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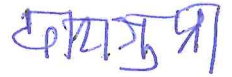
The Project Directors, State Missions for Clean Ganga (SMCG) - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal

Subject: Minutes of the 29th Joint Meeting of Audit Review Committee and Budget Review Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)-reg.

Minutes of the 29th joint meeting of the Audit and Budget Review Committees of the NMCG held on 3 February, 2026 are attached herewith.

2. Actionable Points are listed in Para-6 of the minutes.
3. Project Directors of SMCGs are requested to undertake reviews of expenditure as decided in the meeting. An Action Taken Report may also be sent to the NMCG within a week.

Encl. as above.



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Copy along with a copy of the Minutes for necessary actions on actionable points listed in Para-6 of the minutes.

1. उपमहानिदेशक, एनएमसीजी
2. कार्यकारी निदेशक, (परियोजना), एनएमसीजी
3. कार्यकारी निदेशक, (तकनीकी), एनएमसीजी
4. उप सचिव (प्रशासन), एनएमसीजी
5. सलाहकार (जैव विविधता), एनएमसीजी

प्रतिलिपि :

1. सदस्य सचिव, केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, परिवेश भवन, पूर्वी अर्जुन नगर, शाहदरा, दिल्ली
2. निजी सचिव, महानिदेशक, एनएमसीजी
3. निजी सचिव, कार्यकारी निदेशक (वित्त), एनएमसीजी

Minutes of the 29th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 3rd February, 2026 at NMCG office, New Delhi.

The 29th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was chaired by the Director General, NMCG at 11:00 AM on 3rd February, 2026 in NMCG office, New Delhi. A list of participants is at **Annex I**.

2. At the outset, Executive Director (Finance), NMCG welcomed Director General, Deputy Director General, and officials of the NMCG, and participants from the Central Pollution Control Board and State Missions for Clean Ganga (SMCGs). Thereafter, the Committee was apprised about the Agenda items, and a presentation was made by the ED(Finance)-NMCG.

3 Action taken on decision in 28th Meeting

The Committee was apprised of the status of decisions taken in 28th meeting of the ARC & BRC. It was noted that action has been completed on all decision points.

4. Budget Review Committee

4.1. Review of Budget and its Utilization

- i. The Committee was informed that out of the budgetary provision ₹2,687 crores {Revised Estimates (RE)}, the NMCG has drawn ₹2,500 crores and disbursed ₹1,815 crores. ED(F)-NMCG apprised the Committee that cumulative release up to Quarter-3 in current financial year is higher than in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.
- ii. SMCG- Uttarakhand has been assigned ₹122.03 crore so far, of which ₹70.86 crore has been utilized. Project Director, SMCG-Uttarakhand assured that the unspent balance of ₹43.86 crore will be fully utilized. Additional fund demand of about ₹27.00 crore will also be submitted shortly. The SMCG was advised to submit the additional demand by 20 February 2026.
- iii. The total unutilized limit with SMCG-UP is ₹379.29 crore. Project Director, SMCG-UP informed that bills amounting to ₹69.00 crore are in pipeline for payment. Out of the remaining ₹310.28 crore required to be spent in next two months, he informed that a plan is in place to spent ₹216.00 crore under the sewerage infrastructure projects. The remaining amount will be utilized for non-STP projects, such as RFD, bio-remediation of untapped drains, operational expenses etc. DG- NMCG directed that a plan may be drawn up for utilization of the unspent balance and shared with the NMCG within a week. He also directed ED(Projects), NMCG and Director (Project), NMCG to monitor the expenditure by SMCG-UP.
- iv. Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar informed that bills amounting to ₹51.00 crores have been received by the executing agency. Further, bills of ₹19.00 crore are in pipeline for payment. An expenditure of ₹70.00 crores is expected to be incurred by 10 February 2026.

- v. ED(F)-NMCG informed the Committee that an additional fund demand of ₹79.45 Crore was received last evening. SMCG-Bihar confirmed that this demand is in addition to ₹106.75 crore released to them earlier. It was also informed that some additional fund demand towards road restoration work, NOC for various regulatory clearances etc. will follow. It was pointed out that in that case the SMCG-Bihar will have to spend nearly ₹200.00 crore during next two months. AS, Govt. of Bihar assured that all funds demanded by them will be fully utilized in the current FY. For ensuring quick response, DG-NMCG advised SMCG-Bihar to send important communications through electronic and messaging platforms.
- vi. SMCG-Jharkhand informed that they have unutilized limit of ₹9.35 crore. The release of 3 RA bills are under process, which will fully utilize the unspent balance. Additional demand of ₹8.00 crore for the Ramgarh project and ₹2.50 crore for the Phusro project are expected and will be submitted to the NMCG shortly after due examination.
- vii. SMCG-West Bengal informed that out of the unutilized limits of ₹54.37 crore, bills amounting to ₹7.00 crore has been released. Further, the second installment of mobilization advance for Tolly Nallah project (₹30.00 crore) will be released shortly. The unutilized amount including the 4th quarter demand of ₹27.01 crore which is under process in NMCG will be utilized by 28 February 2026. Further demand, if required, will be submitted in the 4th week of February 2026.
- viii. So far as the unspent balance with UADD, Madhya Pradesh is concerned, the Project Wing informed that projected requirements for the Indore Project are ₹20.00 crore, and that for the Nagda Project are ₹3.20 crore. Therefore, the UAAD, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh will be able to fully utilize unspent balance of ₹23.20 crore.
- ix. DG-NMCG directed ED (Projects), NMCG and Director (Project), NMCG to monitor and review the expenditure of SMCGs of UP and Bihar on weekly basis.
- x. DDG-NMCG informed that IIT-BHU may have to refund a sum of ₹1.50 crore, which is unlikely to be utilized in the current FY. It was also observed that expenditure incurred by the Survey of India (Sol) during the current FY is low. Further, it was informed that a refund of ₹1.50 crore is expected from the IIT – Roorkee.
- xi. ED(F)-NMCG stated that the funds were released as per demands raised by said agencies and as recommended by Proponent Units. Therefore, agencies should make all out efforts to utilize assigned funds. Refund should not be taken as an easy way out. However, if some refunds are absolutely unavoidable, that should be done within a week so that those funds can be deployed elsewhere.
- xii. ED(F)-NMCG advised all Proponent Units to review contractual payments and ensure booking of all pending payments in the current FY. In particular, there may be scope of significant expenditure booking under Project Engineer (PE) contracts. Contractual payments for OCEMS, CCTV contracts etc. should also be booked to the extent possible. Another potential payment is for the contract for treatment of Assi drain, for which payments are due from October 2025. He advised all Proponent Units to process

Contractual payments due up to February 26 by 15 March 26. A project-wise review of HAM Projects may also open up potential additional booking.

4.2. Refund of Unspent Balance by SMCG-Bihar

ED(F)-NMCG informed the Committee that SMCG-Bihar has refunded ₹94.19 crore out of the excess drawn amount of ₹237.12 crore. In addition, SMCG-Bihar needs to refund the unspent balance reported in the UC for FY 2024-25. Additional Secretary, Government of Bihar informed that requisite funds have been made available by the State Government, and the SMCG will refund the balance excess drawn amount (₹142.93 crore) and unspent balance of last year (₹74.06 crore) within next two-three days. DG-NMCG expressed satisfaction at the resolution of this long pending issue.

4.3. Annual Expenditure Plans for FY 2026-27

- i. Annual Expenditure Plans (AEPs) for FY 2026-27 in respect of 5 SMCGs were also presented to the Committee. The total fund requirements for next FY are projected as ₹1501.11 crore - Uttarakhand: ₹108.49 crore, Uttar Pradesh: ₹822.99 crore, Bihar: ₹305.31 crore, Jharkhand: ₹72.43 crore and West Bengal: ₹191.49 crore. ED (F) - NMCG stated that these are tentative estimates and a clearer picture will emerge after the end of the current FY. DG-NMCG directed that revised AEPs, taking into account the expenditure in the current FY, may be placed in the next meeting of the ARC/BRC.

4.4. Review of pending Utilization Certificates

- i. The Committee was informed that total UCs pending against Grants released up to 31 March, 2025 are ₹252.03 crore. UCs for significant amount are pending from SMCG-Bihar (₹74.06 crore), Jajmau-CETP (₹84.16 crore), Banthar-CETP (₹35.96 crore), C-Ganga (₹27.20 crore) and DoDWS (₹17.34 crore).
- ii. Representative of Technical Unit clarified that the UCs outstanding for Jajmau Project are for the escrowed amount to be released on commissioning of the project, which is expected shortly. Further, some amount has been retained in the escrow account towards LD deductions to be made from payments due to the concessioner. This amount, once finalized, will be refunded to the CFI.
- iii. DDG-NMCG informed that UCs from C-Ganga have been received. ED(F)-NMCG stated that this will be taken on record after examination.
- iv. The UCs pending from DoDWS are being monitored by the Empowered Task Force chaired by the Hon'ble Jal Shakti Minister, and have been reduced by ₹113.64 crore from ₹130.98 crore to ₹17.34 crore since 12th ETF meeting (10.09.2024). During the last ETF meeting, the DoDWS has assured to liquidate the balance UC by the end of current FY.
- v. ED(F)-NMCG stated that since Bihar has assured to refund the unspent balance of ₹74.06 crore, the UCs outstanding against them will also be liquidated shortly. Therefore, except for Banthar CETP Project, all pending UCs are likely to be liquidated by the end of current FY. DG-NMCG directed ED (Technical)-NMCG to look into the matter and obtain pending UCs at the earliest.

- vi. There is also a long pending UC of ₹1.00 crore outstanding against the DAVP. The NMCG had taken up the matter with DG- Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), and they have recently admitted this outstanding amount. However, no timeline has been indicated about its refund. DG-NMCG directed the DDG-NMCG to pursue the matter with CBC (the successor to the DAVP).

5. Audit Review Committee

5.1. Audit Report of NMCG's Annual Accounts for FY 2025-26

- i. ED(F)-NMCG informed the Committee that Audit Report of NMCG's Financial Accounts for FY 2024-25 were laid in the Lok Sabha on 17 December, 2025 and in Rajya Sabha on 18 December, 2025. The audited accounts were also placed before the Empowered Task Force of NMCG in its meeting held on 30 December, 2025. With this the NMCG has adhered to all GFR mandated timelines for audit of annual accounts for 4th year in succession.
- ii. ED(F)-NMCG also informed the Committee that Annual Accounts for FY 2025-26 are required to be submitted to the C&AG by 30 June 2026. He listed out preparatory steps required on part of Proponent Units such as provisioning for unsettled liabilities and minimizing prior period expenses, disclosure of Annuity Liabilities for HAM Projects, disclosure of all litigations with potential (contingent) liabilities, updating of Registers and their physical verifications etc. It was pointed out that non-provisioning of liabilities has been a cause of several audit observations. High prior period expenses also pose a high risk to Account's integrity. He requested Proponent Units to obtain pending invoices up to February 26 and to settle payments by 31 March 26. Invoices for the month of March 26 may be obtained by 15 April 26, and estimated liabilities conveyed to FU by 30 April 26 to enable provisioning. It was emphasized that no known liabilities should go un-provisioned.
- iii. He also pointed out that recording of all assets created out NMCG grants has been a key observation in last year's audit report. Finance Unit has circulated advisories date 12 June, 2025 and 10 November, 2025 for collating requisite information from executing agencies. However, compilation of information for STP projects may not be possible through this route. It was suggested that an agency may be engaged for completing this task in a time bound manner. DG-NMCG agreed to this suggestion and directed that necessary action may be initiated in this regard. This task may be completed within 3 months of award of work.

5.2. Certification Audit of World Bank assisted Projects

The Committee was apprised about the status of audit of World Bank assisted projects for FY 2024-25. Audit reports have been received and shared with World Bank for all organizations except SMCG - Bihar. Additional Secretary, Government of Bihar informed that Statement of Expenditure has been shared with State Accountant General on 23 December 2025 and they are in touch with O/o State AG to get the audit conducted. DG-NMCG requested the SMCG to proactively follow up with the State AG Office and complete the audit at the earliest. If required, the NMCG will also write to the O/o C&AG.

5.3. Inspection Audit of NMCG

The Committee was updated on the current status of the Inspection Audit of the NMCG undertaken for the period 2022-23 to 2023-24. Inspection Audit Report was received on 10 November 2025. Inputs have been collected from all Divisions and ATR will be finalized within a week. The ATR will be placed in the next meeting of the Committee.

5.4. ARC/BRC meetings at SMCG Level

- i. The Committee was informed that there has been a marked improvement in the periodicity of ARC/BRC meetings by SMCGs. SMCGs of UP, Jharkhand and West Bengal have already conducted a meeting in the current year (2026). SMCG, Bihar also convened an ARC/BRC in November, 2025 after a gap of one and a half years. A meeting is overdue only for SMCG- Uttarakhand. PD, SMCG-Uttarakhand assured that a meeting of State level ARC/BRC will be convened before close of current FY.
- ii. DG-NMCG expressed his satisfaction with this improvement and advised all SMCGs to conduct at least two meetings of ARC/BRC every year.

6. Actionable Points

The actionable points are summed up below:

- (i) DG-NMCG will take internal reviews for HAM, CETP and Biodiversity/Afforestation Projects.
- (ii) ED (Projects)-NMCG and Director (Project)-NMCG to review utilization of unspent balance with SMCGs, with focus on SMCGs of UP and Bihar.
- (iii) All Wing Heads to:
 - a. Review unspent balance with executing agencies regularly to minimize lapse/ refund.
 - b. Review all on-going programmes and contracts to ensure maximum booking of expenditure during the current year. Contractual payments due up to February 26 to be processed by 15 March 26.
 - c. Identify potential sources of additional fund demand so that the Revised Estimates of the NMCG are utilized in full.
- (iv) SMCG-UP to submit a plan for utilization of unspent balance to the NMCG within a week.
- (v) SMCG-Bihar to submit additional Q-4 demands within a week and also to draw up an expenditure plan to fully utilize the unspent balance.
- (vi) SMCG-Uttarakhand to submit additional fund demand by 20 February 26.
- (vii) SMCG-Bihar to refund excess drawn amount and unspent balance reported in the UC for FY 2024-25 within a week.
- (viii) ED (T)-NMCG to pursue pending UC for Banthar CETP Project.

- (ix) DDG-NMCG to take up refund of long outstanding amount of ₹1.00 crore with Central Bureau of Communication.
- (x) All Units to take preparatory steps for preparation of Annual accounts for FY 2025-26.
 - a. All payments due up to February 26 to be settled by the Financial year end. All known liabilities up to 31 March 26 to be conveyed to Finance Unit by 30 April 26 for appropriate provisioning.
 - b. Project Unit to convey Annuity Liabilities for HAM Projects as on 31 March 26 to Finance Unit for disclosure in Annual Accounts.
 - c. All litigations with potential (contingent) liabilities to be conveyed to Finance Unit by 30 April 26.
 - d. Admin. and IT Units to update all Registers and complete their physical verifications by 30 April 26.
- (xi) Project Unit to initiate action for engaging an Agency to draw up a comprehensive list of assets created under STP Projects out of NMCG funds. This exercise is to be completed within 3 months.
- (xii) SMCG-Bihar to pursue Certification Audit with State Accountant General, and ensure submission of Audit Certificate to the World Bank at the earliest, and latest by 30 April 26, so as to avoid suspension of disbursement.
- (xiii) Finance Unit to finalize ATR on Inspection Audit Report within a week.
- (xiv) SMCG-Uttarakhand to convene State level ARC/BRC meeting before close of current FY.
- (xv) All SMCGs to conduct at least two meetings of ARC/BRC every year.

Annex I

List of Participants present in the 29th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on Tuesday, on 3rd February, 2026 at NMCG office, New Delhi.

List of Participants

NMCG

1. Shri Rajeev Kumar Mital, Director General, NMCG ----- In Chair
2. Shri Nalin Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Director General, NMCG
3. Dr. Bhaskar Dasgupta, Executive Director (Finance), NMCG
4. Shri Rahul Dwivedi, Director (PKC), NMCG
5. Shri Vinod Kumar Gupta, Deputy Secretary, (Admin), NMCG
6. Shri Varun Parkash, Section Officer, (Admin), NMCG
7. Dr. Sandeep Behera, Consultant (Biodiversity), NMCG
8. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Director Technical, NMCG
9. Shri Rajat Kumar Gupta, Senior Waste Management Specialist, NMCG
10. Dr. Shiv Pratap Raghuvanshi, Scientist-E (CPCB), NMCG
11. Dr. Anu Chetal, Scientist-C (CPCB), NMCG
12. Shri Subrata K. Basu, Senior Consultant (Finance), NMCG
13. Shri Rajendra Kumar Bharti, IFD Consultant (Finance), NMCG
14. Shri Manan Mudgal, Financial Management Specialist, NMCG
15. Shri Harish Kumar Shishodia, Consultant (Finance), NMCG
16. Shri Achyut Kumar Pathak, Project Assistant, Clean Ganga Fund, NMCG
17. Ms. Priya Jain, CA Consultant, NMCG
18. Ms. Neema Joshi, Institutional Associate, NMCG
19. Shri Abhishek Sharma, Data Analyst, NMCG

Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi

20. Shri Deenbandhu Gouda, Division Head WQM-II CPCB
21. Shri Utpal Kapoor, Sr. FMS, CPCB
22. Shri Brajesh Kumar, Scientist D, CBCB
23. Shri Abhas Kumar Maharana, Scientist C, CPCB

Through video conferencing:

SMCG-Uttarakhand

24. Shri Vishal Mishra, Program Director, SMCG, Uttarakhand
25. Shri Jaipal Singh Tomar, Finance Director, SMCG, Uttarakhand
26. Shri R.K. Jain, GM, Ganga UKPJN, Uttarakhand
27. Smt. Monika Varma, Executive Engineer, SMCG, Uttarakhand
28. Shri Pradeep Bhatt, Sr. Financial Management Specialist, SMCG, Uttarakhand
29. Ms. Chanda Malasi, Assistant Manager (Finance), SMCG, Uttarakhand

SMCG-Uttar Pradesh

30. Shri Jogindra Singh, Project Director, Uttar Pradesh
31. Shri Prabhash Kumar, Add. Project Director, Uttar Pradesh
32. Shri Shaligram, Director Finance, Uttar Pradesh

33. Ms. Sonalika Singh, Unit Head (C&O), Uttar Pradesh
34. Ms. Priya Agarwal, SFMS, Uttar Pradesh
35. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Chief Engineer (Ganga), UP Jal Nigam (Rural) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
36. Shri Maneesh Tiwary, Assistant Engineer, UP Jal Nigam (Rural) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
37. Shri Mohit Gupta, Flood Work Division, Balia, Uttar Pradesh
38. Shri D.N. Shukla, Ex.Eng. Flood Work Division, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
39. Shri Nawab Singh, Assistant Engineer, Flood Work Division Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh
40. Shri Sachin Gautam, Project Manager, UP Project Corporation Ltd. Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
41. Shri Lalmani Yadav, Ex. Officer Nagar Palika Parishad, Chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh
42. Shri Ashish Kr. Singh, Project Manager, Ganga Pollution Control Unit, Varanasai, Uttar Pradesh
43. Shri Surendra Parmar, Project Manager, Ganga Pollution Control Unit, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
44. Shri R.P. Singh, Project Manager, Yamuna Pollution Control Unit, Agra, Uttar Pradesh
45. Shri S.P. Saroj, Project Manager, Construction Unit, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
46. Shri Sanjeet Katiyar, Project Manager, Namami Gange Unit, Muzzafarnagar, Uttar Pradesh
47. Shri Vinay Rawat, Ex.En UP Jal Nigam (Rural), Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh

SMCG-Bihar

48. Shri Animesh Kumar Parashar, MD, BUIDCO, Bihar
49. Shri Manoj Kumar, Additional Secretary, UD&HD, Bihar
50. Shri Umakant Pandey, Additional Director, UD&HD, Bihar
51. Shri Ramashankar Prasad, CGM (South), BUIDCO, Bihar
52. Shri Nishant Kumar, Project Director, NMCG Cell, BUIDCO, Bihar
53. Shri Mithlesh Kumar Sinha, Unit head, SMCG, Bihar
54. Shri Satyabrat, Sr. Environmental Engineer, SMCG, Bihar
55. Shri Ajit Kumar, CA, Finance Consultant, BUIDCO, Bihar
56. Shri Rajan Kumar Shaw, Accountant, SMCG, Bihar

SMCG-Jharkhand

57. Shri Suraj Kumar, Project Director, SMCG, Jharkhand
58. Shri Sumit Kumar Mahato, Assistant Director, SMCG, Jharkhand
59. Shri Binay Kumar Roy, Project Director (Technical), JUIDCO, Jharkhand
60. Shri Amit Chakravarty, Project Director (Finance), JUIDCO, Jharkhand
61. Shri Sudhir Sharma, Manager (Accounts), JUIDCO, Jharkhand
62. Shri Radhakant Singh, Project Manager, JUIDCO, Jharkhand
63. Shri Akhilesh Kumar Nayak, Project Manager, JUIDCO, Jharkhand
64. Shri Pratyush Project Manager, JUIDCO, Jharkhand
65. Shri Astitwa Anand, Dy. Project Manager, JUIDCO, Jharkhand

SMCG-West Bengal

66. Shri Ranjan Kumar Jana, Director, Finance & Admin, SMCG, West Bengal
67. Shri Kamal Kumar Roy, Sr. Finance Specialist, SMCG, West Bengal
68. Shri Kamalesh Basak, DG, GAP, KMDA, West Bengal
69. Shri Prantik Roy, Chief Engineer, GAP, KMDA, West Bengal
70. Shri Suman Saha, Chief Engineer (E&M), GAP, KMDA, West Bengal
71. Shri Amitava Pal, DG (P&D), KMC, West Bengal