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Subject: Minutes of 15th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga held on 15th December, 2021.

Please find enclosed the minutes of 15th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga held on 15th December, 2021 at 02.30 PM through Video Conferencing for information and necessary action.


(Binod Kumar)
Director (Coordination)

To

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5. Project Director, SPMG Group Unnayan Bhawan', 3rd Floor, DJ-11, Sector-II, Block-A, KMDA, Kolkata- 700091.
6. All Executive Directors of NMCG

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PS to DG, NMCG- for his information

Minutes of 15th Joint meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 15th December, 2021 at NMCG Office, New Delhi

The 15th Joint Meeting of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and the Budget Review Committee (BRC) of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the five State Program Management Groups (SPMGs) was held virtually on 15th December, 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Director General (DG), NMCG. ED (F), ED (P), ED (T), other concerned officers of NMCG and representatives of all SPMGs attended the meeting.

2. ED (F) led the participants through a PowerPoint presentation. He apprised that the cumulative disbursement by NMCG during the CFY till date was only Rs.863.68 crore and that we should target a disbursement level of Rs.1,500 crore for CFY. He added that NMCG has Rs.402.90 crore available for immediate use by way of bank balance with the Union Bank of India and undrawn assignment limit with the Reserve Bank of India. The Government of India has allocated a RE of Rs.1,900 crore for the Namami Gange Program for CFY of which NMCG has drawn only Rs.800 crore till date and the balance Rs.1,100/- crore is yet to be drawn. Pace of expenditure has to improve to utilize the available funds. ED (F) suggested that the gaps in funding of Escrow accounts be filled as adequate funds are readily available. ED (P) informed that he will examine the funding required for all Escrow accounts. ED (F) further observed that SPMG UP and SPMG Bihar were holding large bank balances most of which was under the EAP head. He added that performance of SPMG West Bengal in fund utilization was very good. DG advised SPMGs of UP & Bihar to quicken the pace of expenditure so as to avoid holding excessive unutilized bank balances.

3. ED (F) proceeded to apprise the status of submission of IUFs and UCs by SPMGs. He apprised that the total available funds under NGRBP is about \$518 million of which about \$503 million has been withdrawn and NMCG expects to utilize the entire \$518 million available. He advised SPMGs to submit their IUFs for November 2021 without any further delay, if they have not already done so. He further advised SPMGs to submit IUFs for December 2021 by not later than 10/1/2022. He then apprised the participants of the status of various audits of NMCG & SPMGs. He advised SPMGs to expedite submission of reports on recertification of expenditures disallowed by the office of the respective AG offices without any further delay.

4. ED (F) then apprised about the performance of Clean Ganga Fund (CGF). He stated that cumulative mobilization funds by CGF since its establishment till date, is Rs.556.90 crore. He informed that the major part of the contributions is from the PSUs. Though quantum of contributions by individuals is not high, the number of individuals contributing to CGF has been consistently rising. He added that about Rs.16 crore has been received by the PMO by the recent auction of gifts received by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. However, PMO is yet to remit this fund to CGF.

5. ED (F) then proceeded to review the investments made by CGF. He observed that some of the Ghat projects being funded by CGF were approved in 2018 but these projects are yet to be completed and need to be expedited. He added that the progress of the *in-situ* bioremediation projects being funded by CGF is not satisfactory and these projects need special attention. He informed that CGF still has Rs.328.76 crore untied funds that are available for investment preferably in Ghat Projects. Projects of aggregate cost of about Rs.48 crore have since been approved by the Executive Committee of NMCG and have been put up for approval of the Board of Trustees of CGF through circulation. DG advised ED (P) to explore Brindavan Ghat Project for funding by CGF.

6. DG, NMCG placed on record his appreciation of Mr. Rozy Agarwal, ED(Finance) for regular and effective conduct of the meeting of ARC and BRC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
