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Sub: Minutes of 66th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga

Please find enclosed minutes of 66th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 18th September 2025 through hybrid mode, for kind information and necessary action.

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Minutes of the 66th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 18th September 2025 at NMCG Office, New Delhi

The 66th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was held on 18th September 2025 at 10:30 AM at NMCG office, Delhi through hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Director General (DG), NMCG.

Executive Director (Admin.), NMCG welcomed the Director General, NMCG, members of the Executive Committee and other officials present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 66.1: Minutes of 65th meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 8th August 2025 for information.

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that the minutes of 65th meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held on 8th August 2025 were circulated among all the committee members on 19th August 2025.

Agenda Item No. 66.2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Executive Committee taken in the 65th meeting held on 8th August 2025

The member-secretary informed the Executive Committee that requisite action has been taken on the decisions taken in the 65th meeting of the EC held on 8th August 2025.

Agenda Item No. 66.3: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards additional cost for Chhapra I&D & STP Project, Saran, Bihar under Namami Gange Programme

i. The project for Chhapra I&D and STP scheme, Bihar was sanctioned in the 17th EC meeting held on 20th November 2018 and AA&ES was issued on 30.1.2018 at a cost of ₹236.15 crores (including centage, ESMAP and communication costs), excluding GST, with 15 years Operation & Maintenance. The project was under 100% central sector funding. The project was awarded a cost of ₹244.39 crores, including 12% GST.

ii. The project was completed in February 2024 and is under Operation & Maintenance since then.

iii. NMCG received a request towards Variation 1 from the State amounting to ₹34.23 crores due to, change in STP design to achieve effluent parameters as per NGT norms: ₹6.43 crores; and Development of 2 additional pumping stations, extension of sewer line and pumping main: ₹27.8 crores. Variation 1 was approved by NMCG, amounting to ₹24.46 crores, with the condition that state has to bear the additional cost of STP for achieving NGT norms impacting to the tune of ₹6.43 crores.

iv. Subsequently, State submitted Variation 2 amounting to ₹25.57 crores due to Price Escalation of ₹12.99 crores; and GST difference: ₹12.48 crores. Variation 1 & 2 was considered by the EC during its 50th meeting to the tune of ₹36.57 crores (₹24.47 crores for Variation 1 and ₹12.10 crores for Variation 2). However, the AA&ES was not issued as it was observed that price escalation was not admissible under the contract agreement.

v. Now, SPMG Bihar has submitted a final variation proposal amounting to ₹108.75 crores, including the cost of variation 2, i.e. ₹12.10 crores, however NMCG agreed for a variation of Rs 72.27 crores.

vi. The total variation from AA&ES cost, including already agreed variation 1 and 2, shall be Rs 121.67 crores where the state shall also bear the burden of STP's additional O&M.

vii. The EC is requested to consider approval of the cost variation to a tune of ₹121.67 crores (including cost approved under variation 1, variation 2 and recommended cost under variation 3) due to the reasons mentioned above as per the following details:

   a. Price escalation cost of ₹10.80 crores approved in the 50th Executive Committee (EC) meeting is to be withdrawn due to non-admissibility of the escalation as per the contractual provision;
   b. Revised AA&ES for the project for "Chhapra STP & I&D" under Namami Gange Programme for additional funding amounting to ₹121.67 crores for the project with an overall value of Revised AA&ES at present as ₹357.80 crores, wherein the NMCG share is limited to ₹320.76 crores, and the State share will be ₹37.04 crores (₹6.43 for Variation 1 & ₹31.61 crores for Variation 03)

Discussions:

During the discussions, the State requested NMCG to bear the O&M cost of ₹10.96 crores. DG, NMCG, indicated that since the State decided to change the KPIs compliant with NGT norms after award of the works, this additional cost is to be borne by the State Government. The State agreed to bear the state's share.

It was mentioned that the price escalation approved by 50th EC meeting is not applicable for the current contract. Further, it was decided that a signed copy of all the contract agreements funded by NMCG, shall be shared with NMCG for records.

The EC enquired about the piece meal approach of State and proposing multiple variations as in variation 1, the additional pumping station were agreed but only capital cost of those were approved. It was a well-known fact even at that time also that O&M for these additional pumping station shall also be required.

It was discussed that the project has got multiple variation indicating improper DPR, thus the DPR preparation charges may not be paid to the state for not following required due diligence. EC enquired about reasons for variation in I&D and Pumping Station, wherein it was informed that in previous tenders of Bihar, these items were considered as item rates and multiple items were missed or quantities varied during design. Now NMCG has adopted the approach of considering these items on DBOT/lump sum basis which shall result into minimization of variation proposals. It was discussed that, in order to avoid variations in the project, all future BoQs should be considered on a lump sum basis. It was also decided that the DBOT/lump sum basis will be communicated in a circular to all the States.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal for according revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project on* "Chhapra I&D & STP Project, Saran, Bihar" *under Namami Gange Program (NGP – Non EAP) at an estimated cost of ₹357.80 crores, with NMCGs share limited to ₹320.76 crores and State share as ₹37.04 crores subject to the following conditions:

1. ***The DPR preparation cost shall not be paid to BUIDCo for the instant project.***
2. ***The state shall bear the cost of additional O&M and other related charges to the tunes of Rs 37.04 crores.***
3. ***O&M after 15 years shall be the responsibility of State Government/ ULB at its own cost. Additionally, O&M provisions will be reviewed after 7 years based on compliance with various General & Specific conditions of AA&ES by the State Government/ SMCG, including insurance of assets created, reuse of treated water, levy of user charges, sewage cess etc.***

Agenda Item No. 66.4: Glaciers and Glacier Melt Runoff Changes and Their Linkage to the Hydro-climatic and Topographic Context

The EC deferred the project proposal on *"Glaciers and Glacier Melt Runoff Changes and their Linkage to the Hydro-climatic & Topographic Context"* and advised revision of the scope as part of a comprehensive and integrated plan for glaciers. The Committee further recommended that a complete analysis of work presently being done by NIH be done and the project may be modified to address the gaps or additional requirements from the existing scope of work by NIH. The revised proposal addressing the issues raised by Committee and ensuring that proposal is part of an integrated and complete plan for glaciers in 6 headstreams may be formulated and submitted for consideration of subsequent EC meeting.

<u>Agenda Item No. 66.5</u>: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards additional cost for "Barh Interception and Diversion (I&D) and Sewage Treatment Plant Project, Bihar under Namami Gange Programme"

i. The project for Barh I&D and STP scheme, Bihar was sanctioned in the 5th EC meeting held on 2nd August 2017 and AA&ES was issued on 10.08.2017 at a cost of ₹58.27 crores (including centage, ESMAP and communication costs), excluding GST, with 15 years Operation & Maintenance. The project was under 100% central sector funding. The project was awarded at a cost of ₹53.90 crores.

ii. The project got completed in March 2022 and is under Operation & Maintenance since then.

iii. NMCG received a request towards Variation 1 from the State amounting to ₹7.62 crores due to:

   a. Works: ₹5.54 Crore;
   b. Price Escalation: ₹2.14 crores;

   Variation 1 was approved by NMCG, amounting to ₹5.96 crores, including price escalation of Rs 2.14 crores. This variation 1 was not placed in EC at that time.

iv. Now, SPMG Bihar has submitted a final variation (2nd variation) proposal amounting to ₹5.80 crores, due to:

   a. Laying of treated effluent line: ₹1.81 crores;
   b. Price Escalation: ₹3.505 crores;
   c. Electricity reimbursement charges: ₹0.64 crores;
   d. Cost savings from variation 1: ₹(0.16) crores.

v. The price escalation was not admissible under this contract agreement, thus the price escalation component as proposed by the SPMG and BUIDCo has not been agreed with. The price escalations of Rs 2.14 crores in Variation -1 and Rs 3.505 crores was not agreed, limiting to the net additional impact of Rs 6.11 crores.

vi. The EC is requested to consider approval of the cost variation to a tune of ₹6.11 crore (including cost approved under variation 1 and recommended cost under variation 2) due to the reasons mentioned above as per the following details:

   a. Price escalation cost of ₹2.14 crores is to be withdrawn due to non-admissibility of the escalation as per the contractual provision;
   b. Revised AA&ES for the project for "Barh STP & I&D" under Namami Gange Programme, with savings in the cost of ₹0.14 crores for the project from the cost agreed in variation -1, with the final value of revised AA&ES after accounting for the second variation proposal is Rs 61.85 crores.

Discussions:

During the discussions, it was highlighted that the variation proposal has been submitted after a lapse of nearly 2 years. The variation proposal, if any, should have been placed before EC avoiding such delays. The state may also process the variation proposal, if required, on priority.

Further, it was mentioned that STP outfall line was not part of agreement and outfall arrangement has been carried out under contract variation which results due to faulty DPR. The SPMG informed that a penalty shall be imposed on the DPR preparation agency for such lapses. Additionally, in the recent DPRs, GPS coordinates of STP locations having clear outfall arrangement along with NoC is being provided to avoid future variations in the project.

It was also decided that any such variation proposals, which have been approved by NMCG but not placed before the EC, are required to be compiled urgently and shall be placed before the next EC meeting for information.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal for according revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project on* "Barh I&D & STP Project, Bihar" *under Namami Gange Program (NGP – Non EAP) at an estimated cost of ₹61.85 crore, with savings in the project to the tune of ₹0.14 crores from previously approved cost.

Agenda Item No. 66.6: Assessment of the impact of anthropogenic interventions on the ecological habitat and flood plain dynamics of the Ganga River using an integrated approach based on remote sensing and hydraulic geometry

The PI made a detailed presentation of the project "*Assessment of the impact of anthropogenic interventions on the ecological habitat and flood-plain dynamics of the Ganga River using an integrated approach based on remote sensing and hydraulic geometry.*"

The proposal was appreciated as being within the scope of NMCG and the Committee approved the project subject to the following modifications:

- As part of Objective 1, a focused morphological-change assessment will be conducted on a single river reach located downstream of an identified hydroelectric power plant (examples: Maneri, Bhali, Srinagar). The selected reach will be examined using remote sensing and field data to quantify changes in channel morphology. Findings from this focused reach will be restricted to Objective 1 and will not be applied to other work packages.

- The study shall exclude any reach in the vicinity of the Farakka barrage; no data collection, analysis, or reporting will be undertaken for the Farakka reach.

- Work Package 4: Flood inundation analysis: Perform hydraulic and flood-inundation modelling for design return periods of 5-year, 25-year and 100-year floods. Produce flood extent maps, depth grids, and impact summaries separately for each return period, and document assumptions, boundary conditions, and model validation results."

<u>Agenda Item No. 66.7</u>: Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards additional cost for "Naugachia Interception and Diversion (I&D) and Sewage Treatment Plant project, Bihar under Namami Gange Programme"

i. The project for Naugachia I&D and STP scheme, Bihar was sanctioned in the 4th EC meeting held on 21st July 2017 and AA&ES was issued on 01.08.2017 at a cost of ₹60.79 crores (including centage, ESMAP and communication costs), excluding GST, with 15 years Operation & Maintenance. The project was under 100% central sector funding. The project was awarded at a cost of ₹61.89 crores, excluding 12% GST.

ii. The project was completed in February 2023, however the STP is not operational due to the lack of a treated effluent line.

iii. State was directed to submit the variation proposal for effluent line and in compliance, NMCG received a request towards variation from the State amounting to ₹13.65 crores due to including laying of treated effluent line: ₹11.14 crores and additional cost awarded over the AA&ES. Further the project has GST liability of ₹9 crores;

iv. The EC is requested to consider approval of the cost variation to a tune of ₹21.71 crore, having the cost of Rs 11.14 crores for effluent pipeline, Rs 9.0 crores towards GST impact and further to cover the additional cost awarded over and above the AA&ES cost.

Discussions:

During the discussions, it was observed that the STP was completed in January 2023 and has not been operational for more than 2 years & half due to the absence of a treated effluent line and clarifications from the State were sought for the reasons for delay in submission of the variation proposal.

The State informed that the original location of the STP was near the River Kharna. However, the new location of STP was 2 Km away from the river and it was envisaged that the treated effluent would be discharged into the nearby pond (owned by Railways). Due to resistance from locals, the treated effluent could not be discharged into the pond and thus, a treated effluent line proposal was prepared and sent for approval. The state informed that the variation proposal (1st draft) was submitted in 2024. However, the compliance of the technical observations took some time and accordingly the final proposal submission was delayed.

Decisions:

*After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal for the revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project on "***Naugachia I&D & STP Project, Bihar***" under Namami Gange Program (NGP – Non EAP) at an estimated cost of ₹82.51 crores, with the following conditions:*

i. ***The works would be completed by December 2025;***

ii. ***BUIDCo would direct the contractor to immediately place the order for pumps and start* laying of pipes.**

Agenda Item No. 66.8: Proposal for setting up of two monitoring stations in immediate downstream of Hathnikund and Okhla barrage on river Yamuna

1. **Name of the sponsoring agency:**
   National Mission on Clean Ganga (NMCG), Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi.

2. **Major Components & Duration**:
   Setting up of two monitoring stations in immediate downstream of Hathnikund and Okhla barrage on river Yamuna; 36 months (Thereafter, this activity will be included in the proposed EFC Memo of the CWC.)

3. **Total cost of the proposal over the proposed duration:** 3.09 crore incl GST

4. **Implementing & Executing Agency:** Central Water Commission

5. **Decision:** The Executive Committee decided to take up this agenda in the next meeting with clarification from the Central Water Commission (CWC) regarding the inclusion of these two monitoring stations in the proposal seeking financial support for the year 2025–26 under Development of Water Resources Information System (DWRIS) scheme, and also in the EFC Memo for DWRIS for the period 2026–2031.

Agenda Item No. 66.9: "Revised Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction towards the additional cost for Hooghly Chinsurah I&D and STP Project", West Bengal, Under Namami Gange Program.

1. The Hooghly Chinsurah I&D and STP project was sanctioned in the 29th EC meeting dtd. 28th August 2020, amounting to Rs. 154.73 crores, and AA&ES issued on 23.09.2020.

2. The physical progress of the Hooghly Chinsurah project upto April 2025 is 92%. However, the STP has been completed and operational since April 2024. The scheduled completion timeline for the balance work was April 2025. The project has been delayed due to the ROW issues.
3. WBSPMG has submitted a cost variation proposal and proposed the installation of two UGLS and one LS to connect three additional drains with a cumulative flow of approximately 3 MLD to the proposed sewer network and STP. Furthermore, due to Right of Way (ROW) issues, a 525-meter I&D network is proposed to be laid using trenchless technology, HDD method.
4. The cost of additional work also includes the cost of utility shifting (Rs 14.99 Lacs) and, the electricity charges for STP Operation (Rs 43 Lacs) from April 2024 to October 2024 (to be reimbursed as per actual).
5. In the instant matter, the scope variation has been segregated into two parts: variation within the original/existing scope amounting to ₹4.91 crores, and the impact of GST revision from 12% to 18%, amounting to ₹6.56 crores. Accordingly, the total amount of ₹11.47 crores is placed before the Executive Committee for consideration and approval.
6. In addition, a proposal for new or additional components amounting to ₹13.68 crores has been received. It is proposed that in-principle approval may be granted for these additional works, and the same may be referred to the independent Third Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed evaluation. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee once again after the appraisal is completed for approval of the additional scope.
7. Thus, the total financial impact of the scope variation and additional components stands at ₹25.15 crores, comprising ₹11.47 crores for which approval is presently sought, and ₹13.68 crores for which in-principle approval is proposed.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal according revised administrative approval and expenditure sanction (AA&ES) for the Hooghly Chinsurah I&D and STP Project in West Bengal State, Under Namami Gange Program, the details are as follows:

- ***i.*** ***Approval has been granted for the cost towards GST variation (from 12% to 18%) amounting to Rs. 6.56 crores, along with a variation in the original scope of work amounting to Rs. 4.91 crores, making a total of Rs. 11.47 crores.***
- ***ii.*** ***The proposal for new/additional components amounting to Rs. 13.68 crores are being approved in principle. It was decided that the proposal would be forwarded to the independent Third Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed evaluation. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee again, after completion of the appraisal, for formal approval of the additional scope.***

<u>Agenda Item No. 66.10</u>: Proposal for Ensuring Urban River Sustainability through pilot implementation of URMP interventions in Kanpur

1. Project Overview
The major components of the proposal include Project 1 – Develop a comprehensive GIS-based scientific database for waterbodies in Kanpur City and Project 2 – Preparation of a detailed project report for rejuvenation of COD drain through nature-based solutions and place-making approach.

2. Executing Agency: National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
2. Project Cost: INR 72.49 lakhs.
3. Duration of Project: 8 months
4. Third-Party Appraisal: IIT BHU

5. Key Components of the Proposal

a) **Intervention 1 – Develop a comprehensive GIS-based scientific database for waterbodies in Kanpur City (Intervention 6 of URMP)**
b) **Intervention 2 – Preparation of a detailed project report for rejuvenation of COD drain through nature based solutions and place making approach (Intervention 13 of URMP)**

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the proposal for *"Ensuring Urban River Sustainability through pilot implementation of URMP interventions in Kanpur"* subject to the following changes:

1. The component 'GIS based database creation and Development of Dashboard' may be undertaken through established external systems and executed through ongoing RCA 2.0 project.
2. The HR component of the proposal amounting to Rs 11 lakhs is to be removed.

<u>Agenda Item No. 66.11</u>: Scope variation and additional cost for "Saharanpur Sewerage Scheme (Interception & Diversion and Sewage Treatment Plant works) along with 15 years O&M at Saharanpur district in Uttar-Pradesh State, under 'Namami Gange' Programme

The project concerning Interception & Diversion (I&D) and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) works at Saharanpur was approved during the 42nd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) held on 19th May 2022. The project, valued at Rs. 577.23 crore, was sanctioned with 100% central funding under the Namami Gange Programme. The Administrative Approval and

Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) was issued on 16th June 2022. Subsequently, the project was awarded to the joint venture comprising M/s Enviro Infra Engineers Pvt. Ltd, Bhugan Infracon Pvt. Ltd, and Micro Transmission System, for a contract value of Rs. 343.87 crore (excluding centage and statutory charges). The Letter of Award (LOA) was issued on 26th July 2024, and the Concession Agreement (CA) was signed on 27th September 2024.

Following the commencement of the project, a detailed topographic survey conducted by the Concessionaire revealed a substantial discrepancy in the Natural Ground Level (NGL). Specifically, a negative variation of approximately 2.78 metres was identified between the NGL indicated in the tender documents and the actual NGL observed on site. This discrepancy has been attributed to the use of faulty data by the State Executing Agency i.e. Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam – Rural (UPJN-Rural), which relied on an inaccurate record during DPR preparation. As a result of this anomaly, significant scope variation is entailed to safeguard the infrastructure against flooding and hydrostatic uplift pressure during monsoon events.

To address this, UPJN-Rural presented eight technically feasible options during the 65th EC meeting. The Committee directed UPJN-R to conduct a comprehensive drone survey of the entire river stretch within the city limits to identify all drains discharging into the Dhamola and Paondhoi rivers. Further, UPJN-R was instructed to furnish indicative cost assessments, including potential savings, for various configurations, which included changes in STP placement, I&D strategies, and capacity enhancement. Additionally, the viability of upgradation of the existing 38 MLD STP was to be considered to address sewage from newly identified drains.

Discussions:

In compliance, UPJN-R submitted revised cost estimates for the proposed options. These options included configurations involving STP placement at actual NGL or HFL, various foundation and flood protection strategies, and combinations thereof with interventions such as tapping additional drains (particularly 42 new drains not covered in the original scope), upgrading the existing 38 MLD STP, and enhancing the STP capacity from 135 MLD to 170 MLD. The costs ranged from Rs. 23.131 crore for minimal variation options (Option 4) to over Rs. 110 crores for comprehensive alternatives involving major drain tapping and upgradation works (Options 6 and 8).

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee accorded in-principle approval to proceed with **Option 4**. This involves placing the STP at the actual NGL, constructing an RCC retaining wall up to the High Flood Level (HFL), and including Technical Engineering Protection for Hydraulics (TEPH) for the monsoon season. Additionally, pressure release valves are to be incorporated in water-retaining structures to mitigate uplift pressure risks. This option was found to be cost-effective and entailed minimal variations from the original scope, with an estimated cost of Rs. 23.131 crore.

Furthermore, the Committee approved the inclusion of **Interception & Diversion of 42 additional drains**, which were identified during the site survey. This component is estimated to cost an additional Rs. 33.63 crore, bringing the total indicative additional cost to Rs. 56.76 crore. This combined approach allows for infrastructure protection as well as enhanced sewage coverage within the city, thereby aligning with the programme's overall objectives.

The in-principle approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The State Government is required to submit a detailed scope and cost variation proposal, including comprehensive cost breakup and technical justifications, within a period of one month. Thereafter, the proposal would be forwarded to the independent Third Party Appraisal (TPA) agency for detailed evaluation. The matter shall be placed before the Executive Committee again, after completion of the appraisal, for formal approval of the additional scope.
2. No centage charges (at 4%) shall be admissible towards DPR preparation, given that the original DPR was based on erroneous data and did not include field verification.
3. State Government shall investigate in detail about the submission of the inaccurate NGL data which led to the faulty DPR; and fix up accountability of the officials for such grave mistake, as well as, initiate appropriate disciplinary actions.

Agenda Item No. 66.12: Interception and Diversion and STP scheme for Muzzafarpur town, Bihar

- DPR Appraised by: IIT - Patna
- DPRt Cost: **₹82.51 Crores,** including O&M for 15 years and GST
- Land: Land for the proposed STP is available near the Fardo Drain. The area is under the control of the District Administration, with no encroachment or land acquisition issues reported
- Pollution Abatement of River Kadane tributary of river Burhi Gandak
- Project components:
  A. Development of 16 MLD STP with ancillary structure;
  B. MPS 1 no – 16 MLD;
  C. Rising Main 50 m;
  D. I&D structure – 1 no;
  E. 15 years of Operation and Maintenance;
  F. ESAMP, Public outreach, and GAAP.
  G. Environment plan during the construction and operation phase
- Time: 21 Months (including 18 months for construction and 3 months for trial run), excluding bidding period of 4 months
- Financial Effect: 100% Central Sector

- Bidding Process: DBOT Mode
- Effluent Characteristics: As per the latest NGT's direction on effluent standards

Discussions:

The State was requested to confirm the status of the land for STP and treated effluent, wherein it was confirmed that the STP is proposed to be constructed on Fardo drain that belongs to the District Administration and the treated effluent is proposed to be discharged into Fardo drain.

Decisions:

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee decided to approve the proposal for according Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project on "I&D and STP scheme for Muzzafarpur town, Bihar" at an estimated cost of ₹77.40 crores, including GST (including 15 years O&M cost) on DBOT basis, subject to the following conditions:

i. ***The tender would be awarded within 4 (four) months from the date of issue of AA&ES and the total time for completion of the project including bidding and trial run will be 25 months (4 months for bidding, 18 months for the construction period and 3 months for trial run).***

ii. ***The bids is to be invited on technology neutral basis.***

iii. ***Land NoC must be provided by State prior to bidding.***

iv. ***Any, cost escalation due to change of land, change in location, additional scope post EC approval and any other factors attributable to State Government shall be the responsibility of the State Government.***

v. ***The observations of NMCG, TPA would be complied with by the State Government/ Executing Agency prior to finalization of bid document/ at the time of execution and also during O&M period.***

vi. ***O&M beyond project scope i.e. after 15 years shall be the responsibility of State Government/ ULB at its own cost. Further, O&M provisions will be reviewed after 7 years on the basis of compliance of various General & Specific conditions of AA&ES by State Government/ SMCG including insurance of assets created, reuse of treated water, levy of user charges, sewage cess etc.***

vii. ***State government will pari-pasu implement the project for utilization of treated wastewater from the project for irrigation, industrial purpose as per State policy.***

viii. ***Installation of trash arresting rack and its regular O&M at the mouth of all drains shall be made. Adequate provision for handling co-treatment of septage/ Faecal sludge shall be made in the STP facility and shall also be made part of bid document/ project proposal for implementation.***

ix. ***State Government must ensure the compliance of treated water quality as well as other environmental norms (such as compliance with prescribed noise level etc.) in STP area shall be assessed upfront and suitably addressed during the design stage.***

x. ***The project has been considered to be funded under National Ganga Plan - Non-EAP component. State needs to submit a revised DPR, before bidding, based on Third Party Agency's & NMCG recommendations complete with detailed designs and hydraulic analysis.***

<u>Agenda Item No. 66.13</u>: Revised AA&ES for Interception and Diversion with STP (Pollution Abatement Sewerage Project) at Murshidabad Municipal Town in West Bengal

1. The I&D and STP project at Murshidabad, West Bengal, amounting to Rs. 72.63 crores (including centage), was sanctioned in the 55th EC meeting held on 12.07.2024.
2. The bid was invited as per the scope of the DPR after obtaining NOC from NMCG, and subsequently NOC on the TBER (Technical Bid Evaluation Report) was granted by NMCG on 16.07.2025, with instructions to open the financial bids of both the technically qualified bidders.
3. The financial bids were opened by KMDA, and it was observed that the L1 bidder quoted Rs. 90.68 crores, which is 28.71% above the sanctioned cost.
4. The State informed that the L1 bidder's cost is higher because the TPA did not consider the cost of certain components essential for the upgradation of the existing STP. This issue had also been raised by the State during the 55th EC meeting. Therefore, the 55th EC decided that the tender may be published strictly as per the scope of work approved by EC. Further, it was resolved that after the identification of the L1 bidder through the bidding process, the Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) may be accordingly revised to align with the discovered cost.
5. **EC Proposal for Revised AA&ES:** EC was requested to consider approval of revised AA&ES of Rs. 92.85 crores.

Decisions:

I. ***After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to approve the Revised Project cost for Interception and Diversion with STP (Pollution Abatement Sewerage Project) at Murshidabad Municipal Town in West Bengal State amounting of Rs.92.85 crores. The revised cost has increased by Rs. 20.22 crores from original sanction.***

II. ***The EC also categorically directed that no further escalation in project cost shall be permitted, either on account of scope variation or due to issues such as change of land etc. If any cost escalation or price variation comes at later stage, it shall be responsibility of the state to bear all such additional costs.***

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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