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Sub: Minutes of 62nd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga

Please find enclosed minutes of the 62nd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on **1st May 2025** at 02:30 PM through hybrid mode, for kind information and necessary action.

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8. PPS to DG, NMCG- for his kind information

**Minutes of 62nd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 1st May 2025 at
NMCG Office, New Delhi**

The 62nd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 1st May 2025 at 02:30 PM at NMCG office, Delhi through hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Director General (DG), NMCG.

Executive Director (Admin.), NMCG welcomed the Director General, NMCG, members of the Executive Committee and other officials present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 62.1: Minutes of 61st meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 7th April 2025 for information

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that the minutes of 61st meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 7th April 2025 were circulated among all the committee members on 17th April 2025.

Agenda Item No. 62.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Executive Committee taken in the 61st meeting held on 7th April 2025

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that requisite action has been taken on the decisions taken in the 61st meeting of the EC held on 7th April 2025.

Agenda Item No. 62.3: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards additional cost for Pollution Abatement Works for River Ram Ganga at Moradabad under Moradabad municipality (Interception & Diversion with STP) in Uttar-Pradesh

The project of I&D and 25 MLD STP works at Moradabad Town (Zone II) was approved in the 13th EC Meeting dated 26.06.2018 at the cost of 118.69 crore with 100% central funding under the Namami Gange Programme. The AA&ES was issued on 23.07.2018. The project was awarded to the concessionaire for an amount of ₹ 99.69 Crores (excluding Centage & other statutory charges). This resulted in a financial space of ₹14.27 crore (excluding Centage, power charges, GAPP, and communication/outreach). However, due to litigation and a stay on the original STP site by the Hon'ble High Court, alternate land was allotted by the district administration. This location change led to a revised scope of work.

Later, SMCG-UP submitted a second variation due to integration with the AMRUT sewer network, which required changes in the size, depth, and length of trunk mains. This further altered the project scope and cost. The project is currently 90% complete, with remaining work focused on Electrical and Mechanical (E&M) installations. The project is expected to be completed by August 2025.

The variation proposal was placed before EC for approve of revision of AA&ES for the project "I&D and 25 MLD STP works at Moradabad (Zone-2)" under Namami Gange Programme for additional funding amounting to ₹ 44.82 Crores (100% GOI share) for the project.

Summary of Additional Cost as follows:

i.	Additional cost for variation 1 (excluding GST)	= ₹ 12.70 crore
ii.	Additional cost for variation 2 (excluding GST)	= ₹ 21.18 crore
iii.	The GST @12% on variation 1	= ₹ 1.46 crore
iv.	The GST @18% on variation 2	= ₹ 3.82 crore
v.	The GST variation on awarded cost and variation-1 (12% - 18%)	= ₹ 4.81 crore
vi.	Addition Power connection charges	= ₹ 0.85 crore
	Total	= ₹ 44.82 crore

The additional cost of ₹30.55 crores from the sanctioned amount. The cost, over and above the project cost for which financial closure has been achieved, shall be treated as EPC work.

Discussions:

SMCG-UP/UPJN-R presented the variation proposal due to significant changes in the scope of work for the Moradabad (Zone-2) project. It was informed that, owing to land litigation and a stay order by the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad on the original STP site, the district administration allotted alternate land for the STP. Additionally, the requirement to intercept the AMRUT sewer network led to changes in the size, length, and depth of the sewer network, resulting in a financial implication of ₹34.73 crore.

Furthermore, due to a revision in the GST rate from 12% to 18%, an additional fund of ₹10.09 crore was requested to cover the tax differential.

ED(F) mentioned that the variation I involving change of scope of works must have been placed before EC for its approval.

DG, NMCG sought to know the reasons for delay in seeking approval of EC for the variation II as it also involved change of scope of works. It was mentioned that the variation proposal had been received in January 2025 only. It was informed that the variation proposal finalization took time due to the involved complexity and multiple scrutiny at state level.

The EC expressed its unhappiness on the delay in seeking approval of EC on the variation as the variation is significant w.r.t. the tendered value. DG mentioned it categorically that all variation proposals involving change of scope of works due to change in site/location must be placed before EC to seek its prior approval before execution of the work. Gross estimates may be used to arrive at the revised cost. Further, Third Party Appraisal of all Projects involving change of scope of works due to change of site/location must be done before placing before the EC.

The EC enquired about the current status of the project and was informed that most civil works are completed, with electro-mechanical (E&M) installation and testing currently in progress. The project is approximately 90% complete.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal according revised administrative approval and expenditure sanction (AA&ES) for the Pollution Abatement Works for River Ram Ganga at Moradabad under Moradabad municipality (Interception & Diversion with STP) in Uttar Pradesh under HAM. The revised cost of the project is ₹ 149.23 crores including 15 years O&M period.

The additional funding is to be met through funding under Non-EAP funding and revised AA&ES cost is Rs 149.23 crores. Further, the revised completion timeline of the project is May, 2025.

The EC directed that in future, variation proposals wherein substantial change in scope of work (e.g. change of location of STP) is foreseen, prior permission/consent of the EC must be sought for executing the work, along with the brief concept/approach paper and a rough block estimates of the revised cost. It was also directed that an independent third party appraisal(TPA) will be required for all such projects. The final cost of the project may be brought at a later stage but not later than 03 months for the approval of EC.

Agenda Item No. 62.4: “Addition fund request of Rs. 34.50 lakh for preparation City Plan and training on Reuse of Treated Wastewater for Agra and Prayagraj in the state of Uttar Pradesh” under “Capacity Building Initiatives for making water sensitive cities in Ganga Basin” project under Namami Gange Programme.

The project of “Capacity Building Initiatives for making water sensitive cities in Ganga Basin” was approved in the 33rd meeting held on 20th January 2021 at the cost of Rs. 293.15 crore with 100% central funding under Namami Gange Programme to Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) at the total cost of ₹293.15 lakhs. The LoA was issued on 24.03.2021.

CSE submitted a proposal for preparation of “City Plan for Reuse of Treated Wastewater for Agra and Prayagraj along with the training program. For preparation City Plan for Reuse of Treated Wastewater in two cities of Uttar Pradesh - Prayagraj and Agra. The estimated budget Rs. 34.50 lakh for preparation city level plan for Agra and Prayagraj.

Discussion:

CSE presented the proposal for preparation of City Level Action Plan for two cities covering the objective, scope, methodology and outcomes.

DDG mentioned that the proposal involved scope enhancement for preparation of City Plan for reuse of treated wastewater for Agra & Prayagraj along with the training program.

ED(F) stated that the CSE being a private entity will have to execute a bond as per the GFR 231(2) and also have to get on-boarded on the Darpan Portal of the Niti Aayog.

EC enquired above the previous project and plan to execute this project.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal of additional fund request of Rs. 34.50 lakh for preparation City Plan and training on Reuse of Treated Wastewater for Agra and Prayagraj in the state of Uttar Pradesh” under “Capacity Building Initiatives for making water sensitive cities in Ganga Basin” project under Namami Gange Programme.

The additional funding is to be met through funding under NGP-Non EAP component and revised project cost is Rs 328.65 lakhs. Further, the revised completion timeline of the project is September-25.

The CSE will execute a Bond as per GFR 231(2) and get themselves on-boarded on Darpan Portal of the Niti Aayog.

Agenda Item No. 62.5: Proposal on “Conserving and Sustainably Managing Nathmalpur Bhagad (wetland) in Bhojpur District, Bihar” under Namami Gange Mission – II.

The proposal was submitted by the Office of CCF, Climate Change (Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change), Patna, Bihar, for funding under the Namami Gange programme.

Shri S. Chandrasekhar, I.F.S., CCF-cum- State Nodal Officer, presented the project background, earlier discussed in the 60th EC meeting held on 10th February, 2025. He informed the committee that the Nathmalpur Bhagad wetland was identified as priority wetland based on the health scorecard analysis during Ganga floodplain wetland inventory. It falls under the ‘E’ category, indicating its critical degradation and need for immediate intervention.

Key concerns from the 60th EC meeting were addressed, including clarity on budget, timeline, deliverables, and intervention linkage. The revised proposal strengthens institutional mechanisms, wetland delineation, hydrological connectivity, habitat protection, and development of an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) aligned with biodiversity and regulatory goals.

Accordingly, the project has been revised to span four years (2025–2029) with a total cost of Rs. 3.51 crore. Phase I, ending March 2026, is budgeted at Rs. 1.23 crore; Phase II will continue until 2028-29 with a budget of Rs. 2.28 crore.

The JS&FA enquired how the sustainability/maintenance of the wetland would be ensured after the completion of the Project. The CCF replied that the Forest Department would prepare an integrated management plan for the wetland and submit it to MoEFCC for funding.

DECISION:

After detailed discussions, the EC approved the project titled “Conserving and Sustainably Managing Nathmalpur Bhagad (Wetland) in Bhojpur District, Bihar” under the Namami Gange Mission – II, at a total cost of Rs. 3,51,45,864/- for the period of 4 years (2025-26 to 2028-29). It was also decided that the State Forest Department would submit an undertaking in writing that the wetland would be maintained after the completion of the Project.

Agenda Item No. 62.6: Raising & deployment of one company under existing 137 CETF BN (TA) for rejuvenation of river Yamuna at Delhi under Namami Gange Mission – II.

Senior Army Official from DGTA, Delhi presented the proposal titled “Raising & deployment of one company under existing 137 CETF BN (TA) for rejuvenation of river Yamuna at Delhi under Namami Gange Mission – II”. He informed the EC about the 137 CETF Bn TA (Ganga Task Force) which was raised under Namami Gange Mission – I and their activities carried out in Kanpur, Prayagraj & Varanasi. He also informed that one additional company has been raised recently for Gomti river in Lucknow under the same battalion.

Later he briefed about the need of Yamuna Company at Delhi. He informed about the major sources of pollution to Yamuan at Delhi including Najafgarh Drain, Supplementary Drain and Shahdara Drain. He also briefed about their plan & strategy for the rejuvenation of Yamuna at Delhi.

Considering the limitation of the current cycle phase-II of the Namami Gange program up to # 31st March 2026, the army official proposed for raising & deployment of one additional Company at Delhi NCR under the existing 137 CETF Bn for Yamuna at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.80 crore for a period of up to 31st March 2026.

Tasks to perform:

- Plantation of trees/riparian vegetation along the banks to check soil erosion.
- Public outreach programs on environment and river conservation in the fringe areas within a distance of 5 kms from the river bank
- Patrolling of sensitive river areas for biodiversity protection.
- Patrolling of sensitive river stretches for preventing disposal of construction & demolition waste etc. into the river
- Patrolling of Ghats esp on certain festivals (Chhath Puja, Ganesh Chaturthi, Durga Puja etc.)).
- Reporting of geo-tagged nallahs flowing directly into river Yamuna
- Assist during flood/natural calamity in the region.
- Any other task assigned by the Steering Committee

Command & Control:

The Company will be under the command & control of Steering Committee to be constituted by Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the EC approved the proposal for raising & deployment of one additional Company at Delhi NCR under the existing 137 CETF Bn for protection of River Yamuna at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.80 crore for a period up to 31st March 2026.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
