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Government of India
Ministry of Water Resources, River Development
& Ganga Rejuvenation

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, the 14 October, 2014

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To,

✓ Shri Venkatesh Nayak,
B-117, 2nd Floor,
Sarvodaya Enclave,
New Delhi – 110017.

Subject :- Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 9.8.2014 received in this Ministry on 24.9.2014 vide Cabinet Secretariat's letter No. F-12015/604/2014-RTI dated 17.9.2014 and find enclosed herewith photocopy of Monthly Summary of this Ministry for the months of May & June, 2014.

2. In case, you are not satisfied with the above, you can prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority within 30 days under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 :-

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Yours faithfully,


(Arun Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India & CPIO
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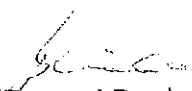
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Ministry of Water Resources

Shram Shakti Bhavan, Rafi Marg,
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Subject : **Monthly Summary of the Ministry of Water Resources for the month of June, 2014.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the monthly summary of the Ministry of Water Resources for the month of June, 2014 for information.

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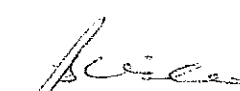
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Part – I (Unclassified)

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for June, 2014

(A) Important Developments.

- A meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 26.6.2014 regarding water related issues in Krishna Basin.
- Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) has taken a meeting on 27.6.2014 regarding Water Conservation.
- Hon'ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) has taken a meeting on 27.6.2014 regarding Gosikhurd Irrigation Project, Maharashtra.
- Secretary (WR) has taken a meeting on 26.6.2014 regarding interlinking of rivers.
- The Electronic Media Campaign by telecast of video spots undertaken on DD National, DD News & Regional Channels of Doordarshan for spreading messages of water conservation among the masses continued in the month of June, 2014.

(B) International Issue

- As per the Treaty on Sharing of Ganga/Ganges waters of Farakka with Bangladesh. 58th Meeting of Joint Committee held at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and finalized the Annual Report-2014 on implementation and monitoring of Treaty during the lean period of 1st January to 31st May 2014.
- Expert Level Meeting between India and China was held on 24-25-June, 2014 in Delhi. The implementation Plan for Provision of Hydrological data of three Stations on river Brahmaputra had been discussed and finalized during the meeting.

(C) Cauvery River Flow into Mettur Reservoir.

The State of Tamil Nadu filed I.A. No. 5 of 2013 in Civil Appeal No. 2456 of 2007 in Supreme Court of India in the matter of State of Tamil Nadu versus State of Karnataka & Others for a direction to the Union of India to constitute the Cauvery management Board as per the directions contained in the Final Orders/Award of the CWDT dated 05.02.2007 and for a further relief to direct the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India to place in position the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee at the earliest so as to effectively implement the Final Order/Award dated 5.02.2007 of the CWDT during the ensuing irrigation season commencing from 1st June, 2013. Government of India notified the award in the Official Gazette on 19.02.2013.

During the month of June 2014, 5.9777 TMC against 10.00 TMC as per final order of CWDT has been made available at Billingundulu Gauge & Discharge site.

(D). Krishna Inter State River Issue.

The Krishna Inter State river issue involves the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (referred to as KWDT-I) was set up under Inter-state River Water Disputes Act, 1956 vide notification No. S.O.1419 dated 10th April, 1969 to adjudicate upon the water dispute regarding Inter-state river Krishna and the river valley thereof.

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Immediately after submission of the report by the Tribunal on 30.12.2010, the State of Andhra Pradesh filed an SLP in March, 2011 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 16th September, 2011 directed that till further orders, the decisions, which may be taken by the Tribunal on the reference petitions filed by the three States and the Central Government, shall not be published in the official Gazette in terms of Section 6 (1) of the Act. The term of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal – II has been extended for a period of two years with effect from 1st August, 2014 vide notification dated 15th May, 2014 to address the terms of reference as contained in the Section 89 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

(E) Vansadhara River Issue

Vansadhara river is an important East-flowing river originating just South-West of Lanjigarh Village, Kalahandi District Orissa. The river flows for a total length of about 265 Kms out of which 154 Kms of length lies in Odisha, whereas remaining 82 Kms lies in Andhra Pradesh.

Andhra Pradesh proposed construction of Neradi barrage across Vansadhara in the 1950s. Odisha opposed it on various grounds. As there being objection to the construction of Neradi barrage, the State of Andhra Pradesh proposed construction of a side weir on its side of the river as temporary measure to utilize some of the river water before it falls into the sea. Since the 1980s, various studies on technical aspect were carried out considering the objection by Odisha

In view of the inordinate delay in construction of the aforesaid Neradi barrage, proposed about 5 decades back, the State of Andhra Pradesh suggested the construction of a Side weir along with a link canal of about 2 ½ Kms, on its side of the river as a temporary measure to enable the State of Andhra Pradesh to draw about 8 TMC of water to meet its immediate irrigation requirement at 2 Kms upstream of the proposed Neradi barrage. The State Government of Odisha opposed this proposal of the State of Andhra

Pradesh. Despite the stiff opposition by the Government of Odisha, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh started mobilizing resources with the intention of taking up construction of the side weir. Consequently, the State Government of Odisha filed a complaint under Section 3 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 with the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India on 14.02.2006 requesting constitution of Inter-state Water Disputes Tribunal.

On receipt of aforesaid complaint, the Ministry of Water Resources took initiative to settle the dispute through negotiations without success. In the meanwhile, State Government of Orissa filed a writ petition (civil) No. 443 of 2006 before the Supreme Court of India with the prayer for directing the Central Government to constitute a Tribunal in terms of Inter-State Water Disputes Act and to refer all the water disputes in respect of the Inter-State River Vansadhara to it for adjudication.

In the judgement of 6.2.2009, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India directed the Central Government to constitute a Water Dispute Tribunal. In pursuance to the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Ministry of Water Resources constituted the Vansadhara Water Disputes Tribunal (VWDT), published in the official gazette vide notification dated 24.02.2010.

Hon'ble Tribunal delivered its judgement in the I.A. No. 1 of 2010 on 17th December, 2013, allowing the Government of Andhra Pradesh to construct the Side Channel Weir along with the ancillary works as proposed and has, inter-alia, directed for constitution of a 3 member Supervisory Flow Management and Regulation Committee on River Vansadhara.

Accordingly, a draft Cabinet Note for constitution of a three member Protem Supervisory Flow Management and Regulation Committee has been prepared and forwarded to PMO, Ministry of Home Affairs and Cabinet Secretariat for comments. The Ministry of Home Affairs has supported the proposal of MoWR. With new Government having taken over from 26.05.2014, views have been sought afresh from the concerned Ministries/Departments.

F. Mulla Periyar Dam issue

A Constitution Bench, consisting of 5 Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court, has heard the MullaPeriyar Dam Case, in July/August,2013, involving the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Arguments in the case were completed on 21.8.2013. The Constitution Bench consisting of 5 judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court has delivered its judgement on 07.05.2014. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has declared the Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation (Amendment) Act,2006 unconstitutional and directed Union Government to set up a three member Supervisory Committee about the safety of the Mullaperiyar Dam on restoration of the FRL to 142 ft. After consulting Ministry of Law and Justice, a Cabinet Note on setting up the Supervisory Committee on Mullaperiyar Dam, was forwarded to Cabinet Secretariat on 13.06.2014. The Cabinet has accorded its approval on 18.06.2014 for setting up of a three member Supervisory Committee on Mullaperiyar Dam.

G. Babhali Barrage issue


Hon'ble Supreme Court delivered its judgement in the original suit No. 1 of 2006 on 28th February,2013 and has inter alia directed for constitution of a 3 Member Supervisory Committee on Babhali Barrage comprising of one representative each from the Central Water Commission and the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra respectively. The representative from the Central Water Commission is the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee. The approval of the Cabinet was obtained for the constitution of the Supervisory Committee on Babhali Barrage to implement the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Necessary orders were issued on 24.10.2013.

Consequent to the enactment dated 04.03.2014 of Andhra Pradesh State Reorganisation Act,2014(6 of 2014), the hitherto State of Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated into two States, i.e. State of Telangana and remaining districts as State of Andhra Pradesh. As the judgement dated 28.02.2013 of Hon'ble Supreme Court for constitution of a Supervisory Committee on Bhabali Barrage came much before this enactment, the nominee State of Andhra Pradesh for the said Supervisory Committee is required to be accordingly aligned. Accordingly, an application for seeking clarification/direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court with reference to nomination for the

Supervisory Committee on Bahali Barrage consequent to enactment of Andhra Pradesh State Reorganisation Act, 2014 (6 of 2014) has been filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(H) Storage Position of Important Reservoirs.

The Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring storage position of 85 important reservoirs spread all over the country, of which 37 reservoirs have significant hydro-power benefits with installed capacity of more than 60 MW each. The storage position in 85 reservoirs as on 26.6.2014 was 131 % of the average of their last 10 years storage.

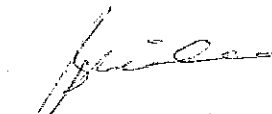

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During the period from 1st June, 2013 to 30th April, 2014, as against 189.50 TMC water as per final order of CWDT, actually 255.68 TMC had been made available at Billingundulu Gauge & Discharge site. Further, during the month of May 2014, as against 2.50 TMC as per Final Order of CWDT, actually 5.14 TMC has been made available.

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All these cases were transferred to the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Mulla Periyar case was heard by a five judge bench on 18.2.2010 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed Central Govt. to constitute an Empowered Committee which would hear the parties on all issues and furnish a report.

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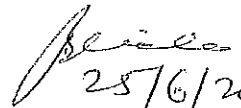
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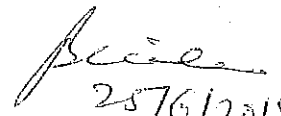
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