



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)

No. MWRRA/2016/PRCL/VIDC/90/

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Date : 16/06/2025

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 Marda Weir, Taluka Warora, District Chandrapur.

- Ref :**
- 1) Chief Engineer, WRD, Nagpur's letter No. ३७८९/तांशा-४/ वरोरा औ. क्षे.-मार्डा बॅरेज/२०१८ dated 05/09/2018
 - 2) MWRRA's even Letter No. 754 dated 24/10/2018
 - 3) Chief Engineer, WRD, Nagpur's letter No. ४७६०/तांशा-४/ वरोरा औ. क्षे.-मार्डा बॅरेज/२०१८ dated 13/11/2018
 - 4) MWRRA's even Letter No. 882 dated 16/10/2019
 - 5) Chief Engineer, WRD, Nagpur's letter No. ३७४४/तांशा-४/ मार्डा/२०२३ dated 01/09/2023
 - 6) MWRRA's even Letter No. 11 dated 01/01/2024
 - 7) Executive Director, VIDC, Nagpur's letter No. ८७४/ विपाविम/कातां ६(२)/मार्डा बॅरेज/२०२४ dated 06/02/2025

Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nagpur ("Project Proponent" for short), vide letter under Reference No. 1, submitted the Administrative Approved (AA) Proposal of Marda Weir, Taluka Warora, District Chandrapur

for the Post-facto clearance of Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority ("Authority" for short) under Section 11(f) of the MWRRA Act, 2005. Upon scrutiny of the proposal, the Authority requested additional information, as per a letter under Reference No. 2, which the Project Proponent subsequently submitted via a letter under Reference No. 3.

As per the AA proposal, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), Nagpur proposed to construct a weir on the Wardha River in the Wardha sub-basin of Godavari basin near village Marda in Warora Taluka of Chandrapur District. It was proposed to supply 42.15 Million Cubic Meters (Mcum) to the Warora MIDC area, out of which 36.50 Mcum for two thermal power plants and 5.65 Mcum for other industries. As per the instructions of the Project Proponent, MIDC passed a resolution in its Meeting dated 23/02/2010 to grant AA to the Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 103.71 crores. It was proposed to construct a weir having a Gross Storage of 21.00 Mcum on Wardha River. As the water is stored within the River banks, no land acquisition for the construction of the Project except 4.00 hectares of private land for the switchboard.

MIDC decided to construct the Project at its cost and invited tenders for the Project in June 2010. Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC), Nagpur communicated its No-Objection for the construction of the Project by MIDC on 19/01/2013. VIDC, Nagpur passed a resolution in its Meeting dated 04/11/2015 to grant permission for the construction of the Project by MIDC at its cost subject to the Authority's clearance.

Thereafter, the Project Proponent, vide letter dated 02/01/2016, submitted the AA proposal of the Project, which was returned by the Authority, vide letter dated 08/02/2016 for want of Integrated State Water Plan (ISWP). The Project Proponent then resubmitted the proposal after ISWP was approved by the State Water Council. As per the submitted proposal, the Authority observed that the work of the project commenced in the Year 2012 and was completed in the Year 2017. The Authority had a meeting on 19/06/2019 with Project Proponent & MIDC, Nagpur and issued minutes of the meeting vide letter under Reference No. 4.

As per the directions of the Authority, the Project Proponent, vide letter under Reference No. 5 submitted the requisite information. On scrutiny of the same, the Authority, vide letter under Reference No. 6, directed to submit a State Level Technical Advisory Committee's (SLTAC) scrutiny report of the Project. Accordingly, Executive Director, VIDC, Nagpur, vide letter under Reference No. 7 submitted that SLTAC, vide its letter dated 13/12/2024 informed that the post-facto scrutiny of the completed project does not come within the purview of SLTAC. Therefore, the proposal was submitted for the Authority's clearance.

On scrutiny of the AA proposal of Marda Weir, Taluka Warora, District Chandrapur 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 stage of AA of the Project, it was proposed to construct a weir on Wardha River having a Gross Storage capacity of 21.00 Mcum. The annual water use of the project was 42.15 Mcum, out of which 36.50 Mcum for two thermal power plants and 5.65 Mcum for other industries.
- b) The Revised Integrated State Water Plan (ISWP), approved by the State Water Council in June 2024, under Section 16(4) of the Act, has specified annual water utilization for Marda Weir as 42.15 Mcum on Page No. 272 of Volume II A of ISWP which is as per AA proposal of the Project.
- c) At the time of AA, Chief Engineer, Hydrology Project, Nashik gave a water availability certificate of 42.15 Mcum to the Project on 12/03/2008 at 90% dependability.
- d) MIDC passed a resolution in its Meeting dated 23/02/2010 to grant AA to the Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 103.71 crores. The works of the Project were completed in the Year 2017 and Rs. 183.46 crore total expenditure incurred on the Project.
- e) At the time of AA, the Ministry of Environment & Forest's (MoEF) Guidelines of 14/09/2006 were in force and Environment Department, vide its letter dated 24/02/2011, informed that the Project does not require Environment Clearance being a 'Water Supply Project'. The Project Proponent also, informed that the Project does not involve diversion of any forest land.

- f) At the time of AA, MIDC had constructed the Project at its cost and no irrigation was proposed through this project. Therefore, the Hon'ble Governor's Directives related removal of irrigation backlog does not apply.

Thus, this Administratively Approved 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.

Considering the above, this Authority has directed me to convey you that this project proposal is suitable for Post-facto clearance. Hence, Post-facto clearance is hereby accorded to the Administratively Approved proposal of Marda Weir, Taluka Warora, District Chandrapur.

Hence this communication.

(By the Order of the Authority)




(Mallikarjun Dharane)
Secretary, MWRRRA

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- 2) Principal Secretary to the Hon. Governor, Raj Bhavan, Malabar Hill, Mumbai - 400 035.
- 3) Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001.
- 4) Superintending Engineer, Chandrapur Irrigation Project Circle, Civil Lines, Chandrapur - 442 401.