

GODAVARI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD
Summary Record of Discussions of 7th Board Meeting
held on 03.07.2018

The 7th Meeting of Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri H. K. Sahu, Chairman, GRMB at Jalasoudha, Hyderabad on 03.07.2018.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members of the Board and other participants from Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), Government of Telangana State (GoTS) and GRMB. He conveyed congratulations to Dr. S. K. Joshi, on his promotion as Chief Secretary to Govt. of Telangana. He recapped important decisions of the last Board Meeting and narrated briefly the actions taken thereon.

Chairman, further, brought to the notice of the Members that Citizens'/Clients' Charter and Annual Report (FY:2017-18) of GRMB have been prepared since the last Board Meeting and they were uploaded in GRMB website. Women's cell has also been constituted in GRMB. He thanked both the State Governments for their contributions towards budgetary funds. Chairman informed that, for uploading project data in the GRMB Website, an interactive session with the concerned nodal officers of both State Governments will be organised soon in the Board office, to bring more clarity in usage of web site and removing difficulties faced by them. He also informed Members that the Board office conducted programs like Swachh Pakhwada, International Yoga day etc., in line with Central Government directions.

Chairman informed that draft Absorption Rules of GRMB for absorbing the deputationists permanently in GRMB, have been prepared in pursuance of the Section 86 (1) of A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014 and placed before the Board in this meeting for consideration. He thanked the Members from both the States for their continued support and cooperation to GRMB in carrying out its functions mandated by the Act.

The list of participants is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

The Chairman requested Member Secretary to take up the Agenda items for discussion. The Member Secretary presented the Agenda items for discussion as below:

Item No. 7.1 Confirmation of Summary Record of Discussions of 6th meeting of Godavari River Management Board, held on 12.12.2017

Member Secretary informed that certain observations were received from GoAP, which are in the nature of compliance to the decision taken in 6th Board meeting. No comments were received from GoTS & other Members.

Summary Record of Discussions of 6th Board meeting were confirmed.

Item No. 7.2 Financial Matters

7.2.1 Auditing of Annual Accounts

Member Secretary informed about the efforts of the Board office to hire services of suitable Chartered Accountant for annual auditing of Board's accounts and that a Chartered Accountant empaneled by CAG, New Delhi, has been shortlisted, on the basis of lowest quotation. The work will be awarded to the firm, shortly.

The Board approved the same.

7.2.2 Contribution of funds from the States of AP & TS

Member Secretary explained about the status of contribution of funds from the States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana. He pointed out that there is a shortfall to the tune of ₹319.62 Lakhs from GoAP as on date, to match the contribution made by GoTS.

Representative of GoAP agreed to deposit the same into GRMB bank account in one tranche, at the earliest.

7.2.3 Expenditure of the Board office during FY 2017-18

Member Secretary informed that an expenditure amounting to ₹212.675 Lakhs (including salaries) has been incurred during FY 2017-18. He also informed that an amount of ₹100 Lakhs has also been deposited towards Reserve Fund for the FY 2017-18.

Item No. 7.3 Administrative Matters

7.3.1 Citizens' Charter of GRMB

Member Secretary informed that Citizen's/Client's Charter is mandatory for any Government Organisation so that general public can come to know about the Organisation and if there are any grievances, they can lodge the same. Therefore Citizen's/Client's Charter for GRMB has been prepared and uploaded on the GRMB website.

7.3.2 Deputation of Central Government Staff in GRMB

Member Secretary informed that MoWR has not agreed for Central deputation in GRMB. Therefore, the number of sanctioned posts has been kept as 24 (12 each from both States), as decided in the 6th Board meeting.

Representative of GoTS suggested that this issue may be kept as an agenda for ensuing Apex Council meeting, as experienced personnel from Central Government are required for appraisal of the projects and dealing with administrative/financial matters.

It was decided to take up the issue with MoWR for discussion in the Apex Council meeting.

7.3.3 GRMB Absorption Rules

The Member Secretary stated that as per Section 86(1) of the Act, the personnel working on deputation in GRMB may be absorbed permanently. Therefore, a Sub-committee was constituted to frame draft Absorption Rules. The Sub-committee has prepared the draft GRMB Absorption Rules-2018 and the same are placed before the Board for consideration.

Representatives of both the States opined that in view of the complex nature of these rules, in depth scrutiny of draft rules is desirable by administrative experts. After due scrutiny, the observations of the State Governments will be communicated, at the earliest.

7.3.4 Reimbursement of Medical Claims to the Central and State Government employees of GRMB

Member Secretary informed that the Central Government employees working in GRMB are not entitled to avail CGHS facilities, as this facility is not extended to autonomous

bodies. Hence, it is proposed that the provisions of Central Service (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 as amended from time to time, may be made applicable to the Central /State Government employees working in GRMB, till separate Medical Rules are formulated by GRMB. The employees may receive treatment through State/Central Government doctors hospitals and also CGHS referral Hospitals/Laboratories in Hyderabad. The reimbursement of their medical bills may be made by GRMB as per CGHS approved rates. Chairman, GRMB may be empowered to decide the equivalence of State Government employees to be on par with Central Government employees.

The Board discussed the matter in detail and approved the proposal.

Item No. 7.4 Technical Matters

7.4.1 Authenticated data of projects to be uploaded in the website of GRMB by project authorities

Member, GRMB presented the agenda and stated that GRMB provided login credentials and the Manual for login and entry of project data in GRMB website to the nodal officers of both the State Governments. The concerned Project Authorities were requested to enter the project details directly in the GRMB website.

GoAP officials have entered and submitted Primary data of 12 nos. of projects (3 nos. partially) and Detailed data of 11 nos. of projects (5 nos. partially), out of 13 nos. of completed and ongoing Projects. Whereas, GoTS officials have entered and submitted Primary data for 5 nos. of projects (3 nos. partially), and Detailed data for 3 nos. of projects (1 no. partially), out of 38 nos. of completed and ongoing Projects. He further requested that concerned officers may upload the requisite data and in case of any difficulty, GRMB may be approached.

Chairman informed that an interactive session will be arranged by GRMB shortly in which importance of uploading data in the website of GRMB will be explained and difficulties experienced by the nodal officers will be removed.

7.4.2 Furnishing DPRs of Irrigation Projects/Schemes

Member, GRMB stated that both the States have reported from time to time, that the other State has taken up certain projects without approval of GRMB/Apex council.

In this regard, GRMB is of the view that all the projects which have not been given clearance for water allocation, from interstate angle, by the competent authority, before the appointed day, should be submitted to GRMB for appraisal under the Section 85 (8) (d) of A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Representative of GoTS stated that for the purpose of ascertaining "New projects" the GoTS considers that only the projects conceived and conceptualised by the successor States after formation of two States should be considered as "New projects" for the purpose of technical clearance by GRMB/approval by the Apex council. TAC clearance or absence of it should not form the basis for ascertaining "New projects".

Representative of GoAP strongly opined that conceiving the project itself cannot be considered as permission for going ahead with the implementation of the project. Any project which was originally conceived with certain parameters but has undergone considerable change in scope, causing increased water demand and having negative impact to lower riparian States, must be approved afresh by GRMB/Apex council.

In view of the different opinions among the Members, it was agreed to approach MoWR, RD & GR / the Apex Council for definition of New Projects under Section 85 (8) (d) of A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014.

The Chairman requested that both States may submit list of projects with relevant details, so that the Ministry/Apex council may be approached to decide which projects may be considered as ongoing/ new projects.

7.4.3 List of the approved projects by State Governments in Godavari Basin along with the copy of Government Orders for approval

Member, GRMB intimated that CWC has already been requested to provide approved TAC notes for the projects of Godavari Basin accepted by TAC. Representatives of both the States were also requested to furnish the details of completed and ongoing approved projects along with copies of approvals by the Competent authority.

Representatives of both the States agreed to submit the same.

7.4.4 Technical Clearance of Middle Kolab Multi-Purpose Project (Odisha)

Member, GRMB stated that, as decided in the 6th Board meeting, GRMB circulated a self-contained draft Technical Note for Technical Clearance of the project. He explained the details of the project with a brief presentation.

Representative of GoTS suggested that the technical clearance may be given to the project subject to the conditions that diversion of Indravati water through Joura Nalla shall be restricted to minimum requirement for proposed power generation. GRMB should monitor implementation of the project.

After deliberations, the Board accorded technical clearance with following conditions:

- (i) Verification of water availability at 75% and 90% dependability, by CWC.
- (ii) Odisha will ensure flow of 45 TMC, at 75% dependability, in Indravati river at its border with Madhya Pradesh (as per Agreement between Odisha and Madhya Pradesh dated 09.12.1975).
- (iii) Diversion of Indravati water through Joura Nalla shall be restricted to minimum requirement for proposed power generation. GRMB will monitor diversion of Indravati water through Joura Nalla.

7.4.5 Installation of the Telemetry Stations in Godavari Basin.

Member, GRMB presented the proceeding of the Committee for Installation of Telemetry Stations in Godavari Basin. He proposed for taking up 13 locations in Phase-I identified in SRSP, Dummugudem and Dowleshwaram projects, two river sites and one Pumping Station as per Annexure 7.4.5 B of agenda.

Representative of GoTS suggested that Telemetry Stations may also be taken up at the border points where tributaries of Godavari river enter into Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana and also at the border between Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, in the Phase-I itself.

After deliberations, it was agreed to include Telemetry Stations as suggested by the representative of GoTS. GRMB will finalise the locations for installing the instruments and

specifications for suitable instruments. Estimates and draft tender documents will be prepared and put up to the Board in its next meeting for consideration and approval.

Item No. 7.4.6 Power Scheduling by APGENCO from Upper and Lower Sileru Hydroelectric Projects

Expert Member, GRMB informed that the Committee constituted by the Ministry of Power, to resolve the issues raised by the residual State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana w.r.t to power sector, has been dissolved, vide MoP O.M F.No.13/6/2013-OM (Vol-VI), dated 03.01.2018.

Representative of GoTS stated that Telangana will request Ministry of Power for resolving power sharing issues. Further, he suggested that GRMB may also be made part of the exercise to resolve the power issues.

Representative of GoAP stated that they will discuss the matter with Energy Department/GENCO and would come up with requisite information.

Item No. 7.5 Any other items with permission of the Chair

No other item was discussed.

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

7th BOARD MEETING OF GRMB HELD ON 3rd JULY, 2018**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:**

Sl.No.	Name of the Official	Designation/ Organisation
1	Shri H.K.Sahu	Chairman, GRMB in Chair
I	Telangana:	
2	Shri C.Muralidhar	Engineer-in-Chief (I), I&CAD,GoT
3	Shri G.Shankar Naik	Chief Engineer, Hydrology, GoT
4	Shri V.Ajay Kumar	Superintending Engineer, ISWR,GoT
5	Shri R.Koteswara Rao	Executive Engineer, ISWR,GoT
6	Shri G.D.Narahari Babu	DCE -IV, O/o ENC(I), GoT
7	Shri K.Prasad	Deputy Director, ISWR,GoT
8	Shri M.M.Hussain	Executive Engineer, GoT
9	Shri A.Rambabu	Assistant Executive Engineer, GoT
10	Smt B.Vineetha	Assistant Executive Engineer, O/o ENC(I), GoT
11	Shri A.P.Surender	Deputy Executive Engineer, O/o ENC(I),GoT
12	Shri CH.Uday Shanker	Deputy Executive Engineer, O/o CE, ISWR,GoT
13	Shri Chander Kumar	Assistant Executive Engineer, O/o ENC(I), GoT
II	Andhra Pradesh	
14	Shri M.Venkateswara Rao	Engineer-in-Chief (I), WRD, GoAP
15	Shri D.Rama Krishna	Senior Tehnical Adviser, GoAP
16	Shri B.K.Nageswara Rao	Chief Engineer, ISWR, GoAP
17	Shri K.B.Gangadhara Rao	OSD, ISWR, GoAP
18	Shri A.Babu Rao	Executive Engineer, O/o ENC(I), GoAP
19	Shri K.Venkateswara Rao	Deputy Executive Engineer, O/o CE/ISWR,GoAP
20	Shri T.V.S.Prasad	Deputy Executive Engineer, O/o ENC(I),GoAP
III	GRMB	
21	Dr. Samir Chatterjee	Member Secretary, GRMB
22	Shri C.Venkata Subbaiah	Member Power, GRMB
23	Shri P.S.Kutiyal	Member, GRMB
24	Shri M.Ravi Kuamr	Superintending Engineer, GRMB
25	Shri R.Vittal Prasad	DDO & Executive Engineer, GRMB
26	Shri B.Sadashiv	Executive Engineer, GRMB
27	Smt V.Vijaya Lakshmi	Under Secretary(Fin.), GRMB
28	Shri K.Ramesh	Executive Engineer, GRMB
29	Smt C.Padmini	Executive Engineer, GRMB
30	Smt S.Arundhati	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
31	Shri G.Karunakar	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
32	Smt B.Aruna Jyothi	Assistant Director-II, GRMB
33	Smt L.Jasmine Supriya	Assistant Executive Engineer, GRMB
34	Smt CH.Sridevi	Assistant Executive Engineer, GRMB
35	Smt T.N.Vara Lakshmi	Assistant Executive Engineer, GRMB
36	Smt N.Swathi	Assistant Executive Engineer, GRMB
37	Smt Lakshmi Biswas	Assistant Executive Engineer, GRMB
38	Smt V.Suvarna Kumari	Assistant Executive Engineer, GRMB
39	Smt U.Bhagya Lakshmi	PPS to Chairman, GRMB
40	Smt M.Saraswathi	Superintendent, GRMB
41	Smt D.M.Suneetha	Superintendent, GRMB
42	Smt Y.Vindhya	Senior Assistant, GRMB
43	Shri R.Srinivas	Senior Assistant, GRMB
44	Smt K.Radhika	Junior Assistant, GRMB
45	Shri P.Satyanarayana	Senior Accountant, GRMB