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Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
National Mission for Clean Ganga

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India Gate, New Delhi-110002
Dated: 30th October, 2025

Office Memorandum

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing cases received under Paragraph 6 and 42 of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016.

1. Preamble and Legal Basis

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is issued in pursuance of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, notified vide S.O. 3187(E) dated 07.10.2016 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Paragraphs 6 and 42 of the said Order mandate the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to accord prior approval for specified activities that may affect the flow, floodplain, or ecological integrity of the River Ganga and its tributaries. This SOP aims to ensure uniformity, transparency, and efficiency in processing such cases.

2. Objectives

- a) To establish a transparent and time-bound procedure for dealing cases received under Paragraphs 6 and 42 of the Authorities Order, 2016.
- b) To safeguard riverine ecology, prevent obstructions to flow, and ensure regulated discharge of treated effluents.
- c) To enable coordination among NMCG, State Missions, SGCs, DGCs, and project proponents.

3. Scope and Applicability

This SOP applies to all project proponents—public or private—proposing any activity or construction within the River Ganga, its tributaries, or associated floodplain areas that may attract Paragraph 6 or 42 of the Authorities Order, 2016.

Category	Description	Relevant Clause*
A	Discharge of treated sewage or Trade effluent	Para 6 (1) & (2)
B	Temporary construction in river/Active floodplain	Para 6(3)
C	Review of pre-2016 completed constructions	Para 6(3) proviso
D	Permanent construction and hydraulic structures	Para 42

* The clause from the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, notified vide S.O. 3187(E) dated 07.10.2016 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. This may pl be read with S.O. 137(E) dated 10.01.2024. (**Annexure-1**)

4. Definitions

- a) **Floodplain:** means such area of River Ganga or its tributaries which comes under water on either side of it due to floods corresponding to its greatest flow or with a flood of frequency once in hundred years.
- b) **Active Floodplain:** To be dealt with provision containing Technical Guidelines on Flood Plain Zoning of CWC issued in July, 2025.
- c) **Tributary of River Ganga:** means those rivers or streams which flow into river Ganga and includes rivers Yamuna, Son, Mahananda, Kosi, Gandak, Ghaghara and Mahakali and their tributaries or such rivers which may be specified from time to time.

5. Institutional Mechanism

A dedicated **Regulatory Cell** is constituted at NMCG vide letter RD/1/2023-SMD NMCG dated 07.12.2023. The Cell shall evaluate proposals and make recommendations to the Competent Authority for final decision. (**Annexure-2**)

Quorum: Minimum three members including Member Secretary. The Cell shall meet at least once every six weeks.

6. Procedure for Seeking Prior Permission/Approval

6.1 Common Provisions

- a) Applications shall be submitted **online** at <https://nmcg.nic.in/Priorapproval.aspx> in prescribed formats.
- b) Incomplete applications will be returned in a time bound fashion by Regulatory Cell. However, in case of minor deficiencies, applicant will be given one time-bound chance to cure the deficiency.
- c) Project proponent shall present the case before the Regulatory Cell and furnish compliance to any observations recorded in time-bound manner.

6.2 Category wise provisions

Category A – Discharge of Treated Sewage/trade Effluent (Para 6(1) & (2))

- a) Application Format is placed at **Annexure-3**.
- b) Proposals submitted through the DGC and SGC with their recommendations shall be considered by Regulatory Cell.
- c) The project proponent shall submit details of treatment plant, effluent quality, proposed reuse plan, and reasons for discharge to the river, canal or waterbodies.
- d) The Regulatory Cell shall examine compliance with NMCG Notification dated 10.01.2024 regarding reuse hierarchy.
- e) Permission shall be granted for a **specific validity period**, subject to periodic monitoring by the SGC/DGC.

Category B – Temporary Constructions (Para 6(3))

- a) Application Format is placed at **Annexure-4**.
- b) Proposals submitted through the DGC and SGC with their recommendations shall be considered by Regulatory Cell.
- c) Permission for temporary structures (e.g., religious events, temporary crossings) shall be case-specific and time-bound.

- d) Applications must include layout, duration, floodplain status, and EIA & EMP (if applicable), & justification for putting up temporary structure.

Category C – Review of Constructions Prior to 2016 (Para 6(3) Proviso)

- a) Application Format is placed at **Annexure-5**.
- b) Structures completed before 07.10.2016 may be reviewed to assess interference with flow or pollution.
- c) Based on DGC/SGC inputs, Regulatory Cell may recommend retention with safeguards or removal.

Category D – Permanent Specified Constructions (Para 42)

- a) Application Format is placed at **Annexure-6**.
- b) Includes bridges, jetties, Ghats, barrages, embankments, and hydraulic works. Proponent shall submit DPR, design drawings, EIAs, and clearances as per the checklist at **Annexure-7**.
- c) Comments from DGC/SGC shall be invited within **15 days** of submission. Absence of response shall be deemed *no objection*.
- d) Regulatory Cell may recommend clearance with conditions ensuring no obstruction to flow or degradation of river morphology.

7. Timelines and Accountability

S. No	Stage	Responsible Agency	Time Limit
1.	Application submission	Proponent Unit	-
2.	Application submission and completeness check	Regulatory Cell	10 working days from the submission of the application
3.	DGC recommendation	District Ganga Committee	For Temporary Structures/Activities: Within 10 working days after the proposal is submitted to DGC For Permanent Structures: Within 10 working days after the proposal is received by DGC
4.	SGC recommendation	State Ganga Committee	For Temporary Structures/Activities: Within 20 working days after the proposal is submitted to DGC For Permanent Structures: Within 20 working days after the proposal is received by SGC
5.	Recommendations by Regulatory Cell	Regulatory Cell	Within 30 working days after receipt of application.
6.	Decision by Competent Authority	DG, NMCG	Within 5 working days after the proposal is submitted to DG, NMCG

8. General Conditions for Approval

- a) All reinstatement and restoration shall be verified by the concerned DGC.
- b) NMCG reserves the right to revoke approval in case of non-compliance or environmental damage.

- c) Approved works shall be subject to random inspection by NMCG/SPMG/DGC.

9. Documentation/ Record-Keeping/ Periodical Reports

- a) Project proponents shall maintain digital records including as-built drawings, EIA/EMP reports, and compliance statements.
- b) NMCG shall maintain a public register of approvals under Paragraph 6 and 42 for transparency.
- c) A monthly periodical report (**MPR**) will be generated to enable oversight on timely disposal of applications, as per timelines prescribed in para 7.

10. Interpretation and Amendments

Any interpretation issues arising from this SOP shall be referred to the DG, NMCG. The SOP may be reviewed periodically based on field experience and emerging requirements.

Encl: As above.



(Anup Kumar Srivastava)
Executive Director (Technical), NMCG

Copy to:

- 1. All SGCs, DGCs, SPMGs
- 2. Members of the Regulatory Cell
- 3. DDG/All EDs, NMCG
- 4. In-charge (IT), NMCG – for hosting on the official website

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Annexure-I

1. Ganga Notification order 2016 dated 07/10/2016
(https://nmcg.nic.in/writereaddata/fileupload/47_AuthorityNotification.pdf)
2. Amendment in Ganga Notification order 2016 regarding Disposal of Treated Effluent in Rivers dated 10/01/ 2024

([https://nmcg.nic.in/writereaddata/fileupload/52_AMENDEMENT-NOTIFICATION%20reg%20disposal%20of%20treated%20effluent%20in%20rivers-10%20JAN%202024%20\(1\).pdf](https://nmcg.nic.in/writereaddata/fileupload/52_AMENDEMENT-NOTIFICATION%20reg%20disposal%20of%20treated%20effluent%20in%20rivers-10%20JAN%202024%20(1).pdf))

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भारतसरकार

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नईदिल्ली- 110002
दिनांक- 07.12.2023

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2. That, amongst other, sub-paragraph (3)(4)(5) of paragraph 6 the Authority's Order, 2016 envisage, that no person shall construct any structure, whether permanent or temporary for residential or commercial or industrial or any other purposes, in the River Ganga, bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries:

Provided that in exceptional circumstances like natural calamities or religious events at traditional locations, temporary structures can be raised after prior permission of the National Mission for Clean Ganga and further that in case any such construction has been completed, before the commencement of the Authority's Order, 2016 , in the River Bank of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries, the National Mission for Clean Ganga shall review such constructions so as to ascertain whether such constructions are causing interruption in the continuous flow of water or pollution in River Ganga or its tributaries, and to take remedial measures therefore;

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4. That paragraph 42 of the Authority's order, 2016 further envisages prior approval of the National Mission for Clean Ganga in the following matters: -
 - a) engineered diversion and storage of water in River Ganga without affecting the flow of water downstream of the River Ganga;

- b) construction of bridges and associated roads and embankments over the River Ganga or at its River Bank or its flood plain area;
 - c) construction of Ghats or extension of any existing Ghat;
 - d) construction of jetties;
 - e) construction of permanent hydraulic structures for storage or diversion or control of waters or channelization of River Ganga or its tributaries;
 - f) deforestation of hill slopes and notified forest and other eco-sensitive areas;
 - g) any other activity which contravenes the principles laid out in paragraph 4 which the National Mission for Clean Ganga may specify.
5. Accordingly, a Cell in the NMCG is constituted, to consider the proposals, attracting paragraph 6, 42 of the Authority's Order, 2016 and make recommendations for the grant of approval or otherwise by the competent Authority. The Cell shall comprise of the following:
- a. Deputy Director General, NMCG
 - b. Project Director or Additional Project Director, SPMG of concerned State
 - c. Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
 - d. Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission of the concerned State
 - e. Executive Director (Technical) - Member Secretary
 - f. In addition, Mr. Ishwer Singh, Consultant (Legal), NMCG

Any other domain expert may also be nominated/associated, on case to case basis, as may be decided with the approval of DG, NMCG. The Cell shall scrutinize the proposal expeditiously and submit their recommendation(s) to the DG, NMCG for approval or otherwise, as the case may be.

6. This issues with the approval of DG, NMCG.



(Anup Kumar Srivastava)
Executive Director (Technical), NMCG

To,

- 1. Deputy Director General, NMCG
- 2. Project Director, SPMG, Uttarakhand
- 3. Project Director, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
- 4. Project Director, SPMG, Bihar
- 5. Project Director, SPMG, Jharkhand
- 6. Project Director, SPMG, West Bengal
- 7. Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
- 8. Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission – UGBO, Lucknow / LGBO, Patna / T&BDBO, Kolkata / YBO, New Delhi / NBO, Bhopal
- 9. Sri Ishwer Singh, Legal Expert, NMCG

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2. PPS to the Chief Secretary State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
3. PPS to DG, NMCG
4. PPS to Chairman, CWC
5. PPS to Chairman, CPCB
6. Ms. Anjali Scientist C, NMCG – All Correspondence related to such matters will be dealt with by

Application for prior permission for Discharge and Reuse of Treated water under section 6 (1) & (2) of the Authority's Order, 2016 read with Notification issued on 10th Jan, 2024

Section 1: Project Information

- 1.1 Project Name:
- 1.2 State:
- 1.3 District:
- 1.4 River:
- 1.5 Latitude & longitude of the Project Site:
- 1.6 Add Project site location map (using Google earth):
- 1.7 Nature of Structure to be constructed:
(Please specify whether the construction is temporary or permanent)
- 1.8 Whether recommended by DGC and SGC:
- 1.9 Court case (pending or related if any):
- 1.10 Prior approval accorded by NMCG for previous years:
- 1.11 One-line description of the Project:
- 1.12 Project Proponent:
- 1.13 Contact Information:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Section 2: Details of Project from which Treated Effluent is to be disposed:

- 2.1 Name of Treatment Plant:
- 2.2 Location of Treatment Plant:
- 2.3 Design Capacity of Treatment Plant:
- 2.4 Nature of treatment Plant: (Please specify ETP/STP/CTP/etc.)
- 2.5 Actual Date of Start of Project
- 2.6 Present Status of Project
- 2.7 Likely Date of Completion
- 2.8 List of Mandated Compliances by the Treatment unit:

Section 3: Details of Treated Effluent:

- 3.1 Present Status of Treated Effluent Generation with Quantum & Quality:
- 3.2 Likely Date of Generation of Treated Effluent from the Project with Quantum & Quality
- 3.3 Quantity of Treated Effluent to be used for other purposes:
- 3.4 Values of Standard parameters of Treated Effluent to be used for other purposes:
- 3.5 Details about Past Efforts for use of Effluent for other purposes (*Pl attach all relevant documents/communication*):
- 3.6 Quantity of Treated Effluent to be disposed in the Waterbody:
- 3.7 Values of Standard parameters of Treated Effluent to be disposed in the Waterbody:
- 3.8 Details of Past Efforts for disposal of Effluent in the water body (*Pl attach all relevant documents/communication*):

Section 4: Details of Waterbody for disposal of Treated Effluent:

- 4.1 Name of Waterbody:
- 4.2 Location of Proposed Disposal Point:
- 4.3 Nature of Recipient Water Body (River/Canal/ Lake):
- 4.3 Agency responsible for maintenance of Waterbody:
- 4.4 Present Water Status in the Waterbody (Quantity & Quality):
- 4.5 Reasons of Proposed disposal in the Waterbody:

Section5: Details of Recommendations by DGC/SGC & State MCG

Section 6: Regulatory Compliance

- 6.1 Compliance with Laws and Regulations:
(*Confirm adherence to relevant local, regional, and national laws and regulations*).
- 6.2 Permitting and Licensing:
(*Provide details of permits and licenses obtained or applied for, including their status, e.g. Consent to Operate*).
- 6.3 NOC from Other Authorities:
(*Project proponent should provide No Objection Certificates obtained from other regulatory authorities, as applicable*).

Section 7: Environmental Management Plan (EMP)- (*if applicable*)

- 7.1 EMP Overview:
(*Summarize the key elements of the Environmental Management Plan*).
- 7.2 Monitoring and Reporting:
(*Describe the proposed monitoring and reporting mechanisms to ensure compliance with environmental standards*).

Section 8: Any Other Information:**Section 9: Declaration and Signature**

Declare that the information provided is accurate and that the project will comply with all relevant regulations.

Signature
Project Proponent

Application for prior permission for Temporary Construction under Section 6 (3) of the Authority's Order, 2016Jan, 2024

Section 1: Project Information

1.1. Project Name:

1.2. State:

1.3. District:

1.4. River:

1.5. Latitude & longitude of the Project Site:

1.6. Add Project site location map (using Google earth):

1.7. Nature of the Structure to be constructed:

(Please specify whether the construction is temporary or permanent)

(Pl specify whether it is in the Protected zone or not) For defining protected zone, technical Guidelines on FPZ issued by CWC in 2025 may please be referred to.

(If FP Zoning has not been notified for the concerned reach, indicate whether structure is away from the river edge by 100m or not.)

1.10 Nature of Project:

(Please specify the purpose of the project, in brief)

1.11 Whether recommended by DGC and SGC:

1.12 Court case (pending or related if any):

1.13 Prior approval accorded by NMCG for previous years:

1.14 One-line description of the Project:

1.15 Project Proponent:

1.16 Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Section 2: Project Details

2.1 Project Description:

(Provide a detailed description of the project, including its objectives, scope, and expected outcomes. Then the complete DPR must attach with the NOC application).

2.2 Recommendation from DGC: *(Kindly upload the recommendation letter or minutes of Meeting)*

2.3 Recommendation from SGC: *(Kindly upload the recommendation letter or minutes of Meeting)*

2.3 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):

Attach the complete EIA report, including studies on potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

2.4 Stakeholder Engagement:

(Describe the engagement process with local communities, organizations, and other stakeholders. Include records of consultations and feedback received).

Section 3: Regulatory Compliance

3.1 Compliance with Laws and Regulations:

(Confirm adherence to relevant local, regional, and national laws and regulations).

3.2 Permitting and Licensing:

(Provide details of permits and licenses obtained or applied for, including their status).

Section 4: Environmental Management Plan (EMP)- (if applicable)

4.1 EMP Overview:

(Summarize the key elements of the Environmental Management Plan).

4.2 Monitoring and Reporting:

(Describe the proposed monitoring and reporting mechanisms to ensure compliance with environmental standards).

Section 5: Additional Documentation

5.1 Project Plans and Drawings:

(Attach detailed project plans, site layouts, and engineering drawings).

5.2 NOC from Other Authorities:

(Project proponent should provide No Objection Certificates obtained from other regulatory authorities, as applicable).

Section 6: Any Other Information:

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Project Proponent

Application to Review Construction completed, under section 6 (3) before the commencement of the Authorities Order, 2016

Section 1: Project Information

1.10 Project Name:

1.11 State:

1.12 District:

1.13 River:

1.14 Latitude & longitude of the Project Site:

1.15 Add Project site location map (using Google earth):

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Project Proponent

Application for prior permission for Permanent Construction under section 42 of the Authority's Order, 2016

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1.12 District:
1.13 River:
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Annexure 7

Checklist of the documents to be submitted, as per the nature of the project

S No.	Particulars (Project Documents/ Clearances)	According Agency
Related to Project Design & Development		
1	Detailed Project Report	
2	Hydrology Clearance	Central Water Commission
3	Dam Design Clearance	Central Water Commission
4	Geology Report	Geological Survey of India
5	Interstate Clearance	Central Water Commission
6	Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) Clearance to comply international treaty	CWC/DoWR, RD & GR
7	Water Conveyance System Design	
8	FE & SA (Foundation Engineering & Seismic Aspects)	Central Water Commission
9	Clearance from Irrigation Department	Concerned State
Related Environment & Social		
10	Forest Clearance Stage-1	MoEF & CC, Gol

11	Clearance from National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) or State Wildlife Warden	MoEF & CC, Gol or Concerned state
12	Environmental Flow	Central Water Commission
13	Environmental Clearance	From concerned state or MoEF & CC (whichever is applicable)
14	Environment Management Plan	
	A- CAT Plan	
	B- Compensatory Afforestation	
	C- Biodiversity Conservation & Management Plan	
	D- Fishery Management Plan	
	E- Dumping Sites and Muck Disposal Plan	
	F. Stabilization and Restoration of Quarry Sites	
	G- Solid Waste Management	
	H- Maintenance of air, water and Noise Level	
	I- Green Belt Development Plan	
	J- Provision of Fuel and Energy Conservation	
	K- Disaster and Hazard Management Plan	
	L- Environment Monitoring Plan	

15	Social Impact Assessment study	
16	R&R policy (SMP)	
17	Clearance from Pollution control Board	Concerned State
18	Consent to Operate	
For discharge of effluents in River		
19	Plan for reuse of treated water	
For River Front		
20	Compliance with NMCG Guidelines “Considerations for Developing an Eco Friendly Riverfront”	1. Considerations for Developing an Eco-Friendly Riverfront https://nmcg.nic.in/writereaddata/fileupload/3_Considerations%20for%20developing%20eco-friendly%20riverfront%20.pdf. 2. Guidance Note for Environmentally Sensitive, Climate Adaptive and Socially Inclusive Urban Riverfront Planning and Development https://nmcg.nic.in/writereaddata/fileupload/34_RFT%20Document-8_com.pdf.

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 - d. Chief Engineer, Central Water Commission of the concerned State
 - e. Executive Director (Technical) - Member Secretary
 - f. In addition, Mr. Ishwer Singh, Consultant (Legal), NMCG

Any other domain expert may also be nominated/associated, on case to case basis, as may be decided with the approval of DG, NMCG. The Cell shall scrutinize the proposal expeditiously and submit their recommendation(s) to the DG, NMCG for approval or otherwise, as the case may be.

6. This issues with the approval of DG, NMCG.



(Anup Kumar Srivastava)
Executive Director (Technical), NMCG

To,

- 1. Deputy Director General, NMCG
- 2. Project Director, SPMG, Uttarakhand
- 3. Project Director, SMCG, Uttar Pradesh
- 4. Project Director, SPMG, Bihar
- 5. Project Director, SPMG, Jharkhand
- 6. Project Director, SPMG, West Bengal
- 7. Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
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- 9. Sri Ishwer Singh, Legal Expert, NMCG

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4. PPS to Chairman, CWC
5. PPS to Chairman, CPCB
6. Ms. Anjali Scientist C, NMCG – All Correspondence related to such matters will be dealt with by

