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To

The Cabinet Secretary,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of April 2019.

Sir,

The important issues/developments related to Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of April 2019 are as under:

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs-

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring storage position of 91 important reservoirs spread all over the country. These include 37 reservoirs having significant hydro-power benefits with installed capacity of more than 60 MW each, out of which, 19 reservoirs have Storage build up less than or equal to average of previous 10 years. **Overall storage position in 91 reservoirs as on 25.04.2019 was 42.526 BCM, which is 114% of the storage of corresponding period of last year and 104% of the average storage of last 10 years.**

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) –

The following are the achievements of Namami Gange in April 2019 –

- **Global Water Awards:** NMCG has been awarded Distinction in the category 'Public Water Agency of the Year' by Global Water Intelligence at the Global Water Summit in London on 9th April 2019. The Global Water Awards recognize excellence in water industry and reward those initiatives in the water, wastewater, and desalination sectors which bring remarkable improvements in the lives of people.

- **Cleanliness Drive at Kalindi Kunj Ghat:** Continuing with its efforts to clean the river Yamuna, NMCG organised a Cleanliness/Swachhta drive at the Kalindi Kunj Ghat along with Delhi Jal Board, South Delhi Municipal Corporation and local stakeholders on 7th April 2019 with a call as open invitation to general masses/

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people to participate. The focus during the cleanliness drive remained on freeing the Ghat from plastic waste along with other solid waste. Organised on the occasion of World Health Day, the volunteering event involved students from Dayal Singh College, Hansraj College, Amity University, young members from NSS India, Miranda House, I.P University, NGOs etc.

NMCG has partnered with The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) for bringing together all knowledge related to Ganga on one platform. On the occasion of World Heritage Day on 18th April 2019, NMCG organised a talk on 'Heritage and Ganga' where distinguished speakers from INTACH, IIPA and Google delivered talks on cultural, ecological and environmental aspects related to Ganga, Yamuna and other rivers and how technology could serve as a repository for the vast knowledge related to the Ganga River Basin.

Consultative Meeting on Hybrid Annuity Model based Public Private Partnership: NMCG in collaboration with PTC Financial Services Limited organized the 4th Consultative Meeting on ‘Development of Sewage Treatment Plants through Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)’ on 30th April 2019 at India Habitat Centre.

Proposal for construction of 20 MLD CETP, Collection and Conveyance system, Pilot scale 200 KLD ZLD plant and 900 KLD Common Chrome Recovery unit at Jajmau tannery Cluster, Kanpur has been sanctioned amounting to Rs.554 crores with certain financial conditions. Jajmau Tannery Effluent Treatment Association (JTETA) has committed to contribute Rs.25 crores towards CETP construction, 100% O&M should be borne by JTETA and up-gradation of pre-treatment units worth Rs.137 crores by individual industry at their own cost. Bid evaluation process is over. LoA has been issued to the VA Tech Wabag on 9th February 2019 by JTETA. Agreement was signed on 11th April 2019.

Proposal for up-gradation of existing CETP at Mathura Textile cluster has been sanctioned by NMCG amounting to Rs.13.87 crores with a condition that industry has to contribute 25% of project cost and 100% O&M. There is provision for 50% reuse of treated effluents. Bids have been received and are under evaluation.

12 ghats and 4 crematoria were completed in the month of April 2019.

C. Secretary (WR) has sent DO letter to Chief Secretaries of States & UTs and to the Secretaries of the concerned Central Ministries and Departments inviting comments on the draft River Basin Management Bill, 2018. The Bill has been uploaded on the website of the Ministry for soliciting public opinion. In this regard, a one day Brainstorming Session/Conference has been scheduled on 03.06.2019 for discussion with the stakeholders on the RBM Bill, 2018.
D. Draft DPR of Godavari (Inchampalli/Janampet)-Cauvery(Grand Anicut) link project has been completed and circulated to party States.

E. A monthly magazine "Jal Charcha' was published by Ministry for distribution among Organizations, NGOs and DMs.

F. **Important Meetings/Conferences attended by Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of April, 2019**
   
i) Attended the World Bank Water Week 2019 organized at Washington DC during 02nd to 04th April 2019.
   
ii) Meeting of Narmada Control Authority on 15.04.2019 regarding strategy to ensure filling of Sardar Sarovar Dam up to FRL in the next monsoon.
   
iii) Meeting of the Principal Committee of NGT held on 24.04.2019 in the matter of OA No. 200 of 2014.
   
iv) Attended 1st All India Regulators' Meeting organized by the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority at Pune on 26.04.2019.
   
v) Visited Lucknow during 27-29th April 2019 to review projects under Namami Gange, PMKSY projects and activities of CWC and CGWB.
   
vii) Attended the 4th Consultative Meeting with Bidder/Bankers for HAM projects under HAM organized by NMCG on 30.04.2019.

G. **Important Meetings/Conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of April, 2019**
   
i) Review Meetings on 23.04.2019 regarding DWRIS and NWIC; WAPCOS and NPCC; Special Package to Maharashtra, Shapur Kandi & Sirhind Feeder and MI Census.
   
ii) Review Meeting on 24.04.2019 regarding North Koel Project and FMP.
   
iii) Review Meetings on 25.04.2019 regarding SMI, RRR and PMKSY.

H. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has explored high yielding wells in the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Jharkhand while undertaking Ground Water Exploration under the National Aquifer Management Programme with water discharge varying from 8.6 lps to 25 lps.

I. The incumbency details of the posts in the Ministry and its organizations under the purview of the ACC have been updated on AVMS.

Yours faithfully,

(U. P. Singh)
Secretary (WR, RD & GR)