GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAHTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
& GANGA REJUVENATION
Part- I (Unclassified)

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for December, 2019

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month.

The principal activities and important decisions taken in the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of December, 2019 are as under:-

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring storage position of 120 important reservoirs spread all over the country, of which 44 reservoirs have significant hydro-power benefits with installed capacities of more than 60 MW each. Over all storage position in 120 reservoirs as on 26.12.2019 was 137.125 BCM, which is 150% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 139% of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) –

The following are the achievements of Namami Gange in December, 2019 –

Meeting of National Ganga Council: Hon’ble Prime Minister chaired the first meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh on 14th December 2019. The meeting was attended by Hon’ble Union Ministers for Jal Shakti, MoEF & CC, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Health & Family Welfare, Housing & Urban Affairs, Power, Tourism, Shipping and Hon’ble Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Vice Chairman Niti Aayog, Secretary DoWR, RD & GR, Secretary, DWS, DG (NMCG), and other Senior Officials.

Inauguration of Sarai project, Haridwar in presence of King and Queen of Sweden: 14 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant under Hybrid Annuity mode at Sarai, Haridwar was inaugurated on 5th December, 2019 in presence of their Majesties, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Dr. Maja Fjæstad, Secretary of State, Sweden, Mr. Klas Molin, Ambassador of Sweden to India, Shri Rajiv Ranjan
Mishra, Director General, NMCG, and Ms. Monika Kapil Mohta, Ambassador of India and other dignitaries. The Saral 14 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant is the first STP to be completed under the Hybrid Annuity (HAM) Based Public Private Partnership Model, involving a cost of Rs. 41.40 crores, and the Plant has been completed before its scheduled timeline.

**Signing of Concession Agreement:** Tripartite Agreement was signed on 30th December 2019 between the concessionaire, M/s VA Tech Wabag, NMCG and Buildco for development of sewage treatment plants and sewerage network in Digha and Kankar bagh zones in Patna under the Namami Gange programme. The agreement has been signed for the development of STPs on Hybrid Annuity based PPP model, as well as the sewerage network on DBOT model.

**India Water Impact Summit-2019:** NMCG and the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga) led by IIT Kanpur organized the 4th India Water Impact Summit from 5-7 December 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The summit focused on integrated management of water resources in rural and urban areas, and experts from various fields discussed various water-related issues. An important objective of the summit was bringing together global financial investors and institutions to focus on water impact in smart cities.

**River Basin Planning and Management:** NMCG in collaboration with GIZ organized the strategic discussion on River Basin Planning and Management at New Delhi on 2nd December, 2019. This was followed with state level consultation with engineers and other stake holders at Lucknow and Dehradun.

**Administrative approval and expenditure sanctions (AA&ES) issued on 19.12.2019 for the pilot project of rejuvenation of dying springs in Tokoli Gad catchment of Tehri Garhwal district using geo-chemical and Geo physical techniques by IIT- Roorkee under Namami Gange program at an estimated amount of Rs.135.70 Lakhs.

**The Executive Committee of NMCG On 27.12.2019 approved the project on 'Census Survey/Geomapping of Water Bodies in Ganga Basin' and 'Community Toilets and Urinals for Cleanliness and Sanitation in Magh Mela 2020 at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh'.

**Award, Training and Conferences:**

1. NMCG received the 'Leadership in Rejuvenation and Protection of Fresh Water System in India' Award in the 20th Edition of Geo Smart India, at Geo Summit conference held at Hyderabad on 3rd to 5th December 2019.
II) Namami Gange Pavilion received first prize in 24th Sundarban Krishi Mela-O-Loko Sanskriti held from 20th to 29th December 2019 organized by Kultali Milan Tirtha Society, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

C. Launch of Atal Bhujal Yojana: Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL), a Central Sector Scheme with a total outlay of Rs.6000 crore to be implemented over a period of 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister along with Hon'ble Defence Minister & Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 25.12.2019. The scheme aims to improve ground water management through community participation in identified priority areas in seven States, viz. Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

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iii) Hon’ble Minister (Jal Shakti) held a meeting with German delegation regarding Water Resources, Namami Gange Programme and Integrated River Basin Development on 03.12.2019.

E. Important meetings/conferences attended by Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of December, 2019 –

i) Meeting taken by Principal Secretary to Hon’ble Prime Minister on Ganga Management Board on 17.12.2019.

ii) Meeting taken by Hon’ble Finance Minister on Pre-Budget Consultations with different stakeholders regarding Union Budget 2020-21, held on 17.12.2019.

iii) Presentation of the Sectoral Group of Secretaries before the Union Council of Ministers regarding 5-Year Vision Documents of Ministries/Departments held on 21.12.2019.


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G. An amount of Rs.994.29 crore under PMKSY-AIBP has been sanctioned/released in the month of December, 2019 for the various ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation Projects of the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. Further, State Share of Rs.4032.96 crore has also been released for AIBP works of various projects in the state of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat and U.P.

H. An amount of Rs. 4.00 cr. under the Special Package for completion of Irrigation Projects to address agrarian distress in Vidarbha and Marathwada Districts and other chronically drought prone areas of the rest of Maharashtra has been sanctioned/released in the month of December, 2019 for the various ongoing major/medium irrigation projects of the State of Maharashtra.

I. **PMKSY under (Har Khet Ko Pani) SMI & RRR:** Central Assistance (CA) of Rs.24.56 cr. has been released to various Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) schemes under Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) component of PMKSY during the Month of December, 2019 for the States of Meghalaya & Mizoram.

J. During the month of December 2019, eight (08 nos) high discharge exploratory and two (02 nos) observation wells have been drilled by CGWB in the States of Jharkhand, Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka & Uttar Pradesh. The discharge of the wells drilled ranged from 150 to 4248 litres per minute (lpm).

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