To,
The Cabinet Secretary
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

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

Sir,

The important issues/achievements related to the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of May 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 built up less than or equal to average of previous 10 years. Overall storage position in 91 reservoirs as on 30.05.2019 was 31.65 BCM, which is 114% of the storage of corresponding period of last year and 103% of the average storage of last 10 years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) –

The following are the achievements of Namami Gange in May 2019-

- NMCG organized a Sensitization Programme on River Health Assessment to Management at IIT Kanpur on 16th May, 2019 in partnership with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga).

The contract agreement for construction of 20 MLD CETP at Jajmau, Kanpur was signed on 11th April, 2019. The contract agreement for engagement of Project Engineer has been signed on 09th May 2019 by TWIC for the project.

Tender Published for procurement of services of data provider for 40 real time monitoring stations on River Ganga and its tributaries. Pre-bid meeting was held on 06th December 2018. Final Amendment to the bid documents and minutes of pre-bid meeting has been uploaded in e-procurement portal. Bid opening was held on 23rd April 2019 and evaluation of Bids is under progress.

NIT for e-procurement of scientific instrument for strengthening of laboratories of SPCBs published on 08th March 2019. Pre-bid meeting was held on 02nd April 2019. Second meeting of Committee on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) for supply, installation, testing, demonstration, commissioning and training of Scientific Instruments for five Ganga Main Stem SPCB held on 15th April, 2019 and third meeting of the Committee was held on 14th May 2019. Date for online bid submission extended to 10th of June 2019.

Memorandum of Understanding signed between NMCG and Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority: NMCG signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority for knowledge exchange and capacity building. Maharashtra rivers will be cleaned based on the knowledge gained from the Namami Gange Program.

Signing of MoU: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NMCG, HCL Foundation and INTACH for taking up a project of 'Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand' as part of CSR initiative of HCL on 14th May 2019. The project aims at planting 10,000 Rudraksh trees in the catchment area of river Ganga in Uttarakhand in association with local community and other stakeholders. It will also help in generating income for people residing in those areas.

Signing of MoU with Union Bank of India: An MoU was signed on 17th May, 2019 with 'Mojarto', an NDTV venture and Union Bank of India for taking up a project for the development of mural arts at various iconic ghats like Chandi ghat and Har ki Pauri in Haridwar. This is one of the unique ventures of NMCG aimed at creating public awareness on Clean Ganga Mission at different iconic cities on the banks of Ganga.

International Day of Biological Diversity: On the occasion of the International Day of Biological Diversity (IDB), NMCG and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) organized a one day workshop on 22nd May 2019 at India Habitat Center on Wednesday on the theme 'developing a roadmap for Sustainable Agriscapes in
Ganga basin. The motive of the workshop was to understand the impact of agriculture on the Ganga basin through the landscape approach, the larger ecosystem services that the basin provides, issues arising due to delinking biodiversity with the current forms of agriculture and develop a roadmap for sustainable agriculture in the Ganga basin. The workshop was designed to bring together experts, academicians, civil society organization and decision makers to understand the linkages between agriculture and river Ganga.

- The first nationwide online Ganga quiz –Ganga quest 2019 which was initiated on world Earth Day got completed on Bio Diversity Day on 22nd May, 2019 in which more than 36000 students participated.

- **Smart Cities India Water Expo-2019:** Smart Cities India Expo, Asia’s largest trade fair and conference was organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and Exhibitions India Group at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 22-24 May 2019. The event was organized to address the core objectives of the Governments Smart Cities Mission. Namami Gange pavilion was set up during the Fair for showcasing the innovative interventions in the waste water treatment and sustainable development sector.

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. 5th issue of monthly magazine “Jal Charcha’ was published by the Ministry during the month.

E. An amount of Rs. 100 crore 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 the Maharashtra has been sanctioned/released in the month of May 2019 for the various ongoing major/medium irrigation projects of the State of Maharashtra.

F. PMKSY under (Har Khet Ko Pani) RRR&SMI: Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 119.65 crore has been released to various Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) schemes under Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) component of PMKSY during the month of May 2019 for the States of Assam & Arunachal Pradesh.

G. **Important Meetings/Conferences attended by Secretary (WR,RD&GR) during the month of May, 2019 –**

   i) Attended 2nd Water Talk organized by NWM held on 01st May 2019.

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ii) Meeting taken by Principal Secretary to PM regarding ‘Jal Jeevan’ on 03.05.2019.
i ii) Visited Kathmandu on 06th & 07th May 2019 for informal talks in Nepal for finalization of DPR of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project.
iv) Attended the Review Meeting on NMCG taken by Principal Secretary to PM on 09.05.2019.
v) Visited Tanakpur/Banbasa Barrage during 15th-17th May 2019 to discuss with officials of CWC, WAPCOS, PDA, District Administration etc. regarding Pancheshwar Project.
vi) Meeting of the Reconstituted Principal Committee of NGT held on 22.05.2019.
vii) 1st Meeting of Organizing Committee of IWW-2019 for organizing 6th India Water Week held on 14.05.2019.
viii) Attended DPC Meeting on 14.05.2019 in UPSC for selection for the post of Chairman, CWC.
ix) Attended Meeting of Search Committee for Selection of Non-official (Independent) Directors on the Boards of CPSEs – WAPCOS held on 14.05.2019.

H. Important Meetings/Conferences held at the level of Secretary(WR,RD&GR) during the month of May, 2019 –

i) Meeting to review the implementation of notified e-flow in river Ganga held on 10.05.2019.
ii) Review Meetings regarding DRIP/PMKSY/GW etc. held on 22.05.2019.

I. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has explored high yielding wells in the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Jammu & Kashmir while undertaking Ground Water Exploration under the National Aquifer Management Programme with water discharge varying from 210 lpm to 540 lpm.

J. 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)
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