

**SECOND MEETING OF
THE INTER-SECTORAL ADVISORY GROUP FOR GOAL-V,
NATIONAL WATER MISSION HELD ON 10TH AUGUST, 2015 IN NEW DELHI**

The Second Meeting of the Inter Sectoral Advisory Group (ISAG) for National Water Mission (NWM) "Goal-V: Promotion of Basin Level Integrated Water Resources Management" was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) in his Chamber on 10th August, 2015. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

The Chairman welcomed the participants of the ISAG for NWM Goal V meeting and asked the Member Secretary, Adviser (Technical), NWM to initiate a discussion on the agenda items.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of First Meeting

Adviser (Tech.) made a presentation on the Action Taken on the first meeting of ISAG for the Goal-V held on 21.12.2011 and the minutes of the first meeting of the ISAG Goal-V were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken on Decisions taken during the First Meeting

The earlier decisions taken and the Action Taken were discussed in detail and the following decisions were taken after deliberations:-

- (1) Two audio-visual films, both in English and Hindi language, on methodology for water balance and preparation of detailed project report of Kein-Betwa inter-link project prepared by NWDA may be placed on MoWR, RD & GR website.
- (2) The guidelines on "Integrated Water Resources Development and Management" prepared by the CWC were discussed in the Regional Workshop on IWRDM organized jointly by CWC, the World Bank and the ADB on 2-3 February, 2015 and the comments/observations received during and after the Workshop have been incorporated in the guidelines.
- (3) It was decided that a Sub-Committee under the Chairman, CWC, with representatives from NWM, CGWB, NWDA, IARI would be formed for preparation of State Specific Action Plan (SSAP) for water sector. It was suggested that CWC and CGWB should take a lead role in preparation of State Specific Action Plan for water sector and the States who have responded to NWM on formulation of SSAP, in the first instance, like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Assam, Gujarat, Uttrakhand may be taken on board. MD, NWM suggested to hold a preparatory meeting this week to chalk out the strategy for preparation of SSAP. It was decided that the meeting would be held in the office of Chairman, CWC on 13th August, 2015 at 3.00 P.M.

Agenda Item No. 3: Guidelines for Integrated Water Resources Development and Management

Chairman, CWC informed that the draft guidelines for integrated water resource development and management have been sent to the World Bank for peer review. The peer review is expected to be received by the end of August, 2015. The members of ISAG were also requested to offer their suggestions, if any, before the end of August, 2015. The guidelines would be finalized after the receipt of all the suggestions/comments as well as the peer review by the World Bank.

Agenda Item No. 4: Assessment of Future Demand for Water Sector

Mission Director, NWM stated that in the assessment of future demands for water sector improving water use efficiency and re-cycle and re-use of waste water may also be considered. Secretary (WR, RD & GR) mentioned that there is a need to re-orient water sector plans towards river basin-wise development and management of water and the following items shall be kept in mind in the formulation of river basin plans:-

- (i) Rainfalls, water flows, environment flows, water use efficiency.
- (ii) Legislations for mandatory rain water harvesting particularly in the over-exploited areas/blocks.
- (iii) Development of guidelines for use of non-potable water to encourage re-cycle and re-use of waste water.
- (iv) Application of new techniques/technology in the area of waste water uses.
- (v) How to implement increase in water use efficiency in irrigation sector.

Chairman, CWC suggested that there is a need for establishment of a Commission/Committee on the lines of National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development which has prepared a final Report and submitted to the Ministry of Water Resources in 1999 on the current and future water demands for the years 2010, 2025 and 2050. The possibility of funding through National Water Mission Scheme may be explored.

JS (A), MoWR, RD & GR suggested that this work may be completed in one year time and NWDA may also be associated.

Secretary (WR, RD & GR) agreed to the suggestion and stated that a Committee may be set up under the National Water Mission and the assistance of expert organizations like TERI, along with CWC, NWDA & CGWB may be taken.

Agenda Item No. 5: Integrated Water Resource Management and Development at Sub-Basin Level as Demonstration Project

JS (PP), MoWR stated that Justice T.S. Doabia has submitted his Report on the River Management Bill, 2012 to the Ministry and it is being examined.

Secretary (WR, RD & GR) mentioned that NWM may take up IWRM at a sub-basin level as demonstration project in association with Central Water Commission.

Agenda Item No. 6: National Water Policy 2012

It was informed that the Hashim Committee has prepared a Roadmap for Implementation of National Water Policy, 2012 which contains legislative as well as Executive directions for various Ministries dealing with water as well as State Governments. The Mission Director stated that there is a need of prioritization of action under the National Water Policy, 2012. In this connection, he opined that it was imperative that a National Framework Law be enacted that would govern the exercise of legislative and/or executive (or devolved) powers by the Centre, the States and the local governing bodies. A decision was taken that a presentation may be arranged either from Dr. Hashim or from Mr. A.D. Mohile regarding the Roadmap for Implementation of National Water Policy, 2012.

Agenda Item No. 7: State Water Missions

The Secretary (WR, RD & GR) emphasized that the States will form their Missions if the role to be played by them will benefit the State. He advised that good practices from the States that have constituted their Missions on board and are using information on water resources beneficially should be communicated to other States. In this connection, a website may be created and communication should be sent to those States that are yet to set up their Water Missions.

Agenda Item No. 8: Inclusion of New States in Inter-Sectoral Advisory Group for Goal-V

It was decided to include the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka as member States for the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 9: Any other item

It was decided that the Inter-Sectoral Advisory Group Meeting should now be held every six months.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

Second Meeting of the Inter- Sectoral Advisory Group for National Water Mission Goal-V held on 10th August, 2015 in New Delhi

List of Participants

1. Shri Shashi Shekhar, **Secretary, MoWR, RD & GR – In Chair**
2. Shri Nikhilesh Jha – Mission Director, National Water Mission
3. Mr. A.B Pandya – Chairman, Central Water Commission
4. Mr. S. Masood Husain – DG, National Water Development Agency
5. Dr. Amita Prasad – JS (A), MOWR, RD & GR
6. Mr. Jagmohan Gupta – JS & FA, MOWR, RD & GR
7. Mr. B Rajender – JS (PP), MOWR, RD & GR
8. Dr. M. Satyanarayana – Adviser (C&M), NWM
9. Mr. Joginder Singh – Adviser (Tech.) NWM
10. Shri Sushil Gupta – Consultant, Goal V, NWM
11. Mr. S.K Mohiddin – Scientist 'C', NWM

12. Mr. D. Rama Krishna, Chief Engineer, Government of Andhra Pradesh
13. Mr. D. Sankara Rao – Dy. E.E., Government of Andhra Pradesh
14. Mr. Ram Deo Sinha, Government of Jharkhand
15. Mr. R. Sivaprasadan Pillai, E.E., Cauvery Cell, Government of Kerala
16. Mr. Vijayakumar P.G , Dy. E.E., Government of Kerala

17. Ms. Shivani Saxena – Young Professional, NWM
18. Mr. Arijit Ganguly - Young Professional, NWM