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Office Memorandum

Subject: Establishment of River Basin Management (RBM) Cell at NMCG – Vision, Mandate, and Immediate Deliverables – reg.

1. Background

Sustainable management of river basins requires integrated planning, cross-sectoral coordination, and evidence-based decision-making. In view of the growing complexity of river systems, pressures on water resources, and the impacts of climate variability, a dedicated institutional mechanism is required within NMCG to address basin-scale planning and management challenges in a holistic manner.

In alignment with the Ganga River Basin Management Plan (GRBMP 2.0) and the national vision of river-centric governance, it has been decided to establish a River Basin Management (RBM) Cell within NMCG. The Cell will serve as the knowledge and coordination nucleus for data integration, analytical decision support, inter-agency coordination, and capacity building at the river basin scale.

2. Vision of RBM cell

To serve as a platform for integrated river basin management, enabling coordination among stakeholders, fostering science-based knowledge, planning, monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and collaborative solutions, thereby promoting ecological health, water security, and sustainable development across river basins.

3. Mandate of RBM Cell

The RBM Cell shall function as a nodal coordination, research, and policy-support platform with the following core mandates:

1. Basin-scale Planning
2. Evidence-based Policy Support
3. Inter-State Coordination
4. River Health Monitoring
5. Capacity Building of Stakeholders

6. Research and Knowledge Management

4. Immediate Deliverables

The immediate deliverables of the RBM Cell which include priority actions for the first phase of implementation are listed below:

S. No.	Mandate	Actionable Areas
1	To learn and document the Best Practices from River basins	Rhine, Danube and Mekong river basins
2	To prioritize and initiate process for Basin Scale Plans	a) GRBMP 2.0, C ganga b) Other rivers as mandated
3	To implement RBM Plan	a) Ramganga Basin Management Plan
4	To provide evidence Based Policy support through Thematic Groups	a) Riverine Plastic Pollution, b) River Health Assessment c) others as mandated
5	Reports and Publications	a) Annual health of the River Ganga Main Stem b) River Atlases of Ganga Basin c) other publications as mandated

The RBM Cell shall operate under the overall supervision of Deputy Director General through Director level officer as mandated by DG, NMCG.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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