Government of India
Ministry of Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development
(BM Section)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Constitution of Task Force for Interlinking of River (which will also meet the requirement of setting up of a Committee comprising of experts).

Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in compliance to the decision of the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 24.07.2014 with the approval of the Competent Authority, constitutes a "Task Force", which shall also meet the requirement of setting up of a "committee comprising of expert", to look into issues relating to Inter Linking of River (ILR). The following shall be the Members of the Task Force:

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<td>Shri B.N. Navalawala, Chief Advisor, Ministry of WR, RD &amp; GR</td>
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<td>Shri Prodipto Ghosh, Former Secretary, MoE&amp;F</td>
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<td>Director General, National Water Development Agency</td>
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* Non-official Member in personal capacity

2. Terms and references:

The Task Force of ILR will assist the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers and the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation on the following aspect:

1. Take-up all issues for expediting the work on Interlinking of River as per National Perspective Plan for Interlinking of Himalayan and Peninsular rivers. They would also
facilitate interlinking of intra-state, intra-basin rivers. Briefly the Task Force would review the;

i. time schedules for completion of remaining feasibility studies and DPRs.
ii. implementation schedule of the ILR project.
iii. innovative funding mechanisms for ILR Projects.

II. Consider alternative plans, in case the proposals in the National Perspective Plan are not feasible.

III. Provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects in respect of economic viability, socio-economic, environmental impacts and preparation of resettlement plan;

IV. Devise suitable mechanisms for bringing about speedy consensus amongst the states;

V. Propose suitable organisational structure for implementing the project;

VI. Review the work of the sub-committees set up by the special committee on ILR and facilitate the completion of task assigned to them.

VII. Any other aspects considered essential to achieve the objective mentioned above.

3. The The term of the Task Force shall be for a period of two years, or till further order, whichever is earlier.

4. Terms of TA/DA and sitting fee etc for the Non-official Members of the said Task Force will be issued separately.

To,

All Members,

Copy for favour of information to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister for WR, RD & GR.
2. PPS to Secretary (Ministry of WR, RD & GR) / Additional Secretary (Ministry of WR, RD & GR).
3. PS to JS (PP)/ JS (Admin), Ministry of WR, RD & GR.
4. PS to JS&FA, Ministry of WR, RD & GR.
5. Director General, NWDA