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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING  
OF THE INTER SECTORAL ADVISORY GROUP FOR NATIONAL WATER MISSION GOAL-V  
HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2011 IN NEW DELHI**

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The first meeting of the Inter Sectoral Advisory Group for National Water Mission "Goal V : Promotion of Basin Level and Integrated Water Resources Management" was held under the Chairmanship of Shri G. Mohan Kumar, Additional Secretary (Water Resources) and Mission Director, National Water Mission on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 in the Conference Room of Ministry of Water Resources, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annexure.

The Additional Secretary (Water Resources) and Mission Director, National Water Mission welcomed all the participants of the Inter Sectoral Advisory Group for National Water Mission Goal V, which was followed by self introduction by the participants. He gave a brief background information about strategies identified for Goal-V in the National Water Mission document. He informed that the draft National Water Policy had already been prepared by the Drafting Committee after a comprehensive consultation process and very soon it would be placed in the public domain for comments from general public, concerned Ministries and State Governments. He suggested that the principle of Integrated Water Resources Development and Management should be publicized through audio-visuals, media also.

Chairman, Central Water Commission informed that CWC had already published 'Guidelines for Preparation of River Basin Master Plan' in 1990 on the basis of which Bureau of Indian Standard published IS-13028:1991 "Guidelines for Overall Planning of River Basin". Further, draft guidelines for different uses of water, e.g., irrigation, drinking, industrial, etc. were being placed on CWC website for comments. He emphasized the need of restructuring of CWC to facilitate preparation of Master Plans for each river basin to facilitate evaluation of guidelines for different uses of water for overall growth of the region. Inter-State conflicts hamper the development of the nation as a whole and preparation of integrated Master Plan with due involvement of State Governments is very necessary.

Summing up the discussions, Additional Secretary (WR) suggested that following actions should be undertaken for effective implementation of the strategies identified for Goal V :

- i. An audio-visual film on preparation of River Basin Master Plan on the principle of Integrated Water Resources Development and Management should be prepared by NWDA and CWC to popularize scientific planning amongst all stakeholders.

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- ii. Regional workshop on Integrated Water Resources Development and Management should be organized to sensitize the State Governments and other stakeholders.
  - iii. A consultant may be appointed to facilitate preparation of State-specific plans in consultation with State Governments for achieving objectives of National Water Mission.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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