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Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority

(A Statutory Authority Established u/s 3 of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act, 2005)



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No. MWRRA/2023/PRCL/VIDC/142/775

Date : 17/11/2023

To,

✓ Executive Director,

Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation,

Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Civil Lines,

Nagpur 440 001.

Sub: Post-facto Clearance of MWRRA under Section 11(f) of MWRRA Act, 2005 to Administrative Approval of Kochi (Ambezari) Minor Irrigation Project, Taluka Kelapur, District Yavatmal.

- Ref :** १) का. सं. विपाविम, नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. ३८५६/कोची (अंबेझरी)
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- २) प्राधिकरणाचे समक्रमांकित पत्र क्र. ५०९ दि. २४/०७/२०२३
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Executive Director, Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation, Nagpur ("Project Proponent" for short) vide letter under Reference No. 1 submitted the proposal of Administrative Approval of Kochi (Ambezari) Minor Irrigation Project, Taluka Kelapur, District Yavatmal for the Post-facto clearance of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority ("Authority" for short) under Section 11(f) of the MWRRA Act, 2005. On scrutiny of the proposal, the Authority had called additional information vide letter under

Reference No. 2 which was submitted by Project Proponent vide letter under Reference No. 3.

Kochi (Ambezari) Minor Irrigation Project proposed on local nalla near village Kochi in Painganga sub-basin of Godavari basin. An Administrative Approval (AA) has been accorded to the said Project on 13/04/2007 for Rs. 17.30 crores (RSR 2005-06) by the State Government. It was proposed to irrigate 915 ha with Gross Storage of 7.40 Million Cubic Meters (MCM). The Project Proponent has accorded 1st Revised Administrative Approval (RAA) to the said Project on 16/02/2008 for Rs. 23.00 crores (RSR 2007-08) and 2nd RAA was accorded on 26/03/2018 for Rs. 92.17 crores (RSR 2016-17).

As per the 3th RAA proposal, work of Earthen Dam with George filling, Spillway is completed and work of canal & distributary is balance. The said Project needs to acquire 237.97 ha land out of which 175.97 ha is acquired and 62.00 ha private land needs to be acquired. The revised cost of the project is 146.03 Crores (RSR 2022-23) and Rs. 75.02 crore spent till October 2022.

As there is no change in irrigable command area or live storage of the said Project between 2nd RAA and 3rd RAA, the Authority's clearance as per the Water Resources Department's Government Resolution 16/11/2016, will not be required for the 3rd RAA proposal of said project. However, the State Level technical Advisory Committee, during the scrutiny of said proposal, commented that the said project receives AA after the establishment of the Authority, thus the said project requires clearance from the Authority.

The Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act, 2005 which came in force from 08/06/2005. Water Resources Department, vide letter dated 09/05/2007 directed Executive Director, Godavari Marathawada Irrigation Development Corporation, Aurangabad and Executive Director, Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation, Nagpur that before according AA to Irrigation Project it is necessary to take clearance of projects under Section 11(f) of the MWRRRA Act 2005 from the Authority. The said Project receives AA before 09/05/2007, hence clearance under Section 11(f) of the MWRRRA Act 2005 from the Authority was not taken.

On scrutiny of the AA proposal of Kochi (Ambezari) Minor Irrigation Project with respect to provisions in Section 11(f) of the Act and the policy of the

Authority for clearance of projects under Section 11(f) of the Act, it is observed that;

- a) At the AA stage of the said Project, it is proposed to irrigate 915 ha with Total Storage of 7.405 MCM. Annual water use of said project is 8.03 MCM, out of which 5.58 MCM for Irrigation use, 0.95 MCM for Domestic & Industrial use and 1.50 MCM for Evaporation.
- b) The Integrated State Water Plan (ISWP), approved by the State Water Council under Section 16(4) of the Act, has specified annual water utilization for the Kochi (Ambezari) Minor Irrigation project as 8.03 MCM and Total Storage as 7.405 MCM on Page No. 169 of Volume II A of ISWP which is as per AA proposal of said Project.
- c) At the time of AA, Chief Engineer (Planning & Hydrology) Nashik has given a water availability certificate of 8.033 MCM to the said project on 29/11/2006 at 50% dependability.
- d) At the time of AA, the cost of said project was Rs. 17.30 crores based on the Schedule of Rates for the Year 2005-06 and the B/C ratio was 1.066 which was more than 1.00, a norm for Minor projects. The Cost per Thousand Cubic Meter of said Project was Rs. 23,363/- which is within the norm of Rs. 25,382/- for General Areas in Amravati and Nagpur Region as per Water Resources Department's Government Resolution dated 04/09/2006.
- e) At the time of AA, the Ministry of Environment & Forest's (MoEF) Guidelines of 14/09/2006 are in force and the said project was required Environment Clearance. However, at present, MoEF's 14/08/2018 Guidelines in force and according to that, the said Project do not require Environment Clearance. The Project Proponent stated that said project does not involve the diversion of forest land.
- f) At the time of AA, Hon'ble Governor's Directives for FY 2007-08 were in force and according to the said directives, there was no restriction on taking up new irrigation projects. The said project is an ongoing project and Rs. 75.02 crore expenditure has been incurred till October 2022.

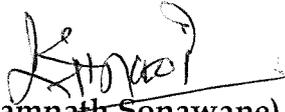
Thus, the said proposal appears to be consistent with the mandatory requirements provided in Section 11(f) of the Act and the policy of the Authority for clearance of projects under Section 11(f) of the Act.

Now, therefore, this Authority has directed me to convey you that the said proposal is suitable for Post-facto clearance. Hence, it is Post-facto cleared for AA proposal of Kochi (Ambezari) Minor Irrigation Project, Taluka Kelapur, District Yavatmal.

Hence this communication.

(By the Order of the Authority)




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Secretary, MWRRA

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