MAHARASHTRA WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY (MWRRA)

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Date 07/07/2007

Clearance to 3 Minor Irrigation Project in Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC), Nagpur, by MWRRA under Section 11 (f) of the Act.

Reference: (i) 1860/VIDC/ D.T./2007 dated 27/6/2007

(ii) 1859/VIDC/ D.T. /2007 dated 27/6/2007

(iii) 1858/VIDC/ D.T. /2007 dated 27/6/2007

AUTHORITY MEMORANDUM

1.00 Section 11 (f) of the MWRRA Act (Act No.XVIII of 2005) reads as below:

"To review and clear water resources projects proposed at the sub-basin and river basin level to ensure that a proposal is in conformity with Integrated State Water Plan and also with regard to the economic, hydrologic and environmental viability and where relevant, on the State's obligations under Tribunals, Agreements, or Decrees involving interstate Entitlements:

Provided that, while clearing the new water resources projects by the concerned for construction proposed by River Basin Agencies, the Authority shall ensure that Governor's Directives issued from time to time, relating to investment priority for removal of regional imbalance are strictly observed;

Provided further that, in respect of the projects situated in Marathwada and Vidarbha Regions, the powers to accord administrative approval or revised administrative approval, under this clause, shall in accordance with the Governor's directives, be exercised by the concerned River Basin Agency".

- **2.00** 3 irrigation projects, Sr. No. (a) in Tapi basin and (b), (c) in Godavari basin in backlog districts were received for clearance by MWRRA under above mentioned Section of the Act vide Reference (i) & (ii) above.
 - (a) Sukali storage tank, Akola taluka, Akola district
 - (b) Januna (Sonaval) storage tank, Washim taluka, Washim district
 - (c) Mairaldoh Minor Irrigation Tank, Malegaon taluka, Washim district
- 3.00 (i) Projects at Sr. No. (a) to (c) have been cleared by CE, Hydrology Project, Nashik, for water availability.

- (ii) The BC ratio is not considered as project is in DPAP & backlog area.
- (iii) All the projects are within prescribed cost norms in terms of Rs / 1000 cu.m. of gross storage.
- (iv) The 3 projects have a total potential of 2,321 ha. SRE against total backlog of 8,57,300 ha of Amravati in SRE.
- 4.00 Environmental clearance is required for these projects as per Notification of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, September 2006 even these projects are categorised under minor irrigation projects. The environmental angle clearance may be obtained from State Level Committee as per the stipulation in the MoEF's Notification as above.
- 5.00 Sukali Storage tank involves 19.9 ha of forest land. Approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forest may be obtained for diversion of this forest land and no work should be initiated on this project without this approval. For the other two projects, certificate for non-involvement of forest land may be furnished.
- 6.00 The MWRRA is, therefore, pleased to accord clearance to the above 3 projects under Section 11 (f) of the MWRRA Act as per salient features appended herewith.
- 7.00 This clearance is issued under reference No. 3 dated 07/07/2007 and is registered under No. MWRRA/2007/PRCL/Vidarbha/3/543 dated 07/07/2007 in the office of the Authority.
- 8.00 The Receipt of this Memorandum may please be acknowledged.

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Secretary, MWRRA

Encl: One Abstract Sheet

Copy forwarded to : Secretary (WR), WRD, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Executive Director, Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC), Nagpur.

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