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Sub:- Minutes of 1st Meeting of Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) for the tender of Ken Betwa Link Canal under Ken Betwa Link Project Authority(KBLPA) held on 17.02.2026 at 11:00 hrs in hybrid mode at Jhansi.

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Minutes of the meeting, duly approved by the Chairman-TEC is enclosed for kind information and further necessary action by all concerned.

(T. M. Tripathi)
ACEO (Canal) &
Member-Secretary

To:

1. Chief Executive Officer, Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority, Bhopal.
2. Engineer-in-Chief, WRD, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
3. Engineer-in-Chief, I&WRD, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
4. Representative of Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, DoWR, RD&GR
5. Chief Engineer, PAO, Central Water Commission.
6. Chief Engineer, HQ, NWDA.
7. Sr. Joint Commissioner, Basin Management-I, DoWR RD&GR.

Copy for kind information:

1. DG, NWDA, New Delhi.
2. Additional CEO (Head Works), KBLPA, Bhopal.
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5. Additional CEO (Environment, R&R &LA), KBLPA, Bhopal.
6. Additional CEO(Cons.) KBLP, I&WRD, UP.
7. Director (Finance), NWDA, New Delhi.

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) for Tender of the Ken–Betwa Link Canal, held on 17th February 2026 at 11:00 hrs in Hybrid Mode at Jhansi

The 1st meeting of the Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) for Tender of the Ken–Betwa Link Canal was held on 17.02.2026 under the Chairmanship of CEO, KBLPA to finalize the Tender Document for construction of Ken-Betwa Link Canal(Package I & II). The list of participants is appended as Annexure-I.

The draft Tender documents were deliberated upon and the following decisions has been taken:

1. Clause 5.3(a) of Vol-0: ITB states that *"In the event of the bidder declaring its intention to participate in both the packages but not found to meet the criteria as mentioned in Article 5.2 above for both the packages during Technical evaluation, then both the bids submitted by him shall be treated as unresponsive."*

The TEC observed that the said provision may adversely impact competitiveness in the bidding process. After detailed deliberation, the TEC resolved that a bidder intending to participate in both packages shall be required to indicate, at the time of bid submission, a preference for either package. In the event that such a bidder is not found to meet the qualifying criteria stipulated under Article 5.2 for both packages individually during technical evaluation, the bidder shall be evaluated for the package as per the preference so indicated. The Tender Documents shall be amended accordingly for submission of bids for both packages.

2. Clause 3.1.1(c) of Vol-0: ITB states that *"For arriving at cost of similar work, the value of work executed shall be brought to current costing level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 7% per annum, calculated from the date of completion of the work to date of publication of NIT."*

The TEC observed that the cost indexation rate of 7% per annum appears to be on the higher side. After deliberation, the TEC decided that the updated value shall instead be determined on the basis of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), and the clause shall be revised accordingly

3. The TEC noted that Clause 3.5(i) of Vol-0: ITB did not explicitly link the Minimum Average Annual Turnover requirement to the Total Estimated Cost of the Package. The TEC decided that this shall be clearly stated, and that all clauses relating to Similar Work Experience, Financial Capacity, Turnover, Net Worth, Working Capital & Solvency, and Bid Capacity shall explicitly specify that the applicable values are exclusive of GST. The Tender Documents shall be amended accordingly.
4. The TEC noted that in Para 3.1.1(ii) (Qualification Requirement – General Experience) at Page 8 of the Draft Tender Document, the qualification requirement regarding the percentage of the estimated project cost of one eligible project / two eligible projects / three eligible projects executed by the bidder differs from the provisions contained in the Manual for Procurement of Works, Second Edition, 2025 (Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure). As per the Manual, the required percentages are 60%, 40%, and 30% for one, two, and three projects respectively. Accordingly, the TEC decided that the said percentages shall be revised in the Draft Tender Document in line with the Manual.

Further, in Para 3.1.2 of the Draft Tender Document relating to Specific Experience, works executed during the last 15 years have been proposed to be considered, which is not consistent with the provision in Para 3.1.1 where the period considered is 10 years. The TEC decided that both provisions shall be aligned, and the period shall be revised to 10 years to ensure uniformity.

5. The TEC noted that the Minimum Net Worth requirement under Clause 3.5(ii) of Vol-0: ITB, currently set at 10% of the Total Estimated Cost of the Package, appears to be on the lower side. In accordance with the Manual for Procurement of Works, Second Edition, 2025 (Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure), the TEC decided to revise this requirement to 15% of the Total Estimated Cost of the Package. The Tender Documents shall be amended accordingly.
6. In Vol-0: ITB, Clause 3.6, the Available Bid Capacity was specified as $2.0 \times A \times N - B$. The TEC observed that the multiplying factor of 2.0 appears to be on the higher side and decided that it shall be revised to 1.5 in accordance with the MANUAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF WORKS Second Edition, 2025, Government of India, Ministry of Finance, DoE.
7. Clause 5.3 of Vol-3: Owner's Requirements prescribes the provision of ramps/stairs by the contractor. The TEC decided that the wording shall be modified from "minimum 3.50 m wide" to "minimum 3.50 m wide each" for greater clarity. The Tender Documents shall be amended accordingly.
8. Clause 3.1.2(A)(i) of Vol-0: ITB specifies that the water carrier canal/channel shall have a cross-sectional area of not less than 40 sqm. The TEC observed that the term "*cross-sectional area*" may be interpreted to include the embankment area, and decided that it shall be replaced with "Flow area" in the said clause and all related clauses, for clarity and precision. The Tender Documents shall be amended accordingly.
9. Clause 2(2)(c) of Vol-2: SCC O&M refers to "Installation and monitoring of canal health monitoring sensors and instruments." The TEC decided that a specific list of instrumentation and sensors shall be incorporated in the Tender Documents as per relevant Codal provisions, GoI guidelines, and ICID publications, for more effective operation and monitoring. The Tender Documents shall be amended accordingly.
10. The TEC deliberated on whether a service level requirement ensuring operational availability should be prescribed for canal operation. The Chairman-TEC emphasized that the canal must remain operative throughout the year, except during the mandatory maintenance period, as prolonged non-operation may accelerate deterioration of the lining. Accordingly, the TEC decided to incorporate the following provision in the Tender Documents:

"The contractor shall ensure that the canal remains 100% operational throughout the year, except during the mandatory maintenance period."
11. The TEC noted that as per Para 6 (g) [ITB in Volume-0 of draft tender document], initial defect liability guarantee period is mentioned as 12 months from date of commissioning which is to be continued for a **further** five years as extended warranty of automation equipment and installations including operation & maintenance and security. In **para 27.1 of Volume-2 Section 1** of the tender document, it is mentioned that the expression "Defects Liability Period" shall mean the period of **24 (twenty-four)** months following the Date of Completion for works.

Also, Defects Liability Period as per Article 27.1 hereof will **run concurrently** with the period of O&M. The provisions may be made consistent with each other in the draft tender document and clarified whether the defect liability period will run concurrently with O&M period or will start after completion of defect liability period.

12. In the Vol-0: ITB under the clause 12, it was mentioned that “*The KBLPA/Tender inviting Authority at his discretion may open Techno-commercial bid and Price Bid simultaneously and evaluate the Bid completely*” and in the clause 18.1.6. it was mentioned that “*The KBLPA at his discretion may open Envelope-I (Qualification Requirements & Techno-commercial bid) and Envelope-II (Price bid) simultaneously and evaluate the Bid completely.*”

The TEC observed that above clauses is not in accordance with the bidding process adopted for this tender and decided that the said provisions shall be removed.

13. In the Vol-0: ITB under the clause 5.3(b) it was mentioned that “*Not stand declared ineligible/ blacklisted/ banned/ debarred by the Procuring Organization or its Ministry/ Department /Govts of MP/UP from participation in its Tender Processes*”.

The TEC decided that, since experience from Water Resources/Hydropower/Highway sectors has been sought, corresponding Central and State Government departments/organizations shall also be included in the said clause, the Undertaking by the bidder and wherever necessary in the Tender Documents.

14. The TEC noted that the discharge requirement of Head Regulators requires review in line with the discharge outlet requirement of the Respective State Governments.

In view of the above, the TEC decided that the discharge requirements of Head Regulators and associated off-take structures shall be reviewed and rationalized based on actual discharge requirements at respective RDs submitted by respective State Governments.

15. The TEC observed that in Para 11 of Volume-1 (Status of Statutory Clearances), the status appears to be based on the scope defined in the TAC of Phase-I. However, the discharge capacity of the main link canal has since been increased substantially (from about 76 cumecs to about 180 cumecs), and the canal alignment has also undergone changes. The TEC observed that any additional statutory clearances if required due to the enhanced canal capacity and revised alignment — including Environmental Clearance, Forest Clearance, and clearance from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in respect of affected tribal population — shall be ascertained by KBLPA prior to award of work, to avoid delay and future complications in contract execution.

16. The TEC also agreed that a stakeholder consultative meeting shall be convened in the last week of February or the first week of March to deliberate on the tender provisions, with a view to ensuring that the tender remains competitive and non-restrictive in nature.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

Annexure-I

List of participants in 1st Meeting of the Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) for the Tender of the Ken–Betwa Link Canal, held on 17 February 2026 at 11:00 hrs. in Hybrid Mode at Jhansi

S.No	Name	Designation & Departments	Mode
Tender Evaluation committee			
1	Shri P.K. Dixit	CEO, KBLPA, Bhopal	Physical
2	Shri Rakesh Kumar	Chief Engineer, PAO, Central Water Commission	Online
3	Shri Neeraj Manglik	Chief Engineer, HQ, NWDA	Online
4	Shri T M Tripathi	ACEO (Canal), KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
5	Shri Devesh Shukla	ACEO(Cons.), KBLP, I&WRD, UP (Representative E-in-C, I&WRD, Govt of UP)	Online
6	Shri Avanti Verma	Sr. Joint Commissioner, Basin Management-I, DoWR RD & GR	Online
7	Shri Vinod Kumar	Director, Finance NWDA (Representative JS & FA, DoWR RD&GR)	Online
Central Water Commission, New Delhi			
8	Shri Sunil Kumar	Director, PA(C) Central Water Commission	Online
KBLPA			
9	Shri Pradeep Kumar Saxena	Consultant- I, KBLPA Bhopal	Physical
10	Shri Ashish Singh Kushwah	Executive Engineer, KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
11	Shri Anshul Jain	Assistant Engineer, KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
12	Shri Ashish Swami	Assistant Engineer, KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
13	Shri Amit Tiwari	Assistant Engineer, KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
14	Shri Ravi Sagar	Junior Engineer, KBLPA, Jhansi	Physical
PMC-KBLPA			
15	Shri Mithilesh Kumar	Team Leader, PMC-KBLPA.	Physical
16	Shri A.K. Banerjee	Contract Management Specialist, PMC-KBLPA	Physical
17	Shri Manas Dubey	Design Engineer, PMC-KBLPA	Physical
18	Shri Manish Jain	E & M, Expert, PMC-KBLPA	Online
19	Shri Manmohan Mehra	Legal Expert, PMC-KBLPA	Online