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Record of discussion of the Review Meeting taken by the Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department on 03.06.2020 through video conference to review the flood preparedness in 7 districts of North Bengal (Malda, South Dinaipur, North Dinaipur, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Coochbehar).

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department. The following were present:

List of attendees:-

A. Hon'ble Ministers

1. Sri Goutam Deb, Hon'ble MIC, Department of Tourism
2. Sri Rabindranath Ghosh, Hon'ble MIC, North Bengal Development Department
3. Sri Binay Krishna Barman, Hon'ble MIC, Backward Classes Welfare Department
4. Sri Bachchu Hansda, Hon'ble MOS, North Bengal Development Department

B. Hon'ble Sabhadhipatis

1. Sri Uma Kanta Barman, Sabhadhipati, Coochbehar
2. Smt Sila Das Sarkar, Sabhadhipati, Alipurduar
3. Smt Uttara Barman, Sabhadhipati, Jalpaiguri
4. Smt Lipika Roy, Sabhadhipati, Dakshin Dinajpur
5. Smt Kabita Barman, Sabhadhipati, Uttar Dinajpur
6. Sri Gour Chandra Mandal, Sabhadhipati, Malda

C. Hon'ble MPs, MLAs and other Public Representatives

1. Smt Arpita Ghosh, MP
2. Smt Mausam Benzir Noor, MP

3. Sri Sourav Chakraborty, MLA
4. Sri Khageswar Roy, MLA
5. Smt Mitali Roy, MLA
6. Sri Amal Acharya, MLA
7. Sri Bijoy Chandra Barman, Chairman, SJDA
8. Sri Mridul Goswami, Sabhapati, Alipurduar Zilla Parishad

D. Officials of Irrigation & Waterways Department

1. Sri Naveen Prakash, Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department
2. Sri Gautam Chattopadhyay, Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department
3. Sri Amit Roy, Chief Engineer (North-East) & Chief Engineer (Teesta Barrage Project), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
4. Sri Shyam Banerjee, Chief Engineer (North), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
5. Sri Debasish SenGupta, Joint Secretary (Works), Irrigation & Waterways Department
6. Sri Manash Chakraborty, Joint Secretary (Technical), Irrigation & Waterways Department
7. Sri Dwijadas Mandal, Superintending Engineer, Teesta Barrage Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
8. Sri K. Bhowmick, Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Mechanical & Electrical Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
9. Sri Suvankar Chakraborty, Superintending Engineer, Mahananda Barrage Circle, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
10. Sri Samar Kumar Sarkar, Superintending Engineer, North East Irrigation Circle-II, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
11. Sri Swapan Saha, Superintending Engineer, North East Irrigation Circle-I, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
12. Sri Koushik Basak, Superintending Engineer, North Irrigation Circle-I, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
13. Sri Abhijit Saha, Director, Advance Planning and in charge of Central Flood Control Cell, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
14. Sri Biplab Mukhopadhyay, Deputy Secretary (Works-I), Irrigation & Waterways Department
15. Sri Amitava Ghosh, Deputy Secretary (Works-II), Irrigation & Waterways Department
16. Sri Sujay Saha, OSD & Deputy Secretary-III, Irrigation & Waterways Department.

17. Sri Bivabasu Chatterjee, OSD & Deputy Secretary-IV, Irrigation & Waterways Department.
18. Sri Abhijit Sikdar, Executive Engineer, Coochbehar Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
19. Sri Priyam Goswami, Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
20. Sri J.P. Pande, Executive Engineer, Jalpaiguri Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
21. Sri Sunil Thakur, Executive Engineer, Siliguri Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
22. Sri Uttam Hazra, Executive Engineer, North Dinajpur Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
23. Sri Sapan Biswas, Executive Engineer, South Dinajpur Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
24. Sri Pranab Samanta, Executive Engineer, Malda Irrigation Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
25. Sri Badruddin Sekh, Executive Engineer, Mahananda Embankment Division, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate

E. District Magistrates

1. Sri Surendra Kumar Mina, District Magistrate, Alipurduar
2. Sri Abhishek Tiwari, District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri
3. Sri S. Ponnambalam, District Magistrate, Darjeeling
4. Sri R. Vimala, District Magistrate, Kalimpong
5. Sri Nikhil Nirmal, District Magistrate, Dakshin Dinajpur
6. Sri Arabinda Kumar Mina, District Magistrate, Uttar Dinajpur
7. Sri Rajarshi Mitra, District Magistrate, Malda

2.0 At the outset, the Hon'ble MIC, I&WD welcomed everyone and asked the I&WD officials to apprise the meeting about the status of pre monsoon maintenance and repair works at damaged/vulnerable spots along embankments/river banks, structures etc and also preparedness for the ensuing rainy season. The Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers of I&WD briefed the Hon'ble MIC on the status of completion of maintenance works in the 7 districts of North Bengal. The Additional Chief Secretary, I&WD informed about the important schemes

completed by the Department during 2019-20 which will have significant impact on flood mitigation. He also requested District Magistrates to shift people from Char lands and keep watch on unprotected vulnerable area. Hon'ble MIC, North Bengal Development Department requested to expedite implementation of a weir across Aatrayee river in Balurghat and anti erosion works along river Fulhar in Malda. He also requested to take up periodic cleaning of Gadhadhar khal in Jalpaiguri town to ensure proper drainage. Smt Mitali Barman, Hon'ble MLA informed that with the completion of Hatinala Drainage Scheme, the drainage in Banarhat has been improved considerably. Hon'ble MIC, Backward Classes Welfare Department, raised the issue of drainage congestion in the municipal area of Jalpaiguri. Smt Arpita Ghosh, Hon'ble MP suggested to create a WhatsApp group with the officials of I&WD, District Administration and Public representatives of Uttar Dinajpur to ensure proper coordination during monsoon. Sri Amal Acharya, Hon'ble MLA, requested for surveillance on Elanga Bundh at Raiganj. The District Magistrate, Uttar Dinajpur, proposed for restoration work of sluice in Raiganj Municipality. The District Magistrate, Malda, requested for taking up appropriate bank protection works at Parlalpur and Perdeonagar on the left bank of river Ganga at the downstream of Farakka Barrage in Malda district. After detailed deliberations, following decisions were taken:-

- 2.1 All the pre monsoon maintenance works at 140 spots (reported by the Chief Engineer, North-East in Coochbehar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling) are to be completed positively by 15.06.2020 and those in the districts of Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and Malda (146 spots as reported by the Chief Engineer, North) are to be completed by 22.06.2020. Condition of all the 75 drainage sluices reported as functional by the Chief Engineer (North-East) is to be reassessed and appropriate measures taken, if required, by 15th June, 2020.
- 2.2 An additional Regional Flood Control Room will be set up at Malda by 1st July, 2020 to facilitate obtaining hydro meteorological data from Farakka Barrage Project Authority and timely dissemination of flood related data/information to all including District Administrations and Central Flood Control Room at Kolkata.
- 2.3 The condition of erosion, flooding at the downstream of Farakka Barrage is to be monitored closely by keeping regular liaison with Farakka Barrage Project Authority.
- 2.4 Technical support in formulating any irrigation/erosion protection scheme will be provided to the district administration of Kalimpong, if necessary.
- 2.5 The Executive Engineer, North Dinajpur Irrigation Division, will take up appropriate measure to minimise drainage congestion in rural areas of Raiganj and Panjipara.
- 2.6 The Flood Control Room at Jalpaiguri will ensure proper co-ordination with Sikkim, Bhutan, Central Water Commission and NHPC for timely obtaining flood related data.

- 2.7 The preparation of D.P.R for Aatrayee weir is to be completed by August, 2020 so that execution at field can commence after the monsoon of 2020.
- 2.8 The Municipal Engineering Directorate Officials of different districts may be informed by their counterpart Executive Engineers/ Superintending Engineers of I&WD to take up municipal drainage improvement schemes in various towns like Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar etc. The District Magistrates of the concerned districts will approach the MA&UD Department under intimation to the concerned MIC/MoS in the respective districts for preparation and implementation of any drainage improvement scheme in the municipal areas, semi urban areas adjoining to municipalities by the Municipal Engineering Directorate. Necessary technical inputs on the outfall system of such drainage network leading to nearby rivers/channels will be provided by the local officials of the Irrigation & Waterways Directorate.
- 3.0 Hon'ble MIC, I&WD desired that flood protection/management works in the ensuing monsoon season should be taken up by the I&WD officials by maintaining close liaison with the District & Block Administrations and also with due consideration of the suggestions of the elected peoples' representatives.



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