

GODAVARI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD
Summary Record of Discussions of 6th Board Meeting
Held on 12.12.2017

The 6th Meeting of Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri H. K. Sahu, Chairman, GRMB at Jalasoudha, Hyderabad on 12.12.2017.

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 expressed that the Board has further progressed since the last meeting with the wholehearted support, cooperation and guidance extended by the Members from both the State Governments and wished that the same continues in future also. He thanked the Members from both the States for the same. He recalled that the last meeting of the Board was held in very cordial and cooperative atmosphere and hoped that this meeting will also be held in the same spirit. He also expressed confidence that the Board will be taking positive decisions on the proposed agenda items in today's meeting. He informed that since last Board meeting two new Members have joined Board office. He then requested participants to briefly introduce themselves.

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

Further, the Chairman briefed that the agenda items are broadly categorised as:

1. Financial Matters
2. Administrative Matters and
3. Technical Matters

The Chairman requested Member Secretary to take up the Agenda items for discussions.

The Member Secretary presented the Agenda items for discussion as below:

Item No. 6.1 Confirmation of Summary Record of Discussions of 5th meeting of Godavari River Management Board, held on 21.07.2017

As no comments were received from any of the Board Members, Summary Record of Discussions of 5th Meeting were confirmed.

Item No. 6.2 Financial Matters of the Board

6.2.1 Auditing of Board's Annual Accounts

Member Secretary explained that as per the Resolution adopted in the 3rd meeting of the Board, the accounts of expenditure are to be audited as per the **procedure adopted by the Board**. Therefore, the procedure is to be decided. He opined that the Board requires some mechanism for auditing of the accounts annually by Chartered Accountant nominated by Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Representatives of both States suggested that it would be better to take services of Chartered Accountant nominated by the Principal Accountant General (PAG), Hyderabad, as approaching PAG would be easier.

It was decided to get the Board's Account audited annually by Chartered Accountant nominated by PAG, Hyderabad.

6.2.2 Expenditure of the Board during the FY 2017-18

Member Secretary presented the Board expenditure for the current Financial Year up to November, 2017, amounting to about ₹120.00 Lakhs, for information of the Board. He further informed the Board that the expenditure in the second quarter was about ₹67.50 Lakhs as against the first quarter's expenditure of about ₹13.00 Lakhs. The increase in expenditure in second quarter is due to payment of salaries of the staff deputed by State Governments.

6.2.3 Deposit of Budgetary fund for FY 2017-18

Member Secretary presented the budgetary position to the Board stating that out of ₹6.50 Cr of budgetary provision, only ₹1.00 Cr has so far been received from GoTS and balance is awaited from both the State Governments.

Representative of GoAP informed that the Budgetary Release Order for amount of ₹4.55 Cr has already been issued on 02.11.2017 and assured that the amount would be deposited into the Board's bank account within couple of days.

Representative of GoTS also assured that the balance budgetary fund due from GoTS would also be deposited shortly.

Chairman emphasised that the budgetary fund, as per the approved budget, should be made available to the Board within first quarter of the Financial Year.

Representatives of both the States stated that they share the concern of GRMB and will take necessary steps in this regard.

6.2.4 Budget Estimate for FY 2018-19

Member Secretary presented the Budget Estimate for Financial Year 2018-19 for an amount of ₹7.50 Cr including the provision for Reserve fund of ₹1.00 Cr.

The Board approved the same, as proposed. (**Annexure-II**)

6.2.5 Grant-in-aid fund

Member Secretary informed that MoWR, RD & GR was requested to accede to retention of the Grant-in-aid fund by GRMB. In response the Ministry has insisted for reimbursement of Grant-in-aid on receipt of contributions from State Governments.

Representative of GoTS expressed that the Ministry should leave the Grant-in-aid fund with GRMB as their contribution to the Board, as seed money. This will also create a sense of ownership of the Board by the Ministry.

After due deliberations, it was decided that the Grant-in-aid be retained by the Board till the Reserve fund is built up.

Item No. 6.3 Administrative Matters of the Board

6.3.1 Creation of Posts

Member Secretary informed that MoWR, RD & GR, has conveyed provision of 05 posts by deputation from Central Government is **not in accordance** with Section 86(1) of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

The Board discussed the matter and resolved that the Ministry may be approached once again to consider deputation of the 05 personnel from Central Government keeping in view the necessity of GoI personnel for smooth functioning of the Board office in carrying out the mandated functions which include the Appraisal of Projects which essentially requires the services of CWES personnel.

It was also resolved that in case it is not possible to get the services from GoI, State Governments may be approached for filling up these posts. In such situation total number of posts may be kept as 24 (12 each from both States). Endeavor should be made to keep equal number of personnel from both States at all levels, if possible. Out sourcing of suitable personnel may also be kept as an option.

6.3.2 Recruitment Rules

Member Secretary mentioned that taking the guidance from similar type of Central Governments organisation, draft GRMB Recruitment Rules-2017 have been prepared.

The draft rules were deliberated and following minor modifications were suggested:

- i) Respective State Government Civil Services (CCA) Rules shall be applicable to the personnel on deputation to GRMB.**
- ii) The word 'Non- Gazetted' may be deleted from classification of the posts.**
- iii) For the post of Superintending Engineer (Civil), instead of maximum age limit of 54 years, minimum service left for retirement shall be mentioned as one year.**

The Recruitment Rules approved with above modifications will be circulated shortly.

6.3.3 Empowering Chairman to approve Air Travel by Private Airlines in case of exigencies

Member Secretary explained that as per Central Government rules eligible personnel can travel by Air India, in general. However, at times, availability of Air India flights or availability of seats becomes a constraint. For travelling by private airlines, permission of Ministry of Civil Aviation is required which is time taking.

Therefore, need is felt that Chairman is empowered to allow air travel to eligible personnel of GRMB by private airlines also, in case of exigencies of work.

After due deliberations, it was decided to delegate power to the Chairman, GRMB, to allow all gazetted officers working in GRMB to travel by private airlines also, in case of exigencies of work.

6.3.4 Casual Leaves/Restricted (Optional) Holidays for GRMB Officers/Staff

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained that in view of five days a week working in GRMB and to maintain uniformity of admissible leaves/holidays among the Central/ State Government employees 10 Casual Leaves and 02 Restricted/ Optional holidays may be allowed, in a calendar year.

After deliberations, it was decided that **10 Casual Leaves and 02 Restricted/ Optional holidays may be allowed, in a calendar year.**

Item No. 6.4 Approval of Working Manual of the Board

Member Secretary presented the Agenda item and explained provisions made in the draft Working Manual, observations of Government of Telangana and remarks of GRMB.

After detailed deliberations, the Working Manual was approved with following modifications:

- i) **Para 3(a)** of draft Working Manual shall be modified as **“An Officer of the level of Additional Secretary to the Government of India from the Central Water Engineering (Group ‘A’) Service”**.
- ii) In **Para 22** under Joint responsibilities of State Governments and Board Secretariat, the following sub- para shall be added: **“(iv) Security and safety of irrigation/ water resources infrastructure under control of the Board when notified by the Central Government.”**
- iii) **Para 5.1(x)** Following proviso will be added:
“Provided that there shall be consensus for resorting to voting.”
- iv) **Para 12** shall be modified as **“The nominated officers from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana shall represent their respective States as Members of the Board. They shall extend full cooperation in close coordination with Member Secretary in the conduct of Board meeting, confirmation of minutes of the meeting and implementation of decisions taken in the Board meeting. They shall also furnish the information/ data as required by the Board Secretariat promptly”**.
- v) **Para 13:** The word "Chief Engineer" wherever it appears in the Working Manual shall be replaced with **"Member"**. Similarly, the word "Member (Power)" shall be replaced by **"Expert Member"**.

With the permission of the Chair, Member Secretary requested Member, GRMB to present the agenda on technical matters of the Board for discussions.

Item. No. 6.5 Technical matters of the Board

6.5.1 Authenticated data of approved Major & Medium projects to be uploaded on website of GRMB

Member presented the Agenda item and briefed on the status of the issue. He appreciated the gesture shown by the Government of Telangana State for quick response which enabled GRMB to communicate the login details to the authorised

project authorities. He requested the representative of GoAP to expedite to provide list of projects & respective project authorities for assigning login details to the Project Authorities to upload the data of irrigation Projects.

Representative of GoAP informed that the requisite details will be made available to GRMB within 15 days (i.e. by 27.12.2017).

6.5.2 Furnishing DPRs of the projects which are pending for approval in Godavari basin by GoTS & GoAP

Member intimating the present status of submission of DPR requested for expeditious action in regard to new projects.

Representative of GoAP informed that one set of DPR Vol-II & Vol-III of Pattiseema LIS has been brought for submission. He further stated that regarding DPRs of Purushottapatnam LIS and Chintalapudi LIS he will respond in a week's time.

One set of DPR Vol-II & Vol-III of Pattiseema LIS was received by GRMB during the meeting.

6.5.3 Copy of approved TAC Notes/ project details of Major & Medium Projects

Member presented the Agenda item.

Chairman clarified that the details of the Major & Medium irrigation Projects are required to create data bank in GRMB, on irrigation projects approved either by TAC of MoWR, RD & GR or by the State Governments. These details would be immensely helpful for appraisal of new projects by GRMB.

Representative of, GoAP opined that it would be easier for GRMB to fetch these details from CWC.

Chairman stated that GRMB is trying its best to get the projects details are from various sources, including CWC. He requested that whatever details are available with both the States, may be made available to GRMB.

Member informed that TAC notes for 99 prioritized Projects covered under AIBP are available with CWC. He requested that for projects other than these may be made available to GRMB.

Representative of GoTS stated that some of Minutes of Meetings of TAC and some unsigned TAC Notes on some of the Projects, along with water allocation for completed projects, as available with them, will be provided to GRMB.

6.5.4 List of Projects submitted to Group of Ministers, GoI

Member presented the Agenda item.

Chairman elaborated that the list of the Projects submitted to the Group of Ministers constituted by the Cabinet at the time of bifurcation of the State is required for building up data base in the GRMB which may form the basis for the informed discussions in the meetings at Ministry of Water Resources level for water sharing between GoAP and GoTS.

Representatives of both the States expressed inability in locating the list. They opined that GRMB may try to get it from MoWR or Ministry of Home Affairs, Gol.

Item. No.6.6 Technical clearance of Middle Kolab Multi-Purpose Project (Odisha)

Member presented the Agenda item. He stated that GRMB has scrutinised the DPR of Middle Kolab Project with the available information, as per Section 85(8)(d) of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. Proposal for Technical Clearance by the Board is placed for consideration and decision. He made a power point presentation on the project and explained that the GWDT Award (Agreement between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa dated 15th December, 1978) provides that:

“II G-12 Sabri sub-basin:

The State of Orissa can utilise all the water of river Sabri (Kolab) up to the point (at near Lat. 18^o-55'-04" N and Long. 82^o-14'-53"E) where the river Sabri forms the common boundary between the State of Orissa and the State of Madhya Pradesh in terms of the Inter-State Agreement dated 9.12.1975, Clause V.”

The Diversion barrage of the project is located upstream of the above mentioned point. Hence, all the water of river Sabri up to this barrage can be utilised by Orissa. As per DPR, about 46.85TMC water is available at 75% dependability, at the Diversion barrage. Out of which it is proposed to utilise about 8.05TMC water for irrigation from Irrigation barrage. Subject to verification of the availability of water by CWC, the proposed utilisation of about 8.05TMC is within the allocation of Odisha State, as per GWDT Award. Therefore, the project may be considered for Technical Clearance by the Board, under Section 85(8)(d) of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Representative of GoAP informed that they have received DPR of the project and they are checking the water availability at Diversion Barrage site with last 10 years data and will furnish their observations to GRMB within 10 days.

Representative of GoTS informed that they have not received DPR of the project.

Chairman expressed that a copy of DPR will be made available to GoTS by GRMB, immediately. He requested that GoTS may also send their observations within 10 days.

Representative of GoTS stated that observations on the project will be submitted to GRMB within 10 days.

Chairman stated that if no objections are received within 10 days from both the States, then the project will be deemed to have been cleared by the Board. In case observations furnished by any of the States need further consideration the Technical Clearance will be processed by circulation.

Representatives of both the States agreed with the Chairman.

Item. No. 6.7 Telemetry in Godavari Basin in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

Member presented the Agenda item seeking in-principle approval of the Board for installation of Telemetry system in Godavari basin in both the States.

The Board accorded in-principle approval to the proposal.

Member proposed that a three member Committee, comprising one member each from both States and GRMB, may be constituted. The Committee will identify the locations for installing instruments, frame technical specifications for the system and submit its report to the Chairman within 3 months period. GRMB office will frame estimate and the Tender Documents for the work which will be presented to the Board in its next meeting.

The proposal was agreed to by the Board.

Item. No. 6.8 Power scheduling by APGENCO, from Upper and Lower Sileru Hydroelectric Projects

With permission of the Chair, Member Secretary requested Expert Member to present the agenda.

Member (Expert) presented the Agenda item and briefed the status on the issue. He informed that GRMB has recently received a letter from CEA stating that the Committee set up by the Ministry of Power, to resolve the issues raised by the residual State of AP and Telangana w.r.t. power sector, has submitted its report to the Ministry of Power for signatures of all the Members of the Committee.

Representative of GoAP expressed that the said Committee is to look into all the issues related to power. So how this agenda item is relevant.

Chairman clarified that the ambit of the Committee is wider which also includes the issue of scheduling of Power from by APGENCO, from Upper and Lower Sileru Hydroelectric Projects. One of the functions of GRMB is to regulate supply of power (Section 85(8)(b)). Therefore, GRMB has interest in the outcome of the report of the Committee.

Representative of GoAP expressed that communication from CEA/MoP may be shared with them so that they may take the matter with MoP for expediting resolution of the issue.

Chairman assured that the communication will be shared with both the States, shortly.

Item. No. 6.9 Any other issues with the approval of Chairman

Sharing of Godavari water lifted by GoAP from Pattiseema

With the permission of the Chair, the representative of GoTS raised issue of sharing of Godavari water lifted by GoAP from Pattiseema. He expressed that the issue should be taken up by GRMB, in the light of GWDT Award. It was also opined that GRMB should take up all the issues pertaining to Godavari water. The

water drawn from the Pattiseema project is to be shared among other States, as per GWDT Award and GRMB should implement the GWDT award.

Chairman requested the representative of GoAP to express his opinion on the issue.

Representative of GoAP opined that GRMB is not the right forum to discuss the issue of water sharing. The issue can be discussed only in the Tribunal. GoAP had also expressed their views on this issue in the first meeting of the Apex council.

Chairman stated that the issue has been brought to the Board without prior notice. Therefore, GRMB may respond to the issue if GoTS submits it in writing. The views of GoAP will also have to be taken.

The representative of GoTS agreed to submit their concern in writing to GRMB.

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

Annexure-I**6th BOARD MEETING OF GRMB HELD ON 12th DECEMBER, 2017****LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:**

Sl. No.	Name of the Official	Designation /Organisation
1	Shri H.K. Sahu	Chairman, GRMB in Chair
I	Telangana:	
2	Dr. S.K.Joshi, IAS	Spl. Chief Secretary, I&CAD Dept., GoT
3	Shri C. Muralidhar	Engineer-in-Chief (I), I&CAD Dept., GoT
4	Shri P. Chandra Sekhar	DCE-I, O/o ENC(I), GoT
5	Shri G.D. Narahari Babu	DCE-IV, O/o ENC(I), GoT
6	Shri Yousuf Azam Siddiqui	Executive Engineer, IS&WR, GoT
7	Shri N. Ravi Shankar	Deputy Executive Engineer, IS & WR, GoT
8	Shri B. Dudiya	Deputy Executive Engineer, ENC(I), GoT
9	Shri S. Chander Kumar	Asst. Executive Engineer, ENC(I), GoT
10	Shri A. Rambabu	Asst. Executive Engineer, IS & WR, GoT
II	Andhra Pradesh:	
11	Shri Sashi Bushan Kumar, IAS	Secretary to Govt. of AP, W.R.D., GoAP
12	Shri G. V. Subrahmanyam	Superintending Engineer, IS & WR, GoAP
13	Shri K. A. Srinivasa Reddy	Superintending Engineer, PPMU, GoAP
14	Shri T. V. S. Prasad	Deputy Executive Engineer, ENC(I), GoAP
III	GRMB:	
15	Dr. Samir Chatterjee	Member Secretary, GRMB
16	Shri P. S. Kutiyal	Member, GRMB
17	Shri C. Venkata Subbaiah	Expert Member, GRMB
18	Shri M. Ravi Kumar	Superintending Engineer, GRMB
19	Shri R. Vittal Prasad	DDO & Executive Engineer, GRMB
20	Shri B. Sadashiv	Executive Engineer, GRMB
21	Shri K. Ramesh	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
22	Shri P. Venkata Ramana	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
23	Smt. S. Arundhati	Deputy Executive Engineer, GRMB
24	Smt. B. Aruna Jyothi	Assistant Director-II, GRMB
25	Smt. L. Jasmine Supriya	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB
26	Smt. Ch. Sridevi	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB
27	Smt. T.N. Varalakshmi	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB

28	Smt. N. Swathi	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB
29	Smt. Lakshmi Biswas	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB
30	Smt. V. Suvarna Kumari	Asst. Executive Engineer, GRMB
31	Smt. U. Bhagya Lakshmi	PPS to Chairman, GRMB
32	Smt. M. Saraswathi	Superintendent, GRMB
33	Smt. D. Mary Suneetha	Superintendent, GRMB
34	Smt. Y. Vindhya	Senior Assistant, GRMB
35	Shri R. Srinivas	Senior Assistant, GRMB
36	Smt. K. Radhika	Junior Assistant, GRMB

GODAVARI RIVER MANAGEMENT BOARD

APPROVED B.E. FOR THE FY 2018-19

Amount in ₹ Lakhs

S.No.	Sub head in the demand for grant	Approved Budget for the FY 2017-18	Approved Budget for the FY 2018-19	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	Salaries	507.400	512.000	
2	Medical Treatment	6.000	6.000	
3	Domestic travel expenses	20.000	25.000	
4	Office Expenses	14.600	18.000	
5	Rent, Rates and Taxes	5.000	5.000	
6	Publications	8.000	8.000	
7	Other administrative expenses	2.000	2.000	
8	Advertising and publicity	2.000	2.000	
9	Minor Works	32.000	20.000	
10	Motor Vehicles	23.000	27.500	
11	Engagement of Consultants.	5.000	5.000	
12	Other Charges	15.000	4.000	
13	Machinery and Equipment	10.000	7.500	
14	Professional charges for pleadings	0.000	8.000	
15	Reserve fund	0.000	100.000	
	TOTAL	650.000	750.000	