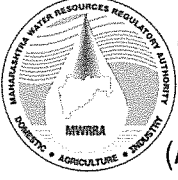




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# महाराष्ट्र जलसंपत्ती नियमन प्राधिकरण



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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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To,

Executive Director,

Godavari Marathwada Irrigation Development Corporation,

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Aurangabad-431 005.

**Sub: Post-facto Clearance of MWRRA under Section 11(f) of MWRRA Act, 2005 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Administrative Approval of Bramhgavhan Lift Irrigation Scheme, Taluka Paithan, District Aurangabad.**

- Ref :** १) का. सं. गोमपाविम, औरंगाबाद पत्र यांचे क्र. गोमपाविम/तां-  
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- २) MWRRA even letter No. २२७ dated २८/०५/२०२१
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Executive Director, Godavari Marathwada Irrigation Development Corporation, Aurangabad ("Project Proponent" for short) vide letter under Reference No. 1 had submitted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Administrative Approval (RAA) proposal of Bramhgavhan Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS), Taluka Paithan, District Aurangabad for the Post-facto clearance of Maharashtra Water

Resources Regulatory Authority ("Authority" for short) under Section 11(f) of the MWRRRA Act, 2005 ("Act" for short). 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.

Bramhgavhan LIS was proposed on backwater of Jayakwadi Project on Godavari River in Upper Godavari sub-basin of Godavari basin. The said project received Administrative Approval (AA) on 19/01/1980 for Rs. 1.26 crore with annual water use of 27.451 Mm<sup>3</sup> to irrigate 3205 ha. The State Government has further accorded 1<sup>st</sup> RAA on 18/01/1994 for Rs. 8.55 crore and 2<sup>nd</sup> RAA on 14/10/2005 for Rs. 13.57 crore.

The State Government had proposed above said LIS & Bramhgavhan LIS Stage II (Annual water use 90.07 Mm<sup>3</sup> & ICA 15312 ha) to the farmers who are deprived of Jayakwadi Project's water. As the command of both LIS comes in one taluka and for the convenience of planning & operation of these schemes, Project Proponent has decided to combine both LIS & additional command. Thus, the revised water use of Bramhgavhan LIS becomes 117.597 Mm<sup>3</sup> to irrigate 18,787 ha. Accordingly, Project Proponent has accorded 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA to Bramhgavhan LIS on 17/07/2009 for Rs. 222.24 crore and Rs. 238.47 crore expenditure has already been incurred on said LIS by March 2021.

Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by Water Resources Department in December 2012 has pointed out various lacunas in 16 projects which includes Bramhgavhan LIS as stated in Para 9.4 of the said SIT report. The State Government, in Action taken Report, has stated that these projects will be scrutinised by the State Level Technical Advisory Committee (SLTAC) and if any irregularity is found, appropriate action will be taken against concerned Executive Director. Accordingly, on scrutiny of said proposal, SLTAC has observed that the Irrigable Command Area (ICA) of said LIS is increased from 3205 ha to 18787 ha i.e. an increase of 486% and as per WRD's GR dated 16/11/2016, if the ICA of the project is increased by more than 10%, it will require clearance from the Authority.

On scrutiny of the 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA proposal of a Bramhgavhan LIS with respect to provisions in the Section 11(f) of the Act & the policy of the Authority for clearance of projects under Section 11(f) of the MWRRRA Act which undergo change in scope, it is observed that;

- a) The said LIS is proposed on backwater of Jayakwadi Project on Godavari River in Upper Godavari sub-basin of Godavari basin, Taluka Paithan, District Aurangabad. The annual water use of said LIS is 117.597 Mm<sup>3</sup> and will irrigate 18,787 ha.
- b) The Volume II A of Integrated State Water Plan (ISWP), approved by the State Water Council under Section 16(4) of the Act, has specifies annual water utilization of Bramhgavhan LIS I is 27.527 Mm<sup>3</sup> & Bramhgavhan LIS II is 90.07 Mm<sup>3</sup>. Thus, total water utilization is 117.597 Mm<sup>3</sup> which is as per 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA proposal of Bramhgavhan LIS.
- c) At the time of AA dated 19/01/1980, Chief Engineer (Planning & Hydrology) Nashik was not empowered to give water availability certificate to the project. However, as per WRD's GR dated 12/09/2018 regarding Replanning of Jayakwadi Project's water use, 27.527 Mm<sup>3</sup> for Bramhgavhan LIS I & 90.07 Mm<sup>3</sup> for Bramhgavhan LIS II is allotted. Thus, total water utilization is 117.597 Mm<sup>3</sup> which is as per 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA proposal of Bramhgavhan LIS.
- d) As per the 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA proposal, the cost of said LIS is Rs. 222.24 crore based on Schedule of Rates for Year 2008-09. The B/C ratio of said project was 1.55 which is more than 1.50, a norm for Medium Project.
- e) At present, Ministry of Environment & Forest's Guidelines of 14/08/2018 are inforce & will not require amendment / revision of Environment Clearance to existing project wherein command area is increased but there is no change in height of dam & submergence. As there is no change in height of dam & submergence due to said LIS, the said LIS does not want of amendment / revision of Environment Clearance. The Project Proponent stated that said LIS does not involve diversion of forest land.
- f) At the time of 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA proposal, Hon'ble Governor's Directives for FY 2009-10 were inforce and according to the said directives, there was restriction on taking up new irrigation projects i.e. only in Irrigation Backlog Districts. The said LIS is an Ongoing LIS and regular budget is being provided to it and no direction of Hon'ble Governor is being violated through this proposal.


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

Now, therefore, this Authority has directed me to convey you that in view of SLTAC's recommendation, the Post-facto Clearance under Section 11(f) of the MWRRA Act, 2005 is hereby given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> RAA proposal of Bramhgavhan Lift Irrigation Scheme, Taluka Paithan, District Aurangabad.

Hence this communication.

**(By the Order of the Authority)**



  
**(Dr. Ramnath Sonawane)**  
**Secretary, MWRRA**

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