

**SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
GODAVARI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD
AT HYDERABAD ON 06TH AUGUST 2014**

The first meeting of the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) under the Chairmanship of Shri A. Mahendran, Member (WP&P), Central Water Commission and Chairman, Godavari River Management Board was held in the office of Chief Engineer, Krishna and Godavari Basin Organization, Central Water Commission, Hyderabad on 06th August 2014. The list of Board Members who attended the meeting is at ***Annexure-I***.

At the outset, Chairman of the Board welcomed the members and other participants from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), Government of Telangana (GoT) and from the Central Government and initiated the discussions stating that this meeting is taking place to discuss the modalities to kick start the functioning of the Board and address other issues in front of the Board. Subsequently, the agenda as circulated by the Secretariat of the Board was taken up for discussions. The agenda circulated is at ***Annexure-II***.

Item 1.1

The members were unanimous that it is essential to make the Board fully operational at the earliest at Hyderabad for smoothly carrying out all the mandated functions and to take full control to ensure implementation of the directions given by the Board in its meetings. The members from both the State Governments assured full cooperation in this regard.

For office accommodation, it was decided that both the Boards can be housed in one building for the sake of mutual convenience. The members from Government of Telangana informed that adequate office space has been identified at two or three locations in the city which may be jointly inspected by the Member-Secretary of both the Boards. The concurrence on any of these locations mentioning the area required may be conveyed to Government of Telangana for processing the matter and allocation to the Boards. It was also agreed that the Government of Telangana will furnish the office accommodation of GRMB and the Government of Andhra Pradesh will furnish the office accommodation of KRMB as per requirement of the Boards at the earliest, and later debit the expenditure against the account of the respective Boards.

For human resources, the Board agreed that till such time the structure of Board's Secretariat at Hyderabad is finalized and officials are posted, interim working arrangement has to be put in place without further delay for carrying out the day to day activities. The members from both the State Governments agreed to place the services of few officials from their States immediately at the disposal of the Board on informal basis. As regards the

Ministerial and Multi Tasking staff, the members from the State Governments conveyed severe shortage of staff at that level within the States and expressed their inability to spare. They however assured to assist the Board in engaging such staff on contract basis/ through outsourcing. The proposed interim working arrangement shall include:

Superintending Engineer	: 1 SE
Executive Engineers	: 2 Nos. (one each from GoAP and GoT)
Assistant Executive Engineer	: 2 Nos. (one each from GoAP and GoT)
Deputy Engineer	: 4 Nos. (two each from GoAP and GoT)
PS/ Clerical staff	: 4 Nos.
Multi Tasking Staff	: 4 Nos.

(If the SE in GRMB is from GoT, then the SE in KRMB shall be from GoAP and vice versa.)

For finances, it was informed to the Board members that Ministry of Water Resources, GoI has been requested by Member Secretary to provide Rupees One Crore to the Board, to immediately commence its activities till such time the projects are notified and the organization structure is finalized and an estimate is prepared.

Meanwhile, the members from both the States assured that the two State Governments can deposit equal amount of seed money for the Boards to start functioning immediately for which a letter may be sent by the Member-Secretaries requesting both the State Governments. For the intervening Board and Working Group meetings to be held till the Board actually receives funds in its account, it was suggested that the expenditure on the Board and Working Group meetings of GRMB can be made by GoT and of KRMB made by GoAP, which may be later debited to the account of the respective Boards.

Item 1.2

Detailed deliberations took place on the issue of jurisdiction of the Board in respect of power projects as laid out in The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014 (No.6 of 2014). The members from Government of Telangana stated that as per sub-section (8) (b) of Section 85 of the Act, one of the functions assigned to the Board is;

the regulation of supply of power generated to the authority in-charge of the distribution of power having regard to any agreement entered into or arrangement made covering the Government of the existing State of Andhra Pradesh and any other State or Union territory;

Therefore members from GoT felt that the Board shall have jurisdiction on the hydroelectric projects like Upper Sileru and Lower Sileru HEPs to discharge the above function. However, the members from Government of Andhra Pradesh stated that the jurisdiction of the Board is brought out in the Act only under sub-section (1) of Section 85, which states as under;

The Board shall ordinarily exercise jurisdiction on Godavari and Krishna Rivers in regard to any of the projects, over head works (barrages, dams, reservoirs, regulating structures), part of canal network and transmission lines necessary to deliver water or power to the States concerned, as may be notified by the Central Government, having regard to the awards, if any, made by the Tribunals constituted under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Hence they expressed their concerns in regards to the clubbing up of power along with water utilization for the sake of jurisdiction of the Board.

It was therefore decided that a working group comprising of Member Engineers in Chief representing the Board from both the States and Member Secretary will address these issues and work out jurisdiction of the projects to be notified by the Government of India, modalities on the working of the Board which includes the staff requirements, the finances and other infrastructure, technical and security requirements. The working group in its report would come up with a detailed working estimate for the remaining period of the XII Plan. The report of the working group will be placed before the Board.

It was decided that both the State Governments will furnish to the Board the following information in respect of all the completed/under operation projects within their jurisdiction.

- Salient features
- Daily inflows, outflows and withdrawals
- Reservoir levels
- Water utilizations
- Reservoir operation schedule
- Annual Irrigation
- Command Area
- Monthly water use

It was also agreed that both the State Governments shall keep the Board informed about all the projects under construction and new projects that are in the Detailed Project Report, Feasibility or Pre-Feasibility stage.

Item 1.3

On the matter of zero scheduling of power by APGENCO from Lower Sileru and Upper Sileru hydroelectric projects, the expert member stated that of a Committee has been constituted by Government of India, Ministry of Power under the Chairmanship of Chairperson, CEA for resolving the issues related to power sector as a result of 'The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014'. One of the terms of reference of the Committee is the issue about recognition of certain PPAs. Both the successor States are represented in the

Committee. Two meetings of the committee have been held. As the matter is under consideration of the Committee, it was decided that the Board will await the decision/report of that Committee.

Item 1.4

As most of the issues currently to operationalize the two Boards are more or less common, it was suggested that the Member-Secretary, GRMB and KRMB shall for the next six months, work jointly and participate in the working group and Board meetings of both the Boards for jointly addressing all the common issues which was accepted by the Board.

There being no other issue, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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List of Board Members who attended the Meeting

1. Shri A. Mahendran : Chairman
2. Shri Aditya Nath Das : Member (Administrative) from GoAP
3. Dr. S. K. Joshi : Member (Administrative) from GoT
4. Shri M. Venkateshwara Rao : Member (Technical) from GoAP
5. Shri C. Muralidhar : Member (Technical) from GoT
6. Shri K.R.Nagdeve : Expert Member from CEA
7. Shri J.Chandrashekhar Iyer : Member Secretary

Special Invitee

1. Shri Ramesh Kumar Gupta : Member Secretary, KRMB

GODAVARI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Proposed Agenda Items for the First Meeting

Item No 1

- a) Views and suggestions of Government of Andhra Pradesh and Government of Telangana on the functioning of the Board which inter-alia will include office space, infrastructure, organizational structure, security, financial and other aspects for its smooth and independent working.

Both the State Governments are requested to make necessary presentations and provide the required notes.

Item No 2

- a) To make the Board available with the authenticated data on all the projects in Godavari Basin in the successor States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The data inter-alia must include:

- Salient features of the projects
- Jurisdiction of the Board and list of projects which are to be notified under the Act.
- Planned and existing water use for various purposes
- Approved guidelines for operation of the project (if any)
- The water release pattern for different systems/use under each project for the last 5 years

Item No 3

- a) Information about water release and power generation schedule on day-ahead basis from Upper Sileru, Lower Sileru, Machkund and Donkarayi hydroelectric projects by APGENCO to SRLDC, Bangalore.

Item No 4

Any other item with the permission of the chair