

Chairperson, GRMB



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Academic Qualifications :

- B. E. (Civil), (1984) SV National Institute of Technology, Surat, Gujarat
- M. Tech. (Civil), (1986) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- M.S.(Hydropower Development) (1994), Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.

Details of Experience :

J. Chandrashekhar Iyer assumed the charge of Chairperson, Godavari River Management Board (GRMB), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India on 28th November 2019. An officer of the Central Water Engineering Service of Government of India, he began his career with the Central Water Commission (CWC) in the year 1986. He has over 35 years of progressively responsible professional experience working in the water resources sector in the areas of project conceptualization, planning, project report preparation, design engineering, techno-economic appraisal and construction monitoring of hydropower, irrigation, flood management, command area development and coastal engineering projects, hydrological observations and flood forecasting, implementation of policies, programmes and projects of Government of India, implementation of the Tribunal awards/MoU/Agreements on Inter-State rivers and implementation of the bilateral Treaties/Agreements on transboundary rivers with neighbouring countries.

His key area of specialization is irrigation/hydropower project planning, hydraulic, structural and rock mechanics analysis and design engineering of surface and underground projects including trouble shooting, and has made significant contribution to several projects in India and abroad. Notable projects in India include World Bank aided Nathpa Jhakri and Rampur hydropower projects in Himachal Pradesh, JICA funded Srisailem Left Bank underground pumped storage project in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, Pykara project in Tamil Nadu, Koteshwar project in Uttarakhand, Doyang and Kameng projects in the North-East, Upper Indravathi project in Odisha, Ken-Betwa and Damanganga-Pinjal River Interlinking projects.

His significant overseas contribution includes engineering consultancy/expert advice to water resources/hydropower projects in Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Myanmar. As an ITEC Water Expert from Government of India to Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Ethiopia for a period of six months, he was advising Ethiopian Water Resources Authorities on the implementation of their ongoing water supply and hydropower projects and capacity building programmes, which was well recognized by the host Government.

Prior to his current assignment, as Commissioner (FM) in the Ministry of Jal Shakti at New Delhi, he was implementing the policies and programmes of Government of India under the Subject Matter Division. This includes steering the implementation of FMP and RMBA (later FMBAP) Schemes through the monitoring agencies and release of funds to the State Governments, steering the implementation/financing of balance works of North Koel Project (Jharkhand & Bihar) through WAPCOS/NABARD, technical matters related to Farakka Barrage Project on the river Ganga, Upper Yamuna River Board, Ganga Flood Control Commission, India-Nepal Pancheshwar Development Authority and implementation of the bilateral Treaties/Agreements on water resources with Nepal and Bangladesh through the established G2G mechanisms.

Currently, as Chairman, Godavari River Management Board, he is handling the mandate given to the Board through the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014 in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He has held the additional charge of Chairman, Krishna River Management Board as well for a while. Government of India has also entrusted him with the additional charge of Chief Executive Officer, Polavaram Project Authority, Hyderabad since November 2019.

Affiliations and Awards :

A Fellow of the Indian Water Resources Society and Fellow of the Indian Society of Hydraulics, he is life member of many Institutions/Societies viz. IE(I), IGS, ISRMTT etc. He has been a nominated member from Government of India on the Governing Council of Fluid Control Research Institute, Palakkad, Kerala for five years. He has received specialized training on "*Construction Techniques and Management*" at Hydro-Quebec International, Montreal, Canada. He has delivered talks/lectures/key note address related to water resources and hydropower development in various forums/institutions in India and abroad. He has made significant technical contribution to BIS Codes, CWC, CBIP and IRC publications and has to his credit around 25 papers in National and International Conferences/Journals/Springer publications, four of which have been awarded.