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Sub:- Minutes of 3rd meeting of the Empowered Task Force on River Ganga - reg.

Please find enclosed the minutes of 3rd Meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga held on 26th December, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Conference room, Residence, Hon'ble Minister (WR,RD&GR).


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To,

1. PS to Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
2. PS to Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
3. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation;
4. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance-Member, ex-officio;
5. Chief Executive Officer, Niti Ayog-Member, ex-officio;
6. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Utrakhand-Member, ex-officio;
7. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh-Member, ex-officio;
8. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar-Member, ex-officio;
9. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand-Member, ex-officio;
10. Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal-Member, ex-officio;
11. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
12. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation;
13. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change;
14. Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation;
15. Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development;
16. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism,
17. Secretary, Ministry of Culture;

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Minutes of 3rd meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF)
of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)

The minutes of 3rd Empowered Task Force of NMCG held on 26th December, 2018 at 1200 hours under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister (WR,RD&GR) are as follows:

Secretary (WR, RD & GR) started the meeting welcoming Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) and all the members of ETF present.

2. He, briefly, explained the background of the constitution of ETF, recalling the discussions held in the previous meeting on 3rd August, 2017.
3. He highlighted the importance of house service connection works to be completed by the States to fully utilize the STP capacity being created under 'Namami Gange' programme. He also pointed out that STPs being constructed under other schemes were not being fully utilized because of absence of proper sewer network and house service connection.
4. Secretary (Urban Development) intervened to explain their planning under 'AMRUT' Scheme. He informed that house service connections have also been supported under 'AMRUT'.
5. CEO, NITI Aayog emphasized the importance of States to take up ownership of the assets being created and set up matching infrastructural facilities to make proper utilization of the STP capacity. He suggested that grass-root movements should be started by the States and till it is done, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs should stop release of grants under 'AMRUT' and 'Smart City'.
6. Secretary (WR, RD & GR) cited the example of Goitha STP – a JnNURM project – being set up with a capacity of 120 MLD. The actual tender work for house service connection is merely for 50,000; whereas it should be for over 2 lakh house service connection. Thus, there was a need for proper assessment of the house service connections required for the STP capacity being created under different schemes. There is also need for State Government to commission Goitha STP at the earliest.
7. Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) expressed dissatisfaction over the affairs in the States, and he desired to know what was the total requirement of house service connection in each city, the planning in process, how much had been completed and what was the balance to be done and problems, if any.

8. Principal Secretary (UD), Government of Bihar explained the initiatives of State regarding house connection, the financial support given by them and also linkage with sewerage projects in Patna.
9. Secretary (DW & S) suggested that Chief Ministers may hold fortnightly meetings with Municipal Commissioners to monitor the progress.
10. It was suggested to have a meeting at the level of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to be attended by Secretary (Urban Development) and CEO, NITI Aayog.
11. Secretary asked APD, SPMG, UP, present in the meeting, regarding the total connections required in the State. APD, SPMG informed that the total no. of connections required was more than 13 lakh.
12. Thereafter, DG, NMCG continued the meeting with the agenda items. He informed that the presentation was divided in three parts – one, explaining the present status of the 'Namami Gange' – an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission for Ganga and its tributaries; second the state of Inter-Ministerial Cooperation and pending issues, and third Action Taken Note on the decisions taken in the last meeting. It was also explained that a total of 136 sewerage projects are in progress, out of which 106 are located on main stem and 30 on tributaries. As a strategy to achieve the objective of ensuring that untreated sewage does not enter into the river, most of the projects under 'Namami Gange' are I & D and STP projects. The network projects on large-scale are in Prayagraj, Patna and Kanpur. He explained the progress on ongoing sewerage projects, laying emphasis on the HAM model and the new concept of One-City-One-Operator.
13. The Committee expressed its satisfaction on the complete tapping of Sisamau Nala and progress made regarding tendering for CETP, Jajmau. State was requested to further expedite action.
14. The Committee agreed with the proposal to authorize Hon'ble Minister for taking decisions in any matter pending convening of meeting of ETF. It can be subsequently put up before ETF for information/ratification.
15. Regarding holding of meeting of Ganga Council, CEO, NITI Aayog suggested that a dash-board may, first, be set up for monitoring different stages of the projects as well as house service connections before planning the meeting.
16. DG, NMCG apprised the Committee regarding the need for strengthening of NMCG along with additional resources for continuing with the present pace of project sanctioned and Operation & Maintenance, besides developing a River Basin Organization – as envisaged in the 'Authority' Notification. The Cabinet approval for Notification of NMCG as an 'Authority', and also for policy decision of taking up sewerage projects as HAM PPP model and long-term O&M for 15 years, 'Namami

Gange' would have continuance for long term, and the NMCG would need to be strengthened. Moreover, Hybrid Annuity Mode would mean that only 40% of the capital cost of these projects, under construction, would be paid during construction period, in most cases, up to 2019-2020. Balance expenditure on Annuity would be going beyond 2020. The detailed position would be circulated to Hon'ble Minister & Chairman, ETF.

17. The ETF was apprised of the progress being made with other Ministries as per the MoU signed with them.

18. Secretary (WR, RD & GR) brought up the issue of balance Utilization Certificate to be submitted by Ministry of DW & S with which Secretary (DW & S) concurred.

19. On the issue of funding afforestation plans as per DPR prepared by FRI, Additional Secretary (MoEF & CC) stated that the States were being asked to start the afforestation plans from CAMPA funds. It was pointed out that the States have no hesitation in utilizing their share of CAMPA fund for this purpose. Additional Secretary (MoEF & CC) informed that the rules had since been framed and the funding of afforestation interventions in Ganga would be taken from 10% Central share as part of research and development project in Ganga basin.

20. ETF also approved the audited account for the period 2016-17 for placing before the Parliament.
