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विषय: दिनांक 14.12.2023 को डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र, नई दिल्ली में आयोजित नदियों को जोड़ने के लिए विशेष समिति की 21वीं बैठक के कार्यवृत्त।

महोदया/महोदय,

नदियों को आपस में जोड़ने के लिए विशेष समिति की 21वीं बैठक 14.12.2023 को सम्मेलन कक्ष-2, डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र, नई दिल्ली में हाइब्रिड मोड में आयोजित की गई थी। माननीय केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री और विशेष समिति के अध्यक्ष द्वारा विधिवत अनुमोदित इस बैठक के कार्यवृत्त यहां संलग्न हैं।

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Date: 29.12.23

Sub: Minutes of 21st meeting of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR), held on 14.12.2023 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi in hybrid mode – reg.

Madam/Sir,

The 21st Meeting of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers was held on 14.12.2023 in the Conference Hall no. 2, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi in hybrid mode. Minutes of the meeting duly approved by Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti and Chairman of the SCILR, are enclosed herewith.

It is requested to kindly send your comments, if any, as early as possible by e-mail to : dg-nwda@nic.in /cehq-nwda@nic.in /dirtech-nwda@nic.in.

Yours faithfully,

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**All Members & Invitees
(As per list enclosed)**

List of Members & Invitees of Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers

1	Hon'ble Union Minister, Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, New Delhi- Chairperson
2	Hon'ble Minister of State, Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
3	Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
4	Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
5	Chairman, Central Water Commission, New Delhi.
6	Director General, National Water Development Agency - Member Secretary
	Chairman-TFILR
7	Shri Sriram Vedire, Adviser to Minister (Jal Shakti), Government of India, and Chairman, Task Force for Inter-linking of Rivers.
	Experts
8	Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog, Room No. 110, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
9	Shri R.S. Prasad, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission, 48 Engineers Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034.
10	Chief Advisor (Cost), Office of Chief Advisor (Cost), Department of Expenditure, Room No. 207, 2 nd Floor, C-Wing, Loknayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003
11	Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, Chairman & CTO, Paramarsh Engineers Pvt. Ltd., 23 & 24, Bajiprabhunagar, Near Ramnagar, Nagpur-440033 (Maharashtra)
12	Dr. Maharaj K. Pandit, Professor of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi.
	Ministers for Water Resources and / or Irrigation with Principal Secretary
13	Hon'ble Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation with Principal Secretary (P), Irrigation & Command Area Development Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velegapudi, Guntur – 522503 (AP).
14	Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources with Secretary (Water Resources), Narmada Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar.

15	Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources with Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
16	Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources Department with Addl. Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
17	Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources with Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
18	Hon'ble Water Resources Minister with Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
19	Hon'ble Minister (Public Works), Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
20	Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti with Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
21	Hon'ble Minister in charge of Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
22	Hon'ble Minister Water Resources with Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
23	Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation with Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Haryana, Chandigarh.
24	Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry with Secretary (Public Works) Chief Secretariat, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry.
25	Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Government of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
Chief Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Principal Secretary of concerned Department	
26	Principal Secretary (N) nominee of the Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
27	Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
28	Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Government of Tamil Nadu as a nominee of the Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
29	Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
30	Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
31	Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand. Ranchi.

32	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
33	Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, New Delhi.
34	Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, Dispur.
35	Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Patna.
36	Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana or its nominee not below the rank of Principal Secretary, Chandigarh.
37	Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
38	Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
39	Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.
40	Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Irrigation & CAD Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad
41	Shri Narendra Virthare, Ex MLA, Rajpura Road, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
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45	Shri Ranjit Kumar (Amicus Curiae), Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
Special Invitees	
46	Shri A. D. Mohile, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission, D-6, Golf View Apartment, Saket, New Delhi.
47	Prof. P.B.S. Sarma (Retd.), CED, IIT Delhi – Chairman of Sub Committee for System Studies.

48	Shri M. Gopalakrishnan, Former Secretary General, ICID and former Member (RM) CWC, D-1/12, Janakpuri, New Delhi– Chairman of Sub Committee for Restructuring of NWDA.
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51	Joint Secretary (RD & PP), Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi
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3.	The Director (Tech), NWDA, New Delhi.
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5.	The Director (MDU), NWDA, New Delhi.
6.	The Director (Admn.), NWDA, New Delhi.
7.	The Superintending Engineer, Unit – I, NWDA, New Delhi.
8.	The Superintending Engineer, Unit – II, NWDA, New Delhi.

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) held on 14.12.2023 at 3:00 P.M. at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi in Hybrid Mode.

The 21st meeting of Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) was held on 14.12.23 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti in hybrid mode. The list of members, invitees and other participants in the meeting is annexed.

1.0 At the outset, Ms Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Water Resources, welcomed Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Ministers of various States, all the members of the NWDA Society and Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR), invitees and other participants. She mentioned that NWDA Society and Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) are two apex platforms for deliberations on various aspects of Interlinking of River (ILR) projects, for building consensus on implementation of link projects, taking policy decisions, setting priorities of works etc. pertaining to interlinking of rivers in the country. Secretary apprised the participants briefly about the Agenda items to be deliberated in both the meetings and then requested Hon'ble Minister, MoJS, who is the President of NWDA Society and also Chairperson of Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers for his opening remarks.

2.0 The Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti in his opening remarks, underlined that "water" is the most important drivers for the Socio-economic development in the country and the development and Management of the Water Resources has been one of the key priorities of Government of India. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India is progressing fast to become a "Developed nation", our economy is growing and so is the demand for water. The demand for water would further increase, necessitating the optimal utilisation of water resources. Interlinking of Rivers programme becomes very important for such scenario and that is why, ILR programme has been accorded top priority by the Government of India. Hon'ble Minister also emphasised that liberal central financial support by Govt. of India for Ken Betwa Link

Project would help in creating positive environment for consensus building among concerned States to come forward for implementation of other link projects.

Hon'ble Minister highlighted the fact that in last three decades, extensive technical studies / works was done for Interlinking of Rivers but in last two to three years, ILR programme has shown remarkable progress towards implementation also. Also, he appreciated the efforts of SCILR and NWDA Society in this regard. He said their concerted efforts have led to consensus building between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, for implementation of Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link project and tripartite understanding amongst the States and Centre is likely to be signed soon paving way for the implementation this link project.

He also apprised the members that Cabinet Note for constitution of National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA) is under active consideration in the Ministry.

He requested all the States to prioritise consensus building and work jointly with more coherence for common objective. He emphasized that States should adopt a broader perspective towards ILR looking at the significance of linking of rivers towards water security in the country. He welcomed all the participants with a request to have a positive approach in the discussions during these meetings for a fruitful outcome.

3.0 Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha, Hon'ble Minister (WR), Bihar, in his remarks, appreciated the progress made for Interlinking of Rivers project as these link projects would help in flood moderation which is one of the major concerns of Bihar and improving the water availability in water deficit regions. He thanked Ministry of Jal Shakti for showing a positive approach towards water related issues of Bihar. He appreciated efforts of NWDA and requested for timely completion of working DPR of Kosi-Mechi Intra State link project. He requested Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti to consider their proposal for the funding pattern (60:30:10) for the link project and also considering it as an alternative of the Kosi-Mechi link under National Perspective Plan.

State of Bihar is looking forward towards ILR as a way to mitigate effects of floods as well as provision of enhanced irrigation facilities in Bihar. He requested NWDA to take up further studies of few more Intra State link proposals of Bihar like Kosi-Ganga link proposal and BurhiGandak-None-Baya-Ganga link project and data required for such studies to be carried out by NWDA, shall be provided by State department shortly.

He thanked President of Society and Chairman, SCILR to give him an opportunity to put forth views of Govt. of Bihar.

4.0 Sh. K. Lakshminarayan, Hon'ble Minister (Public Works Department), Puducherry mentioned that Puducherry is facing water scarcity issues as the Union Territory has no perennial river and also, groundwater table has drastically gone down. He appreciated the efforts of Ministry of Jal Shakti regarding Godavari-Cauvery link proposal, which would be a boon for Puducherry. He requested to increase their share in allocation of water from this link project and to allocate water for irrigation purposes also in addition to provision of drinking water to the Union Territory. He also requested that cost of construction of canals shall be borne by Centre as Puducherry is a small Union Territory and does not have funds to bear the huge cost of construction.

Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, said that their views have been noted and thereafter, she requested DG, NWDA to present the agenda items.

5.0 DG, NWDA made a power point presentation covering agenda items one by one. The deliberations held and decisions taken on agenda items are as follows:

5.1 Item no. 21.1 and 21.2 : He briefed about the comments received from various States on minutes of 20th meeting of Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) and the replies sent and other follow up actions taken on decisions taken during the meeting.

Members of the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 20th meeting of Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers.

5.2 Item no. 21.3 : Progress achieved during year 2022-23 and Programme of Works for the Year 2023-24

DG, NWDA apprised the members that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of eleven (11) link projects are completed and work of preparation of six (6) more DPRs has been taken up. As request from State of Haryana has been received, regarding construction of Yamuna barrage at Mawi proposed under Yamuna-Rajasthan link project in advance, so the work of DPR of Yamuna-Rajasthan link project is likely to be taken up shortly. It is planned to complete 18 to 20 doable DPRs by year 2024-25. Twenty four (24) Feasibility Reports (FRs) are completed. FRs of 2 more link projects are under progress. Pre Feasibility Reports (PFRs) of all the links have been completed. Fifteen (15) Water Balance studies have also been completed during this year. He briefed about programme of works as planned for year 2023-24 for link projects.

5.3 Item No. 21.4 : Priority links

5.3.1 Ken – Betwa Link Project

DG, NWDA informed about the progress of activities related to Land acquisition work progress, Setting up of offices of KBLPA, meetings of Steering Committee and KBLPA, finalization of Tender document for Daudhan dam, expenditure incurred till date and also explained about critical issues related to KBLP which need attention like completion of land acquisition process, finalization of R & R Plan and engagement of a Project Management Consultancy for implementation of the project etc.

Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) queried about land acquisition status and technical hurdles being faced for awarding the work of Daudhan dam.

DG, NWDA explained that 80 percent of Land Acquisition is required for making expenditure on the work for Daudhan dam. The awards for the land acquisition of private land in 21 villages in Panna and Chhattarpur districts have been issued by the district authorities, however the disbursement of due compensation is yet to be started.

Sh. John Kingsley, Secretary, WRD, Government of Madhya Pradesh informed that land acquisition work for Government land, for Daudhan dam is almost complete

and work of relocation of people and transfer of land to Forest Department are pending due to elections in State and these works would be taken up shortly.

5.3.2 Godavari (Inchampalli barrage) – Cauvery link proposal

DG, NWDA informed the SCILR about continuous and vigorous efforts being made to build consensus amongst the concerned States / UT after the DPR for transfer of 7000 MCM from Godavari was circulated to the party States in year 2021. He informed that five consultation meetings have been held so far. He apprised the members that as per decisions of 3rd consultation meeting, a Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) was prepared by NWDA to recast the proposal limiting the transfer from Godavari to about 4000 MCM, which is available in Indravati sub-basin on account of non utilisation by Chhattisgarh in the interim period, along with combining the proposal for supplementation in Krishna basin through Bedti-Varda link. He explained in details about water quantum to be diverted and State wise benefits due to this alternative study. A meeting with officials of Party States was held recently on 10.11.2023 at Hyderabad to discuss the modified proposal and Draft MoU to build consensus amongst states for the link project.

Sh. Ashok Kumar Singh, Secretary, Kerala requested to include Kerala also as a beneficiary State.

Sh. K. Srinivas, Chief Engineer, Government of Andhra Pradesh informed that their Government requested to have an exclusive meeting with DG, NWDA to discuss their views / observations on the Draft DPR and the meeting is scheduled to held on 18.12.23 and they would submit and discuss their views in that meeting.

Sh. Sandeep Saxena, Additional Chief Secretary, WRD, Govt. of Tamil Nadu conveyed that Tamil Nadu supports the link proposal and is ready to proceed further.

Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR informed that the modified DPR proposing transfer of 4189 MCM of water from Godavari is under finalisation and she requested all the States should try to reach at an agreement early with a give and take spirit.

Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) requested all the States to come forward with a broader mind set. He said that all party States can submit their views / observations on the DPR once circulated and after that, the discussions would be more fruitful.

He directed to finalise the DPR by February, 2024 by expediting the efforts for the same.

5.3.3 Integration of Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) with ERCP

DG, NWDA discussed in details about the conceptualisation of Modified PKC Link proposal. He explained about its components benefitting States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. He emphasised that approval of the proposal of making the modified PKC link as part of NPP of ILR and declaring this project as a priority interlinking project was accorded by Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) in its last meeting in December, 2022. Draft PFR of the link project was circulated to party States in January, 2023. Meetings are being held frequently with both the States to build consensus between them so as to expedite the preparation of DPR. After deliberations in these meetings, a draft MoU on broad planning of the link project and preparation of its DPR has been finalised in the joint meeting held on 27.9.2023 and is likely to be signed soon amongst the states of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and MoJS, Govt. of India.

Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) queried about timeline for completion of DPR.

DG, NWDA explained that DPR of ERCP portion has been prepared by WAPCOS and for other components, DPRs for many of the components have been prepared by the state of Madhya Pradesh and NWDA shall compile the DPRs of all the components after water availability is finalised by CWC.

CWC informed that water availability study shall be completed by January, 2024.

Dr. Subodh Agarwal, ACS, Government of Rajasthan raised the issue that the finalised Draft MoU would require the administrative approval by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan and after that the MoU can be signed.

Secretary, WRD, Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted that few changes have been made in the finalised draft MoU vis-à-vis the draft approved by Hon'ble Chief Minister of the state.

DG, NWDA explained that there is no material change in MoU except mentioning that the exchange and utilisation of water in Upper Chambal shall be done after finalisation of hydrology and without disturbing existing commands of both the states in Chambal and there are other few grammatical /typographical changes.

Sh. Sriram Vedire, Chairman, TFILR endorsed the reply of DG, NWDA that there is no major or conceptual change in Draft MoU document.

DG, NWDA requested both the States to sign MoU at the earliest and extend cooperation in early finalisation of its DPR.

Hon'ble Minister, MoJS directed that all the anticipated activities/works like finalisation of its DPR , preparation of PIB/ Cabinet note etc. should be expedited considering that the MoU shall be signed very soon.

5.3.4 Kosi – Mechi Intra-state Link Project

DG, NWDA gave the status of link project and informed members that link is ready for implementation. The updation of DPR of Kosi-Mechi intra-state link project has been completed by NWDA in December, 2022 and same has been submitted to CWC for appraisal. The MoU was signed on 24.12.2022 between NWDA and WRD, Bihar for preparation of working DPR of the link project and working DPR is under progress. The working DPR of main canal portion shall be completed by March, 2024. Cost estimate has been revised as per latest price level and submitted to CWC. A PIB note for the central support and implementation mechanism is under consideration in the Ministry.

Sh. Kushvinder Vohra, Chairman, CWC apprised the members that Government of Bihar has submitted a project viz; Kosi Flood Risk Mitigation Project (KFRMP) which is similar to Kosi-Mechi Intra State link project. Cost revision of that project is under progress in CWC and would be completed by March, 2024.

Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) queried if both the projects are same or different. Sh. Chaitanya Prasad, ACS, Government of Bihar explained that Kosi-Mechi Intra State link proposal is different from their World Bank integrated Kosi Flood Risk Mitigation

Project. He put forth the request of Government of Bihar for consideration of Kosi-Mechi Intra State link project as a part of NPP.

DG, NWDA informed that proposal of consideration of Kosi-Mechi Intra State link project as a part of NPP is under examination.

ACS, Government of Bihar also requested for funding pattern of 60:30:10. Government of Bihar would start the implementation even if funding pattern of 60:40 is approved by Ministry. In that case, they would request World Bank for funding of State's share. He requested NWDA to complete the working DPR by March, 2024 so that Government of Bihar can initiate the implementation of link project. He requested CWC to expedite appraisal of revised cost estimate at the earliest.

Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) assured that central funding for the link project shall be considered favourably once the proposal is submitted by the state .

6. Item no. 21.5: Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada Link Projects

DG, NWDA informed the members about latest status of both the links. Any remarkable progress has not been made during last few years, as both the states are not keen to take forward the PTN link. Ministry has discontinued these two link projects from the status of "priority links" under NPP.

7. Item no. 21.6: National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA)

DG, NWDA apprised the members about progress made in work related to preparation of Cabinet Note for proposal of constitution of National Interlinking of River Authority (NIRA). He highlighted that as per suggestions received and deliberations held internally, the structure of NIRA has been modified from 3 tier to 2 tier structure. He explained about other modifications proposed in various committees dealing with ILR. He informed that the modified proposal is under active consideration in the Ministry.

8. Item no. 21.7 : System Studies of link projects

DG, NWDA informed that System Studies for Mahanadi- Godavari link is completed by NIH, Roorkee and Final Report was submitted in May, 2023. He also briefed about status of progress made for work on system studies of four more links viz: Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga, Farakka - Sunderbans, Ganga – Damodar - Subernarekha

and Subernarekha-Mahanadi links as well as southern linkage system. He informed that the system studies of the Modified PKC link shall also be taken up shortly.

7. Item No. 21.8 : Status of Intra-State link proposals

DG, NWDA gave a status of Intra State link projects for information of members of Society.

8. Item No. 21.9 : Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers

DG, NWDA briefed about the status of progress of work of Task Force for ILR. He apprised the members of major deliberations held during last two meetings of TFILR.

9. Item no. 21.10 : “Sub-Committee for Comprehensive Evaluation and System Studies on Interlinking of Rivers”

DG, NWDA explained about the progress of works of “Sub - Committee for Comprehensive Evaluation and System Studies on Interlinking of Rivers.” Four meetings of the Sub Committee have been held so far. He briefed about progress in system studies work being monitored by the Sub Committee.

Members of the Committee took note of the various activities of NWDA highlighted by DG, NWDA.

10. Thereafter, the Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR requested the States’ representatives and dignitaries to express their viewpoints / comments on presentation made by DG, NWDA on various items.

Sh. Bangar Swamy, Advisor, Cauvery Water Dispute Cell, Government of Karnataka put forth their views regarding Interlinking of Rivers as a great effort of Government of India. He raised their issue for not getting rightful equitable share in divertible quantum of water through Godavari-Cauvery link project. He explained that Karnataka is a drought prone area and shall be allocated not less than 50% of divertible water in Phase-I of Godavari-Cauvery link project for Krishna and Cauvery basins.

He also mentioned that Government of Karnataka is not agreeable with clubbing of Bedti-Varada link project with Godavari-Cauvery link project as proposed in alternative study.

11. Thereafter, Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) , in his concluding remarks requested for cooperation from all the States to expedite the consensus building for taking ILR projects forward.

DG, NWDA thanked Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti for sparing his valuable time. He thanked Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Ministers of various States, all the members of the NWDA Society / Special Committee, invitees and other participants and expressed his deep gratitude to all, for their valuable guidance and deliberations. He specifically thanked Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR for propelling the meetings.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

Annexure-I

List of Participants of the 37th Annual General Meeting of NWDA Society and 21st Meeting of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers held on 14.12.2023 at New Delhi.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Mode of Joining
1.	Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, New Delhi & President, Annual General Body of NWDA Society & Chairman, SCILR	Physical
2.	Sh. Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Jal Shakti & Vice President, Annual General Body of NWDA Society	Physical
3.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Govt. of Bihar	Virtual
4.	Sh. K. Lakshminarayanan Hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department, Govt. of Puducherry	Physical
5.	Smt. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi.	Physical
6.	Sh. Sriram Vedire, Advisor to Minister, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti & Chairman, Task force for ILR	Physical
7.	Sh. Kushvinder Vohra Chairman, Central Water Commission, New Delhi	Physical
8.	Dr. B. Bishoi, Deputy Advisor, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.	Virtual
9.	Dr. S.K. Ambast Chairman, CGWB	Physical
10.	Sh. S.K. Sibal Member (D&R), CWC	Physical
11.	Sh. S.C. Bhan Additional DG, IMD	Physical
12.	Sh. Subrata K. Basu Deputy Secretary,	Physical

	DoWR, RD & GR	
13.	Sh. Chaitanya Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary, WRD, Govt. of Bihar	Virtual
14.	Sh. Harmail Singh Advisor, Haryana Irrigation WRD, Govt. of Haryana	Physical
15.	Sh. M. Bangara Swamy Co-ordinator-Advisor of Govt. of Karnataka	Physical
16.	Sh. Ashok Kumar Singh Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Kerala.	Physical
17.	Sh. John Kingsley, Secretary, WRD, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Physical
18.	Smt. Jaya Potdar, Deputy Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra.	Virtual
19.	Dr. Subodh Agarwal, ACS, WRD, Rajasthan	Virtual
20.	Dr. Sandeep Saxena, Additional Chief Secretary, WRD, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Physical
21.	Sh. R. Subramanian, Chairman, CTC cum ISWW, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.	Physical
22.	Sh. A.D. Mohile Ex Chairman CWC Special Invitee (SCILR)	Physical
23.	Sh. R. S. Prasad, Former Chairman, CWC & Expert, SCILR	Virtual
24.	Sh. Ajay Kumar Singh, Chairman and CTO, Paramarsh Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur and Expert, SCILR.	Physical
25.	Sh. K.K. Payasi Social Activist (SCILR)	Virtual
26.	Sh. Bhopal Singh, Director General, NWDA & Member Secretary, AGM	Physical
Officers from State Governments and other Ministries & Departments		
27.	Sh. Manoj Tiwari Chief Engineer, HSO, CWC	Physical
28.	Sh. P K Shukla, Chief Engineer, Central Electricity Authority of Power, New Delhi	Physical

29.	Sh. P Venkat Raju Group Director, Water Resources NRSC/ISRO, Govt. of India	Physical
30.	Sh. Harish Bahuguna, Director (Geology) of Geological Survey of India	Virtual
31.	Sh. Rajiv Kumar Director, Project Appraisal (S) CWC, New Delhi	Physical
32.	Smt. Bindu Manghat Director, DSA & DGDC, Survey of India	Physical
33.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Scientist- E DST, New Delhi	Physical
34.	Sh. Saurabh Upadhyay Scientist MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Virtual
35.	Sh. K Srinivas, Chief Engineer, IS&WRD, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.	Physical
36.	Sh. Charu Chandra Mishra, Resident Engineer (Superintending Engineer), WRD, Govt. of Bihar.	Physical
37.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Ojha Chief Engineer, WRD, Govt. of Bihar	Physical
38.	Sh. Sandeep Taneja, Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Water Resources, Govt. of Haryana	Physical
39.	Sh. Nagesh Mishra, Engineer-in-Chief, WRD, Govt. of Jharkhand	Virtual
40.	Dr. Alok Kumar, Assistant Engineer, WRD Govt. of Jharkhand.	Virtual
41.	Smt. Sweethi M. G, Executive Engineer, WRD, Govt. of Karnataka	Physical
42.	Sh. Vijay Kumar P.G., Nodal Officer, WRD, Govt. of Kerala.	Physical
43.	Sh. Priyesh R. Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Administration & ISW Govt. of Kerala	Physical

44.	Sh. O P S Kushwah, Expert Consultant, WRD, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.	Physical
45.	Dr. Pawar, Chief Engineer, VIDC, Department of Hydrology, WRD, Govt. of Maharashtra	Virtual
46.	Sh. Ashutosh Das Engineer in Chief Cum Special Secretary, Odisha	Virtual
47.	Sh. Sagar Mohanty, CE(Planning), WRD, Govt. of Odisha	Virtual
48.	Sh. Lingaraj Gouda, EIC (Planning & Design) WRD, Govt. Of Odisha	Virtual
49.	A. Selvarasu Assistant Engineer Public works Department Puducherry	Physical
50.	Chief Engineer/ Drainage-cum-mining & Geology Govt. of Punjab	Virtual
51.	Sh. Ravi Solanki MD, ERCPC, Govt. of Rajasthan.	Virtual
52.	Sh. C. Muralidhar , Engineer in Chief (General) Govt. of Telangana	Virtual
53.	Sh. V Mohan Kumar, Chief Engineer, ISWR, Govt. of Telangana	Virtual
54.	Sh. Shankar Kumar Saha, Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Dept., Roorkee Govt. of Uttarakhand	Virtual
55.	Sh. Surendra Mohan Verma Superintending Engineer, WRD , Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Physical
56.	Sh. K.P. Singh Verma	

	Superintending Engineer, WRD Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	Physical
57.	Sh. Manas Chakraborty, CE, D&R, I&W Department Govt. of West Bengal	Virtual
58.	Ms A Nisha Rani Assistant Engineer, WRD Tamil Nadu	Physical
Officers from DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi		
59.	Sh. O.P. Gupta SJC(PP), DoWR, MoJS	Physical
60.	Sh. Kaushal Kumar Deputy Commissioner (BM) DoWR, RD&GR, MoJS	Physical
61.	Smt. Richa Misra, JS & FA, MoJS	Physical
Officers from National Water Development Agency (NWDA)		
62.	Sh. Baleshwar Thakur, Chief Engineer (HQ)	Physical
63.	Dr. R. N. Sankhua, Chief Engineer (South), Hyderabad.	Physical
64.	Sh. Shiva Prakash, Chief Engineer (North), Lucknow .	Physical
65.	Sh. Shajatnan K.H. Director (Technical), New Delhi.	Physical
66.	Sh. S.C. Parui I/c Superintending Engineer, BBSR.	Virtual
67.	Sh. Arjesh Kumar Madhok Superintending Engineer, Gwalior.	Virtual
68.	Sh. Ch. Y. Subramaniam, Superintending Engineer, Investigation Circle, NWDA, Valsad	Virtual

69.	Sh. N P Sahu Executive Engineer, Gwalior	Virtual
70.	Sh. Mahesh Raman Executive Engineer, Patna	Virtual
71.	Sh. P. Srinivasulu Deputy Director, Hyderabad	Virtual
72.	Sh. R.N.Singh, Deputy Director, New Delhi	Physical
73.	Sh. Krishnamurthy M. P., Assistant Director, New Delhi	Physical
74.	Smt. Deepika Sharma, Assistant Director New Delhi.	Virtual
75.	Sh. S.P. Tomar Assistant Engineer, New Delhi	Physical
76.	Sh. Ashok Bhatele Assistant Engineer NWDA, New Delhi	Physical
77.	Sh. Hari Om Varshney, Assistant Engineer, New Delhi	Physical
78.	Sh. Khoob Chand Baghel Assistant Engineer ID, NWDA, Vadodara	Virtual
79.	Sh. Ankit Kumar, Assistant Engineer, New Delhi	Physical
80.	Sh. Dharm Singh Bairwa, Junior Engineer, New Delhi	Physical
81.	Sh. Deepak Junior Engineer, New Delhi	Virtual
82.	Sh. Krishna Gurjar Junior Engineer, New Delhi	Virtual

83.	Sh. Abir Sarkar, Junior Engineer, New Delhi	Virtual
84.	Sh. Subodh Kumar, Junior Engineer, New Delhi	Physical
85.	Ms. Santosh Vishnoi Junior Engineer, New Delhi	Virtual
86.	Sh. R.K.Jain, Consultant New Delhi	Physical
87.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Kharbanda, Consultant, New Delhi.	Physical
88.	Sh. Nagesh Mahajan, Consultant, New Delhi.	Physical