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To

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

Subject: Minutes of the 28th Joint Meeting of Audit Review Committee and Budget Review Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)-reg.

Minutes of the 28th joint meeting of the Audit and Budget Review Committees of the NMCG held on 24th October, 2025 are attached herewith.

2. SMCGs are requested to submit an action taken report to the NMCG by 30th November 2025.

Encl. as above.



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Copy along with a copy of the Minutes, with a request to furnish an Action Taken Report to the Finance Wing of the NMCG by 30th November 2025.

1. Deputy Director General, NNMCG
2. Executive Director (Administration), NMCG
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4. Executive Director (Technical), NMCG
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1. PS to Director General, NMCG
2. PS to Executive Director (Finance), NMCG

Minutes of the 28th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 24 October, 2025 at NMCG office, New Delhi.

The 28th 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 24 October 2025 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, Executive Directors of the NMCG, and participants from the D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation (DoDWS) and State Missions for Clean Ganga (SMCGs). Thereafter, the Committee was apprised about the Agenda items, and a presentation was made by the ED(F)-NMCG.

3 Action taken on decision in 27th Meeting

The Committee was apprised of the status of decisions taken in 27th meeting of the ARC & BRC. It was noted that action has been completed on all decision points except for engagement of a full time Finance Professional in the SMCG- Bihar. Further, while 3 variation proposals from Bihar were cleared by the EC since last ARC/BRC meeting, 3 proposals (Kahalgaon, Karmalichak and Pahari Zone IV) are awaiting recommendations/ clarifications from the SMCG. They were advised to expedite the said proposals.

4. Budget Review Committee

4.1. Budget and Expenditure Review

- i. The Committee was informed that out of the budgetary provision ₹2,850 crores {Revised Estimates (RE)}, the NMCG has drawn ₹2,000 crores and disbursed ₹1,100 crores. The total projected expenditure by the SMCGs for the current financial year is ₹1170 crore, while the projected expenditure by other agencies, including HAM projects, is ₹1480 crore. It was informed that several SMCGs and executing agencies are yet to fully utilize the assigned limits. ED(F)- NMCG emphasized that full utilization of budgetary provision for FY 2025-26 will require all- out efforts by all stakeholders.
- ii. So far as the unutilized limits are concerned, SMCGs of UP and Jharkhand informed that release of ₹11.00 crore ₹9.00 crore respectively is in the pipeline. The SMCG-Bihar stated that expenditure would be expedited after the State elections. SMCG-West Bengal informed that out of the anticipated mobilization advance of 60.00 crore for the Tolly Nallah project, 30.00 crore could be released. Release of remaining amount is on hold due to certain legal issues; on which the SMCG may seek NMCG's advice.
- iii. ED (Projects) – NMCG stated that the expenditure is not commensurate with physical progress. There are pending bills, including O&M payments in Bihar, which require quick disposal. The DG, NMCG stated that the monsoon has now receded and next 5 months are extremely crucial for project delivery and achievement of expenditure targets. He urged all stakeholders to work in full earnest so that the available budgetary provisions

are fully utilized. He directed all Divisional Heads to review unspent balance on fortnightly basis, and asked ED (Finance) to update him every fortnight about unspent balance with executing agencies.

- iv. ED (F)- NMCG informed the Committee that quarterly fund demands are not being received in time. Further, the demands are sometimes received without requisite details, further delaying processing and release of funds by the NMCG. DG-NMCG stated that submission of quarterly demands and release of funds should be time bound. All SMCG's should submit quarterly fund demand within 15 days of commencement of a quarter; and the NMCG should release funds within next 15 days.
- v. The Committee was apprised of a special challenge in respect SMCG-Bihar, which has overdrawn against central share due to late release of state share. They have reported an overdrawn amount of ₹237.12 crore, but refund is awaited although the NMCG taken up the matter at multiple levels, including the Finance Secretary, Govt. of Bihar. ED(F)-NMCG submitted that till this amount is refunded, it may be difficult for NMCG to release further funds for projects in Bihar. He also stated that the delay in receipt of State share remains a persistent problem for Namami Gange Projects in Bihar.
- vi. SMCG-Bihar responded that they have received ₹50.00 crore as state share during the current FY, which will be refunded immediately. The remaining amount will be refunded on receipt of State share.
- vii. DG-NMCG stated that while fresh funds should not be released for projects for which refund is due, withholding release for other projects will only adversely impact programme implementation. Therefore, funds should be released for projects other than those for which refund is due. At the same time, he urged Bihar to address their systemic issues, such as inadequate staffing at SMCG level, delayed release of State share, pending payments for contractors etc. He also advised the SMCG-Bihar to expedite engagement of a PMC for the SMCG; for which the RFP document of SMCG-UP may be referred to for guidance. For the Finance Unit of the SMCG, which is practically unmanned, one Consultant may be engaged immediately.

4.2. Utilization Certificates

The Committee was informed that UCs have been received against all grants released in FY 2024-25 except for ₹5.19 crore. For grants released up to 31 March, 2023, total UCs pending are for ₹33.43 crore, of which ₹32.12 crore are due from the DoDWS for rural sanitation projects. UCs for ₹257.13 crore are yet to be received against grants released in FY 2024-25; but these are not yet due as per GFR provisions. DG-NMCG directed that all UCs pending against grants released up to 31.03.2024 would be included in the ETF Agenda till they are liquidated. He also directed ED (Technical) and ED (Projects) to follow up pending UCs with JTETA, CPCB and Delhi Jal Board.

5. Audit Review Committee

5.1. Certification Audit of World Bank assisted projects

The Committee was informed that Certification Audit of NMCG by the C&AG for expenditure incurred under the World Bank assisted projects has been completed, but the Audit Report is awaited. The Certification Audit of SMCGs of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh has been completed and Audit Reports have also been received and submitted to the World Bank. Audit for Jharkhand has been completed, but report is awaited. Audit is pending for SMCGs of Bihar and West Bengal.

SMCG-Bihar informed that the Statement of Expenditure (SoE) has been received from the BUIDCO and will be submitted to O/o AG shortly. SMCG-West Bengal stated that the audit will be undertaken after approval of accounts by the State Ganga Council for which convenience of Chief Secretary has been requested.

5.2. Audit of Annual Accounts of NMCG

The Committee was informed that Audit by the C&AG has been completed on 4th September 2025. NMCG has furnished comments on the draft SAR on 8th October 2025 and final report is expected shortly.

Thereafter, the next step is adoption of Audit Report by the ETF and its laying in the Parliament by 31 December 2025. DG-NMCG advised that since the next meeting of the ETF is due only in January 2026, approval of the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti may be obtained on file.

5.3. ARC/BRC meetings by SMCGs

The Committee was informed that SMCGs of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal has convened their ARC/BRC meeting in current FY. Since the last meeting of the ARC/BRC, SMCGs of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal have convened meetings of their respective ARC/BRC. However, no meeting has been convened by SMCG - Bihar for more than a year. The Committee advised SMCGs of Bihar to convene a meeting of their ARC/ BRC immediately.

6. Actionable Points

The actionable points are summed up below:

- (i) All SMCGs to make an all-out effort to maximize booking of expenditure during the next 5 months. All pending bills to be cleared in a time-bound manner.
- (ii) All EDs/ DDG to monitor expenditure and utilization of assigned limits of respective projects and executing agencies.
- (iii) Fund Demands by SMCGs to be submitted by 15th of the first month of every quarter.

- (iv) SMCG-Bihar to refund the overdrawn amount of ₹ 237.12 crore. No further grants to be released for projects for which funds have been overdrawn till refund. However, funds may be released for remaining projects after due examination.
- (v) ED(T) and ED(P) to pursue pending UCs with JTETA, CPCB and DJB.
- (vi) All pending UCs against grants released up to 31.03.2024 to be reported to the ETF till their liquidation.
- (vii) As the next meeting of the ETF is due in January 2026, approval of the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti for the Audit Report of NMCG's Annual Accounts for FY 2024-25, which is to be laid in the Parliament by 31 December 2025, may be obtained on file and ratified subsequently by the ETF.
- (viii) Finance unit of SMCG-Bihar to engage a PMC at the earliest. A full time Finance Professional to be engaged for Finance Unit immediately.
- (ix) SMCG- Bihar to convene meeting of their ARC/BRC.
- (x) SMCGs of Bihar and West Bengal to expedite their Certification Audit for World Bank assisted Projects.

List of Participants present in the 28th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on Friday, on 24 October, 2025 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. Shri S. P. Vashisth, Executive Director (Administration), NMCG
4. Shri Brijendra Swaroop, Executive Director (Administration), NMCG
5. Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava, Executive Director (Technical), NMCG
6. Dr. Bhaskar Dasgupta, Executive Director (Finance), NMCG
7. Shri Rahul Dwivedi, Director (PKC), NMCG
8. Dr. Sandeep Behera, Consultant (Biodiversity), NMCG
9. Shri Subrata K. Basu, Senior Consultant (Finance), NMCG
10. Shri Rajendra Kumar Bharti, IFD Consultant (Finance), NMCG
11. Shri Manan Mudgal, Financial Management Specialist, NMCG
12. Shri Harish Kumar Shishodia, Consultant (Finance), NMCG
13. Ms. Neema Joshi, Institutional Associate, NMCG
14. Shri Anshul Srivas, Deputy Project Coordinator, NMCG
15. Shri Abhishek Sharma, Data Analyst, NMCG

DODWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi

16. Shri Amit Choubey, Deputy Secretary, DoDWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi
17. Dr. Ravindra Bohra, Team Leader, Namami Gange Cell, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi

Through video conferencing:

SMCG-Uttarakhand

18. Shri Deepak Malik, Technical Advisor, SMCG, Uttarakhand
19. Shri Pradeep Bhatt, Sr. Financial Management Specialist, SMCG, Uttarakhand
20. Ms. Chanda Malasi, Assistant Manager (Finance), SMCG, Uttarakhand
21. Shri Piyush Singh, RFD Specialist, SMCG, Uttarakhand
22. Shri S. K Varma, Project Manager Rishikesh UKPKN

SMCG-Uttar Pradesh

23. Shri Prabhash Kumar Singh, Project Director, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
24. Ms. Priya Agarwal, Sr. Financial Management Specialist, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
25. Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, Technical Advisor, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
26. Shri Manish Tiwari, Assistant Engineer, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural), Uttar Pradesh
27. Shri Anil Kumar, Accountant, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural), Uttar Pradesh

SMCG-Bihar

28. Shri Animesh Kumar Prashar, MD BUIDCO, Bihar
29. Shri Manoj kumar, Joint Secretary, UD&HD, Bihar
30. Shri Ramashankar Prasad, CGM (South), BUIDCO, Bihar
31. Shri Ashok Kumar, General Manager (Finance), BUIDCO, Bihar
32. Shri Umakant Pandey, Project Officer-cum- Additional Director, UD&HD, Bihar
33. Shri Subhash Kumar, Finance Specialist, SMCG, Bihar
34. Shri Satyabrat, Sr. Environmental Engineer, SMCG, Bihar
35. Shri Rajan Kumar Shaw, Accountant, SMCG, Bihar
36. Shri Kumar Anand, Accountant, SMCG, Bihar

SMCG-Jharkhand

37. Shri Suraj Kumar, Project Director, SMCG, Jharkhand
38. Shri Sudhir Sharma, Manager Accounts - JUIDCO Ltd., Jharkhand
39. Shri Bibhuti Kumar, MIS/ GIS Specialist, SMCG, Jharkhand

SMCG-West Bengal

40. Shri Ranjan Kumar Jana, Director, Finance & Admin, SMCG, West Bengal
41. Shri Kamal Kumar Roy, Sr. FS, SMCG, West Bengal
42. Shri Debajyoti Basu, Accounts Officer, SMCG, West Bengal
43. Shri Prantik Roy, Chief Engineer, GAP, KMDA, West Bengal
44. Shri Amitava Pal, DG, P&D, KMC, West Bengal
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