, WRD, Bhopal	Physical
2.	Shri R.P.Singh Kanwar, Chief Engineer, WRD, Sagar	Physical
3.	Shri R.R.Meena, Project Director, Betwa PMU, Bhopal	Physical
4.	Shri Navin Gaur, Superintending Engineer, WRD	Through VC
5.	Mrs. Uma Gupta, Executive Engineer, WRD, Panna	Physical
6.	Shri Praveen Malviya, Executive Engineer, WRD,	Physical
7.	Shri Munendra Gupta, Assistant Engineer, Bhopal	C
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>		
1.	Shri Kuldeep Srivastava, Special Secretary, I&WRD, Lucknow	Physical
2.	Shri Devesh Shukla, ACEO(Const), KBLP, I&WRD, Jhansi	Physical
3.	Shri S.K.Khare, Superintending Engineer, I&WRD, Jhansi	Physical
4.	Shri Dinesh Verma, Superintending Engineer, I&WRD, Jhansi	Physical
5.	Shri Shubham Saxena, Assistant Engineer, I&WRD, Jhansi	Physical
<b>NWDA</b>		
1.	Mrs. Deepti Verma, Dy Director, O/o CE (N), Lucknow	Through VC
2.	Shri Hari Om Varshney, Assistant Director, New Delhi	Physical
<b>KBLPA</b>		
1.	Shri Ashsish Kushwaha, Executive Engineer, Jhansi	Through VC
2.	Shri Ruprao Hedao, Executive Engineer, Bhopal	Physical
3.	Shri Ram Kishan, AEE, Bhopal	Physical
4.	Shri Rajesh Kumar Patel, Assistant Engineer, Bhopal	Physical
5.	Shri Pramod Kumar, Assistant Engineer, Bhopal	Physical
6.	Shri Ankit Kumar, Assistant Engineer, Chhatarpur	Through VC
7.	Shri Ashish Swami, Assistant Engineer, Jhansi	Physical
8.	Shri Kumbha Ram Jakhar, Junior Engineer, Bhopal	Physical
9.	Shri Gaurav Thory, Junior Engineer, Bhopal	Physical
10.	Shri Chandrakesh Meena, Junior Engineer, Bhopal	Physical
11.	Shri Navneel Goyal, Junior Accountant, Bhopal	Physical
12.	Mrs. Chanchal, Stenographer, Bhopal	Physical
13.	Shri Amar Shri Nayak, Consultant, Bhopal	Physical

14.	Shri H. K. Pandey, Consulatnt, Bhopal	Physical
<b>Project Management Consultant-KBLP.</b>		
1.	Shri Mithilesh Kumar, Team Leader	Physical
2.	Mrs. Shradha Bisht	Physical
3.	Shri Lokendra Mahavar	Physical