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Subject: - Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga held on 15th March, 2022 at 04.00 PM.

A copy of the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Empowered Task Force on River Ganga held on **15th March, 2022 at 04.00 PM** through video conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti is forwarded herewith for kind information and necessary action.

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- 4) Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
- 5) Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- 6) Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
- 7) Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 8) Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
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Minutes of the 9th meeting of Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga held on 15th March, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti.

The 9th meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on River Ganga was held on 15th March, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and in the presence of Shri Bishweshwar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Shri Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ms. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Senior Officers from Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, NITI Aayog and from five Ganga State Governments, who joined the meeting through video conferencing.

2. The list of participants is **Annexed**.

3. Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in his opening remarks welcomed Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and Shri Bishweshwar Tudu, the Hon'ble Minister of State, Jal Shakti Ministry for chairing the meeting. DG, NMCG also welcomed the Secretary, D/oWR, RD & GR and Secretary, DWS and Senior Officers from various Central Government Departments, NITI Aayog and also from State Agencies.

DG, NMCG briefed the Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Minister of State on the functions of the ETF in accordance with the Authority order of 7th October 2016 for Ganga Rejuvenation. The major role of ETF is to coordinate the activities for rejuvenation of River Ganga and its tributaries by prioritizing the same for implementation by various Ministries/ Departments from the Central and State Governments and also take decisions for projects costing more than one thousand crore.

4. Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), then proceeded to make a presentation on the agenda items, Action Taken Report (ATR) received from various Ministries/Departments and State Governments, Ministry and State wise progress on various projects and interventions taken up for rejuvenation of river Ganga. All participating members were requested to give further updates of projects pertaining to their Ministries/Departments/States during the course of presentation and during discussion on the specific subjects.

5. Thereafter, the agenda items and progress on projects made by various Ministries of Central Governments and State were taken up for discussion with the permission of the chair.

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 8th meeting of Empowered Task Force (ETF) held on 22nd September, 2021.

The Minutes of 8th meeting of Empowered Task Force held on 22nd September, 2021 were confirmed by the ETF, as no comments were received from Ministries/ Departments from the Central and State Governments.

Transition from NGM I to NGM II

Thereafter DG NMCG informed that cabinet approval for Namami Gange Mission-II (NGM-II) has been received on 28th February 2022 and accordingly, flagged various issues identified during implementation of Namami Gange programme (NGM-I) which needs to be addressed while implementing NGM-II. The key issues and the proposed solutions discussed during the meeting are as follows:

Issue	Issue Details	Solutions
1.	Non-bankable DPRs	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality of DPRs were submitted by States Data Gap in DPRs - quantity and quality of sewage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empanelment of agencies to support DPR preparation Standardization of guidelines for preparation of DPRs and training of State government officials for DPR preparation. NMCG has already issued Guidelines and has tied up with IIT Roorkee for capacity building and the State Governments are requested to nominate personnel for the training programs scheduled from next month
	Delay in handing over of land for construction of sewerage assets	Cost escalation due to delay by States – change in land locations and consequential cost implications, cost overruns due to delays in sorting out land issues, approval of plans by SPMG etc- to be borne by States
	Sludge Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping and monthly monitoring of drains by SPCBs Characterization of sludge and its monetization. Some techno-commercial viable models are being worked upon.
2.	Improved coordination with SPMGs	
	Improved coordination with SPMGs	Monthly reports & review of activities for better management
	Vacancies in SPMGs	Institutional strengthening of SPMGs – filling up of vacancies (joint responsibility of NMCG and SPMG)
	Vitiated tender process and delay due to arising court cases	Stricter implementation of NGBRA framework for procurement process with stage-specific prior-approval of NMCG before States going ahead with next stage in procurement process. Directions of NMCG in procurement matters to be final.
3.	Strengthening of DGCs	
	Non-functional District Ganga Committees	Strengthening of DGCs, their capacity building
	Lack of regular meetings	Fixed day, mandated, monthly, monitored and minuted (4Ms) DGC meetings. District Magistrate to necessarily Chair at least one of two consecutive DGC's. The web-

		enabled platform prepared by NMCG shall be used to capture requisite details viz., attendance, agenda and decisions arrived.
	Less involvement in Namami Gange program	Greater participation in NG Programs- Arth Ganga
4.	Lack of focus on O&M	
	Lack of focus on O&M	O&M monitoring by NMCG through web enabled, sensor based data capturing platform. Ganga Tarang has been developed by NMCG which shall be populated with real time sensor based performance data from STPs.
	Poor capacity of O&M agencies	Capacity building for manpower
5.	Costly and delayed Third Party Vetting	Standardized rates and firm target dates for evaluation of projects by TPAs

Agenda No. 3: Appraisal and discussion on Agenda points of the 9th ETF meeting

Thereafter DG NMCG appraised ETF about the Agenda points as mentioned below-

1. Strengthening of District Ganga Committees (DGCs)

- Total 131 District Ganga Committees (DGCs) have been constituted (52 DGCs are on Main stem of River Ganga and 79 DGCs are on tributaries of River Ganga)
- Regular mandated, monthly, monitored and minuted (4Ms) meetings of DGCs are proposed from April 2022 onwards; Web-enabled App developed for faster transmission of MoM (Minutes of Meeting). DMs have been requested to share member details and the same are being collected. Issues/agenda to be taken up during each DGC meeting is being developed by NMCG. While few say, 4-5 fixed items shall be there in the agenda, some additional agenda on merits may be added by the DGC based on need. A dedicated 5-member team in NMCG is working towards the same.
- SGCs shall monitor the performance of DGCs and meet once in 3 months

2. Arth Ganga

- New logo of Arth Ganga has been developed and a framework has been developed to further focus on Honorable Prime Minister's vision of Arth Ganga
- 6 key activities identified for Arth Ganga are
 - **Zero Budget Natural Farming-** focusing on more income per crop and no use of chemical fertilizers along river Ganga corridor. "Gobar dhan" shall also be taken up for farmers including promotion of brand Ganga in association with SBM-Rural. NMCG is in contact with agencies who have further tie-ups with Farmer organizations for promoting the same. The DGCs are required to further explore mechanisms to bring more farmers on board.
 - **Livelihood Generation Opportunities-** Maintenance of ghats may take up by the initiative "Ghat mein Haat" whereby weekly haats may be held on ghats where produces of Natural Farming may be sold. Ganga Aartis may also be conducted every week on the ghats to further increase people river connect. These will enable

in income generation. Promotion of local products and afforestation activities, capacity building of Ganga Praharis shall also be taken up for livelihood generation.

- **Culture Heritage & Tourism-** Discussions held with DG Tourism to identify location associated with cultural, heritage, mythological as well as those related to India's freedom struggle along the Ganga River. Development of jetties shall also be taken up to promote local tourism. Promotion of yoga and wellness as well as Aartis to enhance cultural connection shall also be taken up. Separate meetings may be held with DG, Tourism to further the activities incl. identification of specific corridors with roll-out plan.
 - **Monetisation of Reuse of Sludge & Wastewater-** This is an important revenue generation potential and NMCG is in touch with ULBs for building capacity for implementing the same
 - **Public Participation** is key in implementing Arth Ganga
 - **Institutional Building-** To prepare for handover of assets, capacity enhancement at local administration shall be provided. Financial sustainability through reuse of sludge and wastewater shall also be key
 - **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**
 - Organic farming and Natural farming corridors along Ganga, promotion of natural farming & eco-agriculture
 - Improvement of water use efficiency in agriculture in Ganga villages
 - Ban on exotic breeds of fishes, which are a threat to the native species in River Ganga
 - **Ministry of Tourism**
 - Comprehensive plan to be worked out for development of tourism circuits along Ganga
 - Mapping and promoting of cultural, spiritual heritage along Ganga belt
 - Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AZAM) exhibitions and fairs across 75 towns- one year program from 15th August 2022
 - **Ministry of Culture**
 - Sanskriti Yatra
 - Dedicated Ganga galleries be set up in Museums
 - Setting up of Ganga Museums
 - **Ministry of Power**
 - Reuse of treated wastewater of Thermal power plants by adopting cluster approach in a region with a view to identifying plants which could take reused water for thermal generation of power
 - **Niti Aayog**
 - Support in development of a National Policy Framework on Re-use of treated wastewater
- 3. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change**
- Policy for distribution of CAMPA funds to Ganga States
 - Scaling up of afforestation activities in Ganga belt
 - Detailed plan to take forward the 'Project Dolphin' for conservation of Dolphins

- Comprehensive list of wetlands may also be developed along with action plan for their restoration and conservation
 - Sharing of data (real time and manual) on water quality with National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - Sand mining in ecological hotspots along River Ganga and its tributaries
 - STP discharge norms as per NGT order dated April 2019
- 4. Ministry of Rural Development**
- Convergence of activities under MNREGA for rejuvenation of small rivers and conservation/ protection of traditional water bodies.
- 5. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs**
- Protection and conservation of Urban Wetlands, traditional water bodies
 - Mapping of urban drains and management of solid, liquid waste in Ganga basin towns under SBM 2.0 & AMRUT 2.0.
 - Discussion on operationalizing of planning framework for River Cities
 - Development of URMPs for River Cities
- 6. Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti**
- Mapping of rural drains and management of solid, liquid waste in Ganga Villages
 - Conservation of wetlands/ traditional water bodies.
- 7. Ministry of Science & Technology**
- Sharing of knowledge on suitable technologies for river rejuvenation
 - Support suitable pilot projects and technical assistance for monitoring and other activities.
- 8. States**
- Transition from Namami Gange Mission I to Namami Gange Mission II (approved by Union Cabinet for the period 2021-2026) with focus on following :
 - expeditious execution of projects,
 - preparation of bankable DPRs for new projects in Ganga tributary towns
 - adoption of NGBRA framework for procurement,
 - cutting down delays in procurement of new projects,
 - avoidance of litigation in procurement processes
 - Focus on revival of small rivers and wetlands -A lot of work is being done by Districts. Plan of Action is needed by State Govts. to identify these small rivers/ water bodies district wise and plan of action for revival. Each Ganga district to develop scientific plan and health card for at least 10 wetlands
 - Adopt policies for reuse of treated water and other by products
 - Ensuring Solid Waste Management along Ganga belt and promote organic farming and forestry interventions in Ganga catchment by converging various Central and State schemes.

Discussion on Agenda points pertaining to various Ministries and State Governments

The ETF, thereafter, took up discussion on the above mentioned agenda items and sought response from the concerned Line Ministries and State Governments on the present progress of various interventions. The summary of discussions held with Ministries and State Governments is listed out here as under -

(i) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA & FW)

- Under the PKVY organic farming is being undertaken in 6181 clusters across the five Ganga states
- The first instalment of Rs.150 Cr has been released to the different states
- Uttarakhand and UP has done a significant amount of progress. However, Jharkhand and Bihar have been lagging behind (since activities were initiated a year ago)
- Proposals has also been received under the Natural Farming program
- A total of 1,23,620 Ha has been covered under organic farming (Bihar- 16,000 Ha, Jharkhand- 540 Ha, UP- 42,180 +14,000 Ha, UK-50,800 Ha)
- Joint Secretary is currently under visit of the areas under Natural Farming and the report shall be submitted to NMCG on the same

(ii) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

- After launch of AMRUT 2.0 and SBM 2.0, improvements have been observed in past 2 months
- **Solid Waste Management Plans**
 - Uttarakhand- All cities have completed action plans for complete Solid Waste processing. By end of March-2022, the proposal for SWM for the entire State shall be approved by GoI.
 - Uttar Pradesh- The cities are in the process of preparing the action plans for Solid Waste processing and the same are expected to be completed by April-2022 end
 - Bihar and Jharkhand- The cities are in the process of preparing the action plans for Solid Waste processing. Expected to take some more time.
 - West Bengal- Plan preparation is in preliminary stage. Expected to take some more time.
- **Sewage and Septage Management-** All cities along Ganga are now covered for Sewage and Septage management. The blackwater and greywater management plans for the cities are being processes by MoHUA. Uttarakhand cities are in advance stages, followed by Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.
- **Swachh Survekshan 2022 (AZAM special)** has already started. Ganga town assessment is also there and a new award category for Ganga basin districts has also been introduced. The assessment will be over by 31st March 2022.
- Guidelines on River Centric Urban Panning have been issued jointly by NMCG and NIUA and released to the states and cities. MoHUA is following up the same for its implementation.

- An IT portal has been developed to capture the urban drains. Geotagging and mapping of the urban drains have been started and the same is under progress.

(iii) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC)

- APOs of States have been approved at Rs.48 Crore under NMCG and States are taking up afforestation activities along river Ganga.
- Afforestation activities are also being undertaken under CAMPA, other GoI schemes (like MGNREGA), State Plans etc.
- State Forest Departments have been instructed to take up afforestation activities along River Ganga on priority.
- Project Dolphin- Cabinet note has been prepared and is under discussion and funding aspects are being looked at including possibilities for convergence with CAMPA funds

(iv) Ministry of Rural Development

- Multiple activities related to drought proofing, flood control, micro-irrigation, renovation of traditional water bodies, water conservation and rainwater harvesting (182 water related activities out of 262 approved initiatives) under MNREGA are being executed in the Ganga Basin districts.

(v) Ministry of Power

- The issue with Korba Thermal Power Plant for reuse of treated wastewater has been resolved
- For reuse of treated wastewater from STPs in cluster approach, meetings have been held with NMCG on 28th February 2022 and 09th March 2022. After discussion with Central Electricity Authority, 24 power plants have been identified for which the STPs have been mapped.
- A decision is being taken on the technical and financial feasibility of the initiative through further discussions.

(vi) Ministry of Tourism and Culture

- Swadesh Darshan (in Rishikesh, Bithoor and Munger) scheme is planned to be implemented by Ministry of Tourism. Nodal officers have also been appointed for the same. However, pending scheme guidelines, which have now been finalized, the proposals awaiting sanction will now be taken up.
- PRASAD schemes have been implemented by Department of Tourism across multiple locations in Patna, Badrinath, Varanasi among others.
- Rs. 28 Crore is also being allocated and work is under progress for development of jetties across 9 locations

(vii) Ministry of Shipping

- Community development program for Arth Ganga under the Jal Marg Vikas Pariyojna as well as on development of Jetties along Ganga as part of community development program are being implemented in Ganga States as per details below
 - **Uttar Pradesh:** 15 nos. proposed (across 4 districts)
 - **Bihar:** 21 nos. proposed (across 10 districts)
 - **Jharkhand:** 03 nos. proposed (across 1 district)
 - **West Bengal:** 23 nos. proposed (across 9 districts)

(viii) States

- Uttarakhand-
 - SBM activities have been completed.
 - STP projects and Ghat projects are under progress.
 - The State has also submitted proposals for two new projects, which may be considered for sanction.
- Uttar Pradesh-
 - STP and ghats projects are being monitored for speedy completion.
 - Plan for revenue generation from ghats also prepared and submitted to NMCG
 - Proposal for new STPs shall also be submitted to NMCG
 - Other Public Outreach and IEC activities are also being implemented in the state
- Bihar-
 - STP and ghats projects are being monitored for speedy completion.
- Jharkhand-
 - STP and ghats projects are being monitored for speedy completion
 - SLWM are also being undertaken
 - Other Public Outreach and IEC activities are also being implemented in the State
 - Afforestation and organic farming activities are also being implemented
- West Bengal-
 - STP and ghats projects are being monitored for speedy completion

Agenda No. 4: Adoption of Annual Accounts of NMCG for Financial Year 2020-21.

The Annual Accounts of NMCG for the Financial Year 2020-21 was placed before the Empowered Task Force. After brief discussion, the Financial Accounts of NMCG for the FY 2020-21 was adopted by the Empowered Task Force. It was observed that Report may be submitted by NMCG by providing clarifications against recent observations made by CAG through its letter.

Agenda No. 5: Project status under Namami Gange

The ETF was also apprised about the current project status under the Namami Ganga Program. The same was noted by ETF.

DECISION POINTS

6. In line with detailed discussion held during the course of 9th ETF meeting, the following decision were taken up further action-

(i) Standardization of guidelines for preparation of DPRs and training of State government officials for DPR preparation may be taken up. Further, NMCG must hand-hold the States during the process of preparation of DPR through its PMC.

(Action: NMCG)

(ii) Stricter implementation of NGBRA framework for procurement process with stage-specific prior-approval of NMCG before States going ahead with next stage in procurement process to be implemented and compliance reported. Directions of NMCG in procurement matters to be final. Project cost escalations due to delay by States on account of change in land locations, cost overruns due to delays in sorting out land issues, approval of plans by SPMG etc to be borne by States.

(Action: NMCG/ All States)

(iii) Regular meetings of DGCs to be held wef April-2022. District Magistrate to necessarily Chair at least one of two consecutive DGC's meetings. The web-enabled platform prepared by NMCG shall be used to capture requisite details viz., attendance, agenda and decisions arrived.

(Action: NMCG/ All States)

(iv) Since the thrust of the Government is on Natural Farming along the 5km stretch on the banks of River Ganga, an independent verification is necessary of the reported figures on natural farming by Central ministry as well as States. Necessary data may be collected from Ministry of Agriculture and within one month a report needs to be submitted to Honorable Minister on the same. The summary report based on the current visit of Joint Secretary Ministry of Agriculture may also be reviewed and submitted.

(Action: Ministry of Agriculture/ NMCG)

(v) The DPRs prepared by MoEFCC for afforestation along 13 Rivers, including the detailed micro-planning therein needs to be discussed with NMCG as similar plan was also prepared by NMCG for afforestation along Ganga. Possibilities for amalgamation and areas where further improvement areas can be done may be identified by NMCG and MoEFCC jointly. A detailed brainstorming session (to be hosted by NMCG) on the various activities undertaken by NMCG including challenges or issues faced till date may be discussed with MoEFCC. Further course corrections and learning may thereafter be implemented going forward especially for implementation of afforestation activities in other Rivers in Ganga basin.

(vi) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) to expedite final approval of the Cabinet for Project Dolphin. Moreover, MoEFCC to ensure that under Project Dolphin, in addition to Ganga Dolphins, conservation of other Dolphin species (Irrawaddy and Indus) shall also be covered.

(vii) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) to reply to NMCG on decisions taken related to notification of STP discharge norms as per NGT order dated April 2019.

(viii) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) to enable a seamless mechanism for sharing of data (real time and manual) on water quality with National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC), Ministry of Jal Shakti. The action may be completed and reported in fixed time frame of one month.

(Action: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change/ NMCG)

(ix) A detailed report on village wise interventions, especially those relevant to NMCG, taken under the MGNREGA for all Ganga Districts may be submitted within one week.

(Action: Ministry of Rural Development/ NMCG)

(x) It is the vision of the Government to prevent any untreated wastewater from flowing directly into the river by December 2022. A comprehensive action plan to deal with Solid and Liquid Waste Management in 4500 Ganga villages need to be prepared on priority. Thereafter reporting on implementation of the plan in each village needs to be provided.

(Action: Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, NMCG)

(xi) For implementing cluster-based approach for reuse to treated wastewater by STPs in power plants, a phase wise approach needs to be taken. Projects which are easy to implement may be taken up on priority. Thereafter innovative financial model may be developed for the remaining projects. In case where the issue of tariff is being raised as an impediment, revision of rates of raw water may be considered judiciously so that re-use of treated waste water can be incentivized. A separate meeting may also be taken with Honorable Minister of Jal Shakti.

(Action: Ministry of Power/ NMCG)

(xii) For developing new tourist destinations along Ganga, a joint meeting needs to be undertaken with NMCG. A detailed plan and roadmap for developing 10 new destinations during the next 5 years need to be prepared within the next one month. Thereafter a joint meeting of Honorable Minister of Jal Shakti and Honorable Minister of Tourism shall be held.

(Action: Ministry of Tourism & Culture, NMCG)

(xiii) Detailed Plan for River Cruise Tourism in the Ganga River may be prepared as the same has revenue generation potential. An expansion plan as well as a marketing plan of the existing River Cruise programs may be prepared along with Ministry of Tourism. NMCG shall be coordinating in this aspect to implement Arth Ganga concept

(Action: Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Tourism, NMCG)

(xiv) Completion of ghats in Badrinath may be prioritized. All villages in Uttarakhand to aim for ODF plus. Raw sewage flow into Ganga to be avoided from any villages in the next 5 months

(Action: Uttarakhand State/ NMCG)

(xv) Plan to make all villages in Uttar Pradesh ODF plus should be implemented. Raw sewage flow into Ganga to be avoided from any village in the next 5 months

(Action: Uttar Pradesh State/ NMCG)

(xvi) All projects being implemented by NMCG shall be expedited for completion.

(Action: Bihar State/ NMCG)

(xvii) Plan to make all villages in West Bengal ODF plus should be submitted.

(Action: West Bengal State/ NMCG)

(xviii) Since ETF meeting is Chaired by Honorable Minister of Jal Shakti, all Ministries must ensure that next meeting onwards officers at least in the rank of Joint Secretary from each Ministry are present.

(Action: All Ministries and States)

7. DG, NMCG in his concluding remarks thanked the participants and ended the meeting with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

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2. Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti
3. Shri Pankaj Kumar, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
4. Ms. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
5. Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG
6. Shri D.P. Mathuria, Executive Director (Technical), NMCG
7. Ms. Richa Misra, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, D/o WR, RD & GR
8. Shri G.K. V. Rao, Director General, Ministry of Tourism
9. Shri Avinash Mishra, Adviser, NITI Aayog
10. Shri Samual Praveen, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
11. Ms. Rupa Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
12. Shri Anand Kumar Prabhakar, DIG Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
13. Shri S.L. Kassi, Chief Engineer, Ministry of Power
14. Dr. A.K. Yadav, Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
15. Shri Ashutosh Gautam, Member (Technical), IWAI, Ministry of Shipping
16. Shri Dhramveer, Director, Ministry of Rural Development
17. Shri Sriram Vedire, Advisor to Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti
18. Shri Nitesh Jha, Secretary, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Govt. of Uttarakhand
19. Shri Dhaemendra Singh, Managing Director, BUIDCO, Bihar
20. Shri Uday Raj Singh, Project Director, SMCG- Uttarakhand
21. Shri Amit Kumar, Director, SUDA, Govt. of Jharkhand
22. Shri Rajesh Kumar Pandey, Additional Project Director, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
23. Ms. Nandini Ghosh, APD, SPMG-West Bengal
24. Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Uttar-Pradesh
25. Shi Sanjay Bani, DGM (P&C), NTPC, Korba
26. Shri Narendra Prasad Pandey, Special Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
27. Shri Dinesh Kumar, Deputy Director, Tourism, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
