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Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of August, 2021 are as follows:-

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs (CWC): -

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of 130 important reservoirs spread all over the country. Over all storage position in 130 reservoirs as on 26.08.2021 was 108.583 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 83% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 96% of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG): -

- The Standing Committee on Water Resources undertook an on-the-spot study visit to Patna, Kolkata and Guwahati from 23rd to 28th August 2021 for the assessment of implementation of various programmes and schemes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, ED (Project), NMCG and Shri D.P. Mathuria, ED (Technical), NMCG joined the Committee in Patna and Kolkata respectively, to explain the interventions under the Namami Gange Programme.
- **Campaign on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava:** On 15th August 2021, a Jan Andolan was organized based on the theme of 'Ganga Ka Sanrakshan Evam Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava'. The campaign was launched by NMCG in association with State Missions for Clean Ganga, District Ganga Committees, partner organizations and the event witnessed participation by all volunteer cadres belonging to the Mission.
- **Launch of 'Rag-Rag Mein Ganga-II':** Continuing with the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, 'Rag-Rag Mein Ganga-II' was launched on 16th August 2021. 'Rag-Rag Mein Ganga' – a travelogue series on Ganga was produced by Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) on behalf of NMCG and the Season-1 was telecast on DD National in the year 2019. The travelogue series covered the cultural, mythological and historical aspects about the river from Gaumukh to Ganga Sagar and the efforts undertaken by Namami Gange Programme for the conservation and rejuvenation of river Ganga.

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C. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- 29th Water Talk, entitled 'The Last Mile for Water' was delivered by Ms. Kalpana Ramesh, a celebrated 'water warrior' from Hyderabad, on 20th August 2021.
- 11th Water Tech Talk: 11th Water Tech Talk was delivered by Mr. Sushil Gupta, former chairperson of CGWB & CGWA on 13th August 2021 on 'Identification of Arsenic Free Aquifers and Technology for Constructing Arsenic Free Tubewells'.

D. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti & Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) during the month of August, 2021: -

- A meeting of Consultative Committee on the subject "Jal Shakti Abhiyan" was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 10th August 2021.
- On 17th August 2021, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to review the status of schemes/projects of DoWR, RD & GR and DoDWS and deliberated on synergies between the two departments constituting the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

E. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of August, 2021:

- On 5th August 2021, Secretary (WR) chaired the meeting to discuss the Pennaiyar River water sharing dispute through video conference, attended by Chairman (CWC) and Member (WP&P).
- Secretary (WR) attended the oral evidence of representatives of DoWR, RD & GR before Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on "Rejuvenation of River Ganga (Namami Gange)", based on C&AG Report No. 39 of 2017, on 12th August 2021.
- 68th Meeting of Governing Body of National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) through video conference on 17th August 2021.
- 3rd meeting of Executive Committee for implementation of PMKSY held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 18th August 2021.

F. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of August, 2021: -

- On 31st August 2021, Chairman (CWC/CWMA) chaired the 13th meeting of Cauvery Water Management Authority.
- Chairman, CGWB attended the meeting of the Standing Committee on Water Resources at Kolkata on 26th August 2021.
- On 18th August 2021, a review meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG) on 'Documentation of cultural mapping of river Ganga from Gaumukh to Ganga Sagar' by INTACH Heritage Walks.

- A meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG) with the IIT Roorkee and Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE), University of Delhi experts to discuss the findings of their study visit in reference to rejuvenation of Varuna and Assi Rivers (Hon'ble NGT's Order 128/2021).

G. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Renuka Dam Project:-

- Central Assistance (CA) for Rs. 15.89 crore has been released to various SMI schemes under Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP component of PMKSY) during the month of August 2021 for the State of Uttarakhand.
- An amount of Rs. 10.61 crore for Renuka Dam Project of Himachal Pradesh has been released in month of August 2021 for land compensation.

H. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme: -

- Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 15 high discharge wells in the States of Andhra Pradesh (1), West Bengal (2), Madhya Pradesh (1), Meghalaya (1), Uttar Pradesh (5), Maharashtra (1), Odisha (1), Karnataka (1), Gujarat (2). These wells have been drilled in hard rock areas and alluvium areas with discharge ranging from around 180 to 1,959 litres per minute (lpm).

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

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,



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