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Sub: Minutes of 69th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga

Please find enclosed minutes of 69th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 6th February 2026 through hybrid mode, for kind information and necessary action.


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**Minutes of the 69th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 6th February 2026 at NMCG
Office, New Delhi**

The 69th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 6th February 2026 at 03:00 PM at NMCG office, Delhi through hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Director General (DG), NMCG.

The DG, NMCG commenced the meeting and welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and other officials present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 69.1: Minutes of 68th meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 24th December 2025 for information

The Executive Committee was informed that the minutes of 68th meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 24th December 2025 were circulated among all the committee members on 6th January 2026.

Agenda Item No. 69.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Executive Committee taken in the 68th meeting held on 24th December 2025

The Executive Committee was informed that requisite action has been taken on the decisions taken in the 68th meeting of the EC held on 24th December 2025.

Agenda Item No. 69.3: Revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction towards additional cost for Saidpur Sewerage Network scheme, Bihar

- i. The project for the *Saidpur Sewerage Network Scheme, Bihar* was sanctioned in the 10th meeting of the Empowered Steering Committee (ESC), and the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) was issued on 01.04.2015 at a cost of ₹268.63 crore (excluding GST), which included centage charges, ESMAF, and the public outreach component, along with five years of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) under the EAP (World Bank funding) head. The project was taken up under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a funding pattern of 70:30 between the Centre and the State, with the Central share capped at ₹188.04 crore. The O&M cost for the initial five years was to be shared between the Centre and the State in the same 70:30 ratio, while the O&M cost from the 6th year onwards was to be borne entirely by the State Government.



- ii. After completion of the bidding process, the project was awarded at a cost of ₹431.21 crore. The State Government awarded the work by treating the cost over and above the AA&ES amount as the State's liability.
- iii. Subsequently, NMCG received a proposal from the State for Variation-I amounting to ₹49.50 crore on account of applicability of GST, minor additional works (integration of the existing sewage network), and price adjustment as per the contract provisions. Variation-I was approved by NMCG for an amount of ₹43.71 crore. Thereafter, considering the higher awarded cost and the approved variations, a revised AA&ES with a sanctioned cost of ₹493.85 crore was issued on 24.07.2024, wherein the Central share was frozen at ₹218.64 crore and the remaining liabilities were to be borne by the State. The project was completed in December 2022 and has been under Operation & Maintenance since then.
- iv. The State Government has now submitted a proposal for Variation-II amounting to ₹70.79 crore on account of additional works for loop closing of the sewer network (₹10.18 crore), price escalation (₹13.25 crore), GST differential (₹4.50 crore), and statutory payment to RCD (₹42.86 crore). The proposal has been examined by NMCG, and a variation of ₹66.57 crore has been recommended, as the cost towards House Service Connections is not part of the main project scope and is required to be borne by the State Government under a separate supplementary agreement. Further, the calculation error in GST has been rectified. Accordingly, the proposal was placed before the Executive Committee (EC) for consideration of the revised project cost of ₹560.42 crore, with the Central Government's liability remaining strictly frozen as per the revised AA&ES dated 24.07.2025.
- v. The Executive Committee was requested to consider approval of the cost variation amounting to ₹66.57 crore for the reasons mentioned above and to accord approval for issuance of Revised AA&ES for the *Saidpur Sewerage Network Scheme, Bihar* under the Namami Gange Programme, with an overall revised project cost of ₹560.42 crore, wherein the NMCG share shall remain limited to ₹218.64 crore and the State share shall be ₹341.78 crore.

Discussion:

During the discussion, the State requested NMCG to bear the statutory charges of ₹42.86 crores, applicable on the account of payment to Road Construction Department (RCD), Govt of Bihar. It was clarified that right of ways, land handover and related statutory charges are the primary responsibility of the State, thus the same is to be borne by the State Government. The state agreed to bear these costs from their share.



Decision:

After detailed discussions, Executive Committee (EC) resolved to approve the proposal for according revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project “Saidpur Sewerage Network scheme, Bihar” under Namami Gange Program (NGP – Non EAP) at an estimated cost of ₹560.42 crores, with NMCGs share limited to ₹218.64 crores and State share as ₹341.78 crores.

Agenda Item No. 69.4: In-principle approval of scope variation and revision in awarded project cost for Chhata Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP works) in Mathura district, UP, under the Namami Gange Programme

- i. Project Name: Chhata Sewerage scheme (I&D and STP works) in Mathura district, UP
- ii. Sanctioned Cost: Rs. 56.15 crore, including GST vide AA&ES dated 30.09.2022.
- iii. Award Cost: Rs. 48.98 crore (Capex- Rs.33.31 crore; 15 yr Opex Rs. 15.77 crore), including GST.
- iv. Status: Under Construction.
- v. Variation Proposal Cost - Rs. 293 Lakh including GST as per the following break-up:
 - a. Soil filling in the required area – Rs. 20 Lakh;
 - b. Stone pitching on the outer periphery – Rs. 62 Lakh
 - c. Approach road (CC) with filling and RCC toe wall – Rs. 152 Lakh;
 - d. Pumping arrangement for treated effluent during flood (Treated Effluent Pump House) – Rs. 29 Lakh;
 - e. Additional height of the boundary wall – Rs. 12 Lakh;
 - f. Increase in plinth level of the boundary – Rs. 18 Lakh
- vi. Variation Reasons:
 - a) The STP site (village Daddigarhi), located near Bahrauli branch of Kosi drain (irrigation channel). The site gets flooded and water logged in cases of an overflow in the Bahrauli branch. The State representative submitted that during monsoon 2025, the water level at STP site rose to 183.60 m breaching the previous recorded high flood level (HFL) of 183.33 m.
 - b) The State representative submitted that the district administration was requested to provide alternate suitable land but could not be made available due to non-availability of land leading to proposal for additional scope of work for flood protection measures and amendments to address new HFL at the existing site.
- vii. Impact on AA&ES Cost: There is a financial space of ₹3.84 Crore (excluding Centage, Power connection charges, GAPP & Communication & Public Outreach) between AA&ES and the awarded cost, available. The financial space is primarily on account of the difference in the Opex part.



Discussions:

It was clarified by the State representative that 2025 flood had breached the HFL recorded in 1978 and that the variation items about approach road and pumping arrangements will be required only if the floods in the future breaches 1978 HFL. State was advised to get the new HFL, as recorded, notified through relevant agencies.

Decision:

*After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) resolved to accord **'in-principle'** approval to the proposal for scope variation at an indicative cost of Rs. 1.12 crore, including GST subject to the following conditions:*

- a) The State will confirm and provide undertaking that scope variation items pertaining to (i) approach road (CC) with additional filling and RCC toe, and (ii) pumping arrangements of treated effluent during flood conditions, if required, will be undertaken by the State from State Budget.*
- b) The State will submit a detailed proposal in a month which shall be referred to an independent Third-Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed appraisal. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee again after completion of the appraisal for consideration and formal approval of the additional scope and its associated cost.*

Agenda Item No. 69.5: Proposal of Scientific Study for Reduced Flow Condition of Niranjana (Falgu) River, Jharkhand & Bihar for River Rejuvenation including Immediate Measures/ Interventions like Afforestation/ Ecological Restoration, Ground Water Recharge Trenches & Water Bodies Rejuvenation with groundwater recharge through abandoned or defunct bore wells in Jharkhand & Bihar

- i. Niranjana (Falgu) River, with a total length of 260 km and a catchment area of ~3,000s sq. km is of immense mythological and ecological significance.
- ii. The river is facing issues of reduced discharge or no discharge beyond monsoon, reduced vegetation, other environmental issues such as the degradation of water quality due to industrial effluents, untreated domestic sewage, sedimentation, agricultural practices and runoff, and the physical alteration of the river's course.
- iii. The proposal is designed into 2 parts
 - **Part 1:** Exploring the Cause of Reduced Flow Condition of Niranjana River, Bihar, to be done by Consortium of IIT-Roorkee (Coordinating Institute), IIT-BHU, Central University of South Bihar, and NABCONS
 - **Part 2:** Physical Interventions



- a. Proposal for Interventions for improvement in base flow (Recharge trenches & Water Bodies Rejuvenation) to be done by SPMG in consultation with Minor Irrigation department
- b. Afforestation/ ecological restoration to be done by SMPG/Forest Department
- c. Groundwater recharge through abandoned or defunct bore wells

Decisions:

The proposal was discussed in detail, and 'in-principle' approval was accorded after due deliberation. It was further decided that the final proposal, incorporating inputs received through consultation with the State Government and the concerned academic institutions along with justifications/rationale of each study and intervention, will be prepared in the form of an integrated DPR; and after appraisal by a third party agency will be placed before the forthcoming EC meeting for consideration.

Agenda Item No. 69.6: In-principle approval of scope variation and revision in the project 'Interception & Diversion (I&D) and STP works for Muni Ki Reti Dhalwala (8.0 + 0.3 MLD STP), Neelkanth Mahadev (1.5MLD STP), Jonk-Swargashram (3.0 MLD STP) & all appurtenant structures and allied works' under the Namami Gange Programme

- i. Project Name: Interception & Diversion (I&D) and STP works for Muni Ki Reti Dhalwala (8.0 + 0.3 MLD STP), Neelkanth Mahadev (1.5MLD STP), Jonk - Swargashram (3.0 MLD STP) & all appurtenant structures and allied works in Uttarakhand
- ii. Sanctioned Cost: Rs. 94.97 crore, including GST vide revision letter dated 10.07.2024.
- iii. Award Cost: Rs. 83.78 crore [Package I- Rs. 70.70 crore; Package II – 13.08 crore], including GST.
- iv. Status: Under Construction.
- v. Indicative Variation Proposal Cost - Rs. 12.35 crore including GST, apart from Rs. 34.40 Lakh towards 323 m rising main from state funding, as per the following break-up:
 - a. 8 MLD Dhalwala SPS Muni-Ki-Reti (MKR) – Rs. 302.49 Lakh;
 - b. Extra sewer line (MKR) – Rs. 29.54 Lakh;
 - c. Dhalwala SPS O&M Cost – Rs. 460 Lakh for 15 years;
 - d. Extra gabion work at Swargashram – Rs. 25.75 Lakh;
 - e. 1.5 MLD SPS at Neelkanth – Rs. 92.28 Lakh;
 - f. Neelkanth STP access/approach road – Rs. 47.28 Lakh;
 - g. MS Steel structure support at Neelkanth – Rs. 11.05 Lakh;
 - h. Neelkanth SPS O&M Cost – Rs. 90 Lakh for 15 years;
 - i. Additional SPS O&M Cost (Non Power) – 30 Lakh for 15 years
 - j. BOQ variations – Rs. 42.29 Lakh
 - k. GST – Rs. 104.56.00 Lakh

- vi. Variation Reasons:
- a) Dhalwala SPS inadvertently left in the DPR
 - b) Rising main to divert excess flow at Chandrabhaga SPS to 26 MLD Lakkarghat STP
 - c) Change of STP Location in Neelkanth Mahadev project at an higher elevation requiring an additional SPS, approach road, steel structural supports for laying sewer in amended alignment.
 - d) Extra work of gabion towards flood protection as per approved design at Swargashram STP.
 - e) BOQ variations as per site conditions
- vii. Impact on AA&ES Cost: Additional cost of Rs. 12.36 crore including GST

Discussions:

It was clarified by the State representative that provision for the Dhalwala SPS was left out inadvertently in the DPR and the tender while the other variation items were as per the site specific constraints including change of STP site at Neelkanth Mahadev. Further, the rising main laid from Chandrabhaga SPS to Lakkarghat SPS, though not linked to the instant project, was required to be laid to avoid the discharge of excess untreated sewage received into Chandrabhaga river and as per instructions of SPMG-UK and NMCG officials.

Decisions:

1. After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) resolved to accord in-principle approval to the proposal for scope variation at an indicative cost of Rs. 12.36 crore, including GST subject to the following conditions:

- a) The State will submit a detailed proposal in a month which shall be referred to an independent Third-Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed appraisal. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee again after completion of the appraisal for consideration and formal approval of the additional scope and its associated cost.***
- b) The State shall bear the cost (Rs. 34.40 Lakh) of rising main laid from Chandrabhaga SPS to Lakkarghat STP from State Budget.***

2. The EC also directed that explanation may be sought from the 3rd party appraisal agency that recommended the 8 MLD Muni-Ki-Reti STP project without the provision of Dhalwala SPS.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

