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Office Memorandum

Subject: *Constitution of Cell to consider proposals for grant of approval from the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016*

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The River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016[herein after referred to as Authority's Order, 2016], issued in accordance to the provisions of the Environment(Protection)Act, 1986, notified vide S.O. 3187(E). dated 7th October 2016, inter-alia provides to take measures for prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution in River Ganga and its tributaries and regulating matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

2. That, amongst other, sub-paragraph (3)(4)(5) of paragraph 6 the Authority's Order, 2016 envisage, that no person shall construct any structure, whether permanent or temporary for residential or commercial or industrial or any other purposes, in the River Ganga, bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries:

Provided that in exceptional circumstances like natural calamities or religious events at traditional locations, temporary structures can be raised after prior permission of the National Mission for Clean Ganga and further that in case any such construction has been completed, before the commencement of the Authority's Order, 2016 , in the River Bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries, the National Mission for Clean Ganga shall review such constructions so as to ascertain whether such constructions are causing interruption in the continuous flow of water or pollution in River Ganga or its tributaries, and to take remedial measures therefore;

3. That further it is provided in the aforesaid Authority's Order, 2016 that no person shall do any act or carry on any project or process or activity which, notwithstanding whether such act has been mentioned in the Authority's Order, 2016 or not, has the effect of causing pollution in the River Ganga.
4. That paragraph 42 of the Authority's order, 2016 further envisages prior approval of the National Mission for Clean Ganga in the following matters: -
 - a) engineered diversion and storage of water in River Ganga without affecting the flow of water downstream of the River Ganga;

- b) construction of bridges and associated roads and embankments over the River Ganga or at its River Bank or its flood plain area;
 - c) construction of Ghats or extension of any existing Ghat;
 - d) construction of jetties;
 - e) construction of permanent hydraulic structures for storage or diversion or control of waters or channelization of River Ganga or its tributaries;
 - f) deforestation of hill slopes and notified forest and other eco-sensitive areas;
 - g) any other activity which contravenes the principles laid out in paragraph 4 which the National Mission for Clean Ganga may specify.
5. Accordingly, a Cell in the NMCG is constituted, to consider the proposals, attracting paragraph 6, 42 of the Authority's Order, 2016 and make recommendations for the grant of approval or otherwise by the competent Authority. The Cell shall comprise of the following:
- a. Deputy Director General, NMCG
 - b. Project Director or Additional Project Director, SPMG of concerned State
 - c. Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
 - d. Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission of the concerned State
 - e. Executive Director (Technical) - Member Secretary
 - f. In addition, Mr. Ishwer Singh, Consultant (Legal), NMCG

Any other domain expert may also be nominated/associated, on case to case basis, as may be decided with the approval of DG, NMCG. The Cell shall scrutinize the proposal expeditiously and submit their recommendation(s) to the DG, NMCG for approval or otherwise, as the case may be.

6. This issues with the approval of DG, NMCG.



(Anup Kumar Srivastava)
Executive Director (Technical), NMCG

To,

- 1. Deputy Director General, NMCG
- 2. Project Director, SPMG, Uttarakhand
- 3. Project Director, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
- 4. Project Director, SPMG, Bihar
- 5. Project Director, SPMG, Jharkhand
- 6. Project Director, SPMG, West Bengal
- 7. Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
- 8. Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission – UGBO, Lucknow / LGBO, Patna / T&BDBO, Kolkata / YBO, New Delhi / NBO, Bhopal
- 9. Sri Ishwer Singh, Legal Expert, NMCG

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3. PPS to DG, NMCG
4. PPS to Chairman, CWC
5. PPS to Chairman, CPCB
6. Ms. Anjali Scientist C, NMCG – All Correspondence related to such matters will be dealt with by

