

# **GODAVRI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## **SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING** **HELD ON 21.07.2017**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri H. K. Sahu, Chairman, GRMB at Jalasoudha, Hyderabad on 21.07.2017.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members of the Board and other participants from Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of Telangana State and GRMB. He introduced himself and shared his earlier experiences regarding dealing with international and inter-state issues. Further, he shared the achievements of the Board since last meeting of the Board held on 16.11.2016 and briefed them as follows:

- i) GRMB has launched its website.
- ii) GRMB has prepared and circulated the Annual Report for the financial year 2016-17.
- iii) GRMB has received 5 nos. of vehicles procured by the Government of Telangana for the Board.
- iv) GRMB has successfully conducted Swatchhata Pakhwada programme in the month of March, 2017.

He expressed that the progress of the Board reflected whole hearted support, cooperation and guidance provided by the Members of the Board from both the State Governments and wished that the same spirit of co-operation will continue in future also. He thanked Government of Telangana for providing excellent office accommodation and vehicles to the Board. He also thanked Government of Andhra Pradesh for their full support.

The Special Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana State reciprocated on the welcome address by the Chairman and expressed his happiness that a person with vast experience ranging from working for Pacheshwar International Project and other projects of inter- state importance has been posted as Chairman, GRMB. He assured that Telangana Government will continue to extend their full co-operation for smooth and efficient functioning of the Board. He thanked Chairman and welcomed him to the Board.

The Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, welcoming Chairman to the Board expressed confidence that the Board will be

benefitted with the Chairman's vast experience. He also assured that Government of Andhra Pradesh will fully cooperate for smooth and efficient functioning of the Board and will provide all the required help.

Chairman lastly briefed on the Agenda items for the present meeting which are broadly categorised as:

- i) Financial matters
- ii) Administrative matters &
- iii) Technical matters

Chairman sought co-operation of the representatives of both the State Governments in conducting the meeting and making it fruitful. He hoped that the Board Meeting would close with positive outcome.

The Chairman then requested the Member Secretary to take up Agenda items one by one.

List of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The Member Secretary presented the Agenda items and explained them as below:

**5.1: Confirmation of Summary Record of Discussions of 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of GRMB held on 16.11.2016**

Member Secretary explained that item 3.5 of 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting was pertaining to Pattiseema LIS, whereas the observations submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh with the request to include it in the Summary record of discussions were of very general nature. Telangana State has responded to these observations in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board and expressed that these are not as per the words mentioned in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

In view of this deadlock, the summary record of discussions of the 3rd Board Meeting have also not been confirmed till now.

Chairman suggested that the concerns raised by both the State Governments may be taken care of and discussed in this very meeting under the Agenda Item No. 5.4.2. As such, the summary record of discussions of 3rd and 4th Board Meetings may be confirmed.

The Board Members agreed with the suggestion of the Chairman and Summary Record of Discussions of 3rd and 4th Meetings of the Board were confirmed.

## **5.2.: Financial Matters of the Board**

### **5.2.1: Empowering Chairman to Re-appropriate budgetary fund**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained the need for empowering Chairman for Re-appropriation of budgetary fund.

The representative of Telangana Government wanted to know the accounting norms being followed by the Board and the rules which will be applicable in case of Re-appropriation.

Representative of Government of Andhra Pradesh suggested that it would be better to adopt the rules in vogue in the Central Government / State Government rather than creating new rules.

Director (Finance) informed that the Central Government rules are being followed for accounting procedures of the Board.

It was decided that the Chairman may be empowered to re-appropriate budget from one Sub-Head to another Sub-Head to meet the urgent needs. The powers so delegated shall be in line with the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Water Commission.

### **5.2.2: Reserve Fund**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained the need to have a Reserve Fund of Rs. 10 crores, as already decided by the Board.

The Chairman expressed that the decisions already taken by the Board need to be honoured. He suggested that the Reserve Fund can be created gradually from the savings out of the approved / allocated budget.

The representatives of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Governments stated that there is no provision in the State Governments for parking of funds as Reserve Fund. However, they agreed that the Board is free to use the allocated / approved budget to create a Reserve Fund gradually out of the savings.

It was decided that the Board shall gradually build up the Reserve Fund out of the savings from the approved / allocated budget subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore per year to make a Reserve Fund of upto Rs. 10 crore.

### **5.2.3: Deputation Allowance to Board Officials / Staff**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained the rationale behind the proposal.

The Representative of Government of Andhra Pradesh expressed that, generally, the deputation allowance is provided as incentive to the employees for working in offices of another department. However, in case of GRMB this is not required because a number of officials are voluntarily willing to work in GRMB at Hyderabad. Secondly, there is no provision in the State Government to provide any deputation allowance to the officials deputed to other departments. He also expressed that this provision will have wide ramifications in the State departments as it is not possible to insulate this decision to GRMB.

Representative of Telangana Government also felt that such precedence may not be created.

Chairman concluded that, in view of the unanimous views of the Representatives of both the State Governments, the Agenda item may be dropped.

### **5.2.4: Refund of Grant-in-Aid to MoWR, GoI**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and emphasized that as per the condition attached to the Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 1 crore by the Central Government to GRMB, the amount has to be refunded to the Central Government when sufficient funds are available with GRMB for its day to day expenditure.

Representatives of both the State Governments were of the opinion that Grant-in-Aid is not, generally, refundable and this may be used as a contribution of Central Government to the Board.

Chairman expressed that the Board may request Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR to consider the Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 1 crore given to GRMB as seed money for the Board so that it need not be refunded.

It was concluded that the Board may make a request to Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR, in this regard.

#### **5.2.5: Expenditure of the Board**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and stated that the expenditure of the Board for the financial year 2016-17 and for the first quarter of financial year 2017-18 have been presented for the information of the Board. He stated that it has been agreed earlier (Resolution No.1) that the expenditure of the Board will be met by the Government of Telangana initially and later on adjusted independently, on 50-50 basis with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Representative of Government of Telangana expressed that the expenditure of the Board may be discussed along with the Administrative matters / Organisational Structure. He also expressed that the salary of the employees who are on deputation to GRMB is also to be paid by their parent department besides the salary to the employees working on OD basis.

He stressed that the budget allocation to the Board is to be met by both the State Governments on 50-50 basis every year. He further enquired about the method of reconciliation of Accounts followed by GRMB.

Representative of Government of Andhra Pradesh enquired whether the Accounts of GRMB are being audited regularly for the last 3 years by Office of the Accountant General.

Director (Finance) clarified that the independent financial transactions of GRMB were commenced during October, 2016 and the Board has completed one financial year of its financial transactions i.e. 2016-17. He further clarified that, so far, audit has not been undertaken for the Accounts of GRMB by AG Office.

Chairman expressed that the Board can raise a Demand on both the State Governments for sharing the budget allocation on 50-50 basis. For the financial year 2017-18 budget of Rs. 6.5 crore has been approved. Accordingly a demand for Rs. 3.25 crores each will be raised against both the State Governments.

The statement of expenditure since inception of the Board till end of financial year 2016-17 may be prepared by the Board, year wise, and sent to both the States raising the demand on 50-50 basis.

### **5.3 Administrative matters of the Board**

#### **5.3.1: Approval of Logo for GRMB**

Member Secretary presented three options for the logo and explained the features included in it and its design.

Representative of Telangana Government suggested that the name of the Board on the Logo may also be written in Telugu language besides Hindi & English.

Representative of Government of Andhra Pradesh suggested that the size of the Power Tower may be reduced and the size of water tap vis-a-vis that of dam may be rationalised.

He also pointed out that the water splash from the spillway of the dam may be correctly depicted.

It was agreed that incorporation of these suggestions may be left to the wisdom of the Chairman. The Logo, **Annexure – II(C)** of the Agenda notes, subject to incorporation of above suggestions is approved.

#### **5.3.2: Approval of Structure of Secretariat and Draft Working Manual of GRMB**

##### **5.3.2.1: Structure of Secretariat of GRMB**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained the structure of the Board. He emphasized the requirement of 37 officials for present work load of the Board.

The Representative of Telangana Government expressed the view that presently the Board does not have enough work load for the proposed structure with 37 officials. He suggested to rationalise the number of officials.

Representative of Andhra Pradesh Government opined that the appraisal of the projects is done mainly by Central Water Commission. Therefore, Board may not require the proposed staff for the limited scope of Board's functions, for the time being.

It was opined by the Representatives of both the States that it is the duplication of the functional jurisdiction between CWC and the Board.

Chairman explained that Central Water Commission examines the inter-state aspects of the projects, in general. However, after creation of Godavari River Management Board, all the projects of Godavari basin are being referred to the Board for appraisal as per the provisions of AP Re-organisation Act, 2014. It is the mandated function of the Board to appraise the projects and there is no duplication of work. It was also informed that recently the Government of Odisha has sent DPR of Middle Kolab Multi-Purpose Project for appraisal by the Board on the advice of Central Water Commission. It is also expected that more projects of Godavari Basin may be referred to the Board for appraisal by the neighbouring States.

The Representative of Telangana Government opined that if the Board is working for the projects of other States of Godavari Basin, then the cost of expenditure should also be shared by the concerned State or by the Central Government.

Chairman pointed out that the appraisal of the projects of neighbouring States to be done by the Board is also for protecting the interests of the two States i.e Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

It was agreed that the Board may take up the matter with the Ministry of Water Resources requesting them to contribute a part of the approved budget of GRMB as their share or advise the modalities for sharing of expenditure of the Board by the neighbouring States.

After detailed deliberations regarding the structure and the number of posts, it was decided that presently 25 posts may be created, to be taken on deputation from Central Government (5 Nos.) and from both the States (10 Nos. each) as given in **Annexure – II.**

It was also agreed that the additional posts as required, depending on the work load of the Board may be considered by the Board in the next Board meeting.

#### **5.3.2.2: Draft Working Manual of GRMB**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained that the present document is a comprehensive one which subsumes GRMB Regulations–2014

approved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting and the Draft Working Manual as considered by the Board in 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Some inconsistencies were noted between the provisions of Regulations and the Draft Working Manual which have been eliminated in the present document.

The Representatives of both the State Governments stated that it may not be feasible to go through the complete document in the meeting itself. Therefore, they will send their observations, if any, on the present Draft Working Manual within 10 days i.e. by 31.07.2017.

Chairman requested the Representatives of both the State Governments to send their observations within the agreed time so that a final view may be taken on the Draft Working Manual which is an important document for day to day functioning of the Board.

#### **5.4: Technical Matters of the Board**

##### **5.4.1: Authenticated data of approved Major & Medium Projects**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and requested to send the details of the projects.

The Representatives of both the State Governments were of view that the Board may clearly lay out the details of the projects required and provide a clear format which will be uploaded on the website of the Board by the concerned Officer of the State Governments. The user id and password for uploading the data on the website may also have to be provided by the Board to the concerned officials of the State Governments.

Chairman stated that the format of the requested data of the Projects will be circulated to both the State Governments and user id and password will also be communicated to the concerned Officers, shortly, and requested that the Officers of the State, may do the needful immediately after that.

##### **5.4.2: Furnishing DPRs of the projects which are pending for approval in Godavari basin by GoTS & GoAP**

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and informed that the Board Office has not received DPRs of some projects, so far.

Representative of Telangana Government stated that presently they do not have any “new projects” of which DPR is to be submitted to the Board. He assured the Board that all the requisite information of existing and ongoing projects will be provided. He also advised that the Board may concentrate on how to optimise utilisation of Godavari resources. He expressed that the Action plan of the Telangana State should not affect adversely the action Plan of Andhra Pradesh. In case it affects, then discussions may be held. He also requested the Board to help the State Government in getting statutory clearances for the projects from the Ministries / Departments of the Central Government.

Chairman requested Representatives of both the State Governments to provide DPRs of new projects and in case they do not have any new projects, then they may give in writing so, to the Board. In case of completed and ongoing projects, copy of approval of the projects (Technical Clearance) by the competent authority may be provided to the Board office. The Board will send fresh request in this respect to both the State Governments.

Representative of Government of Andhra Pradesh stated that they will be sending DPR Volumes II & III of Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme shortly. Regarding Chintalapudi LIS and Purushothapatnam LIS, he stated that the State Government will reply suitably to the Board.

The Chairman assured all the help to the State Governments in getting the statutory clearances. He once again requested the Representatives of both the States to furnish the requested information / details to the Board, at the earliest.

The meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere and ended with vote of thanks.

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**GODAVARI RIVER MANEGEMENT BOARD 5th BOARD MEETING AT HYDERABAD HELD ON  
21st JULY 2017.**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of the Official</b>	<b>Designation /Organisation</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Members :</b>	
1	Shri H.K. Sahu	Chairman, GRMB in Chair
2	Dr.Samir Chatterjee	Member Secretaty, GRMB
3	Dr.Shri S.K.Joshi ,IAS	Spl.Chief Secretary, I&CAD Dept., Govt., of Telangana
4	Shri Sashi Bhusan Kumar ,IAS	Secretary to Govt., WRD, Govt., of AP
5	Shri C.Muridhar	Engineer-in-Chief(I),I&CAD Dept., Govt., of Telangana
6	Shri M.Venkateswara Rao	Engineer-in-Chief(I),WRD, Govt., of AP
<b>II</b>	<b>Telanaga :</b>	
7	Shri S.Narasimha Rao	Chief Engineer
8	Shri V.Ajaya Kumar	Superintending Engineer, ISWR
9	Shri P.Chandra Sekhar	Deputy Chief Engineer ,O/o ENC(I), Govt., of Telangana
10	Shri R.Koteswar Rao	Executive Engineer.ISWR
11	Shri N.Ravi Shankar	Deputy Executive Engineer, O/o CE, ISWR,Govt., of Telangana
12	Shri B.Dudiya	Deputy Executive Engineer, ENC(I), Govt., of Telangana
13	Shri S.Chandu Kumar	Asst.Executive Engineer, ENC(I),Govt., of Telangana
14	Shri A.Ram babu	Asst. Executive Engineer, O/o CE, ISWR,Govt., of Telangana
<b>II</b>	<b>Andhra Pardesh:</b>	
15	Shri T.Giridhara Rao	Executive Engineer , O/o CE, ISWR , Govt., of AP
16	Shri V.Sai Ram Prasad	Executive Engineer, PIP Camp Office
17	Shri T.V.S.Prasad	Deputy Executive Engineer, ENC(I),AP
<b>III</b>	<b>GRMB :</b>	
18	Shri J.R.Sudheer	Director of Finanace(FAC),GRMB & KRMB
19	Shri M.Ravi Kumar	Superintending Engineer, GRMB
20	Shri R.Vittal Prasad	DDO&Executive Engineer, GRMB
21	Shri M.Sada Shiv	Executive Engineer, GRMB
22	Shri K.Ramesh	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
23	Shir P.Venkata Ramana	Deputy Executive Engineer , GRMB
24	Smt S.Arundhati	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
25	Smt P.Vijayalakshmi	S.D.E, GRMB
26	Smt Aruna Jyothi	AD-II, GRMB
27	Smt L.Jasmine Supriya	Asst.Executive Engineer, GRMB

28	Smt Ch.Sridevi	Asst.Executive Engineer, GRMB
29	Smt P.Varalakshmi	Asst.Executive Engineer, GRMB
30	Smt N.Swathi	Asst.Executive Engineer, GRMB
31	Smt Lakshmi Biswas	Asst.Executive Engineer, GRMB
32	Smt Suvarna Kumari Vara	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB
33	Smt D.Saraswathi	Superintendent, GRMB
34	Smt D.Mary Suneetha	Superintendent, GRMB
35	Smt Y.Vindya	Senior Assistant, GRMB
36	Shri R.Srinivas	Senior Assistant, GRMB
37	Smt K.Radhika	Junior Assistant, GRMB

**STRUCTURE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF GODAVARI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD, HYDERABAD**

**Chairman, Member Secretary, Member (Power ), Chief Engineer - Each 1 post from Central Water/ Power Engineering Services sanctioned as per provisions of A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014**

<i>SI NO</i>	<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>Dy.Secy/ SE</i>	<i>Asst. Secy / EE / US (F)</i>	<i>AD/AD-II/ DEE (State)</i>	<i>Accounts Officer</i>	<i>AEE (State)</i>	<i>Superintendent / Asst SO</i>	<i>Personnel Staff</i>	<i>Sr.Asst</i>	<i>Jr.Asst</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Administration & Finance Unit	1*	1	1*		1	1			1	6
			1*		1*				1		3
2	Technical Unit	1*	1	1		2					5
			1	1		2					4
3	Power Division		1	1		1					3
4	PS to Chairman							1			1
5	PS to Member Secretary							1			1
6	PS to Member (Power)							1			1
7	PS to Chief Engineer							1			1
<b>8</b>	<b>Total (A)</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>4+1*</b>	<b>3+1*</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>

**Note:**

1. ( \*) These posts shall be from Central Government on deputation.
2. Other posts shall be from Andhra Pradesh State and Telangana State
3. The Personnel from States shall be 50:50 basis. In Case any State fails to provide the required no. of personnel, the Chairperson of the Board is empowered to draw from other State/ Central Government and vice-versa