No. MWRRA/1115/ISWP/Meeting/2009/421

Date : 7th May 2010

To

The Secretary (WR),
Water Resources Department,
Mantralaya,
MUMBAI – 400 032.

Sub : Revised Administrative Approval for Irrigation Projects.

Sir,

Please refer to this office letter of even no. 621 dt. 31-10-2009 on the above subject. Although it was requested in our letter that the directive to the EDs issued vide GR dt. 20-8-2009 to submit revised estimates to the Authority for clearance was not in consonance with the provisions in Section 11 (f) of the Act, as this provision is for new projects only, WRD has so far not withdrawn / amended this GR. A number of proposals have been received in the Authority, since the issue of the GR, from field officers for clearance of revised estimates.

2.0. In respect of the following projects, the Authority after examining them and satisfying itself that there is no change in the scope has accordingly informed the project authorities that the proposal does not require clearance under Section 11 (f)

(1) Hatola (MI) storage tank no. 2 in Osamanabad district (letter issued on 24-12-2010)

(2) Dhutta (MI) storage tank in Osmanabad district (letter issued on 5-2-2010).
(3) Purna Ne vapur (Medium) in Aurangabad district (letter issued on 11-3-2010).

It is presumed that in the above cases the reply of the Authority, which is clarificatory in nature, has not been construed as its approval under the Act for issuing revised administrative approval. It needs to be appreciated that the Authority cannot continue this form of disposal indefinitely.

3.0. WRD is requested to immediately inform all the EDs that in modification of the GR of 20-8-2009, only projects where there is change in scope may be submitted to the Authority for clearance under Section 11 (f) of the Act.

3.1. The parameters which are to be considered for a change in scope stand already communicated vide my letter of even no. dated 6-5-2009 (copy enclosed) and have been reiterated in my letter under reference viz

a) changes in FRL, storage because of change in height of dam

b) change in ICA and irrigation intensity because of significant revision (more than 20%) in command.

The above has been reviewed by the Authority as it was felt that while change in ICA of upto 20% may be acceptable for medium & minor projects, for major projects, 20% change in command would imply a significant change. It is also necessary to consider change in irrigation potential separately from backlog consideration. The revised Criteria for considering change in scope is now proposed as under:

i) Changes in FRL, storage because of change in height of dam

ii) Change in ICA of more than 20% in case of medium & minor projects and 10% in case of major projects.

iii) Change in irrigation potential for same ICA of more than 20% in case of medium & minor projects and 10% in major projects due to change in cropping pattern/water allocation.

The above may please be adopted now as the revised Criteria for change in scope.
3.2. For other projects where there is no change in scope and revised estimates are necessitated only due to change in cost, which are not required to be submitted to the Authority, the procedure for issue of revised administrative approval may also be clarified to the EDs.

4.0. A copy of this letter is being endorsed to all EDs requesting them not to submit revised estimates to the Authority where there is no change in scope. The Authority is also returning the revised estimates pending with it to the field officers along with the endorsement of this letter.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

(V. B. Wagh)

Dy. Director (Pln)

for Secretary, MWRRA

D.A. : Copy of letter

Dated 6-5-2009

Copy f.w.c. to: Chief Engineer (Projects) & Joint Secretary Water Resources Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Chief Engineer (Irrigation) & Joint Secretary, Water Resources Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai

Copy f.w.c. to: The Executive Director, Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation, Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Civil Lines. Nagpur 440 001.

The Executive Director, Godavari Marathwada Irrigation Development Corporation, 1st floor, Sinchan Bhavan, Jalna Road, Aurangabad-431 005.

The Executive Director, Tapi Irrigation Development Corporation, Sinchan Bhavan, Aakashwani Chowk, Jalgaon-425001.

The Executive Director, Konkan Irrigation Development Corporation, 2nd floor, Sinchan Bhavan, Kopari Colony, Bara Bungalow Area, Thane (East), 400 603.

The Executive Director, Maharashtra Krishna Valley Development Corporation, Sinchan Bhavan, Barane Road, Mangalwar Peth, PUNE 411 011.
Copy fw. to the Chief Engineer (WR), WRD, Sinchan Bhavan, Jalna Road, Aurangabad, in continuation to this office letter nos. (1) MWRRA/2009/PRCL/GMIDC/39-1 MI/828 dt. 24-12-2009 (Hatola storage tank) (2) MWRRA/2009/PRCL/GMIDC/44-1 MI/158 dt. 5-2-2010 (Dhuta storage tank), (3) MWRRA/2010/PRCL/GMIDC/47-1 MD/283 dt. 11-3-2010 (Purna Nevpur medium project).
Para 2.0 of this letter may please be noted.

2/- In view of the para 4 of this letter, it is to inform you that after scrutiny of the proposal of revised A.A. for Baratwadi storage tank, district Osmanabad submitted by your office vide Marathi letter no. राजा-४/२००७/नैंक/२००७ वि. ४-१-२०१०, it is seen that no change in scope is involved in the project. Hence clearance from this Authority under Section 11 (f) of the Act, which is for new water resources projects only, is not required. The proposal submitted by you is returned herewith.

D.A. : Booklet 1 No.

Copy fw. to the Chief Engineer, Gosikhurd project, WRD, Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur 440001

2/- In view of the para no. 4.0 of this letter and in continuation of this Authority letter no. MWRRA/2007/PRCL/VIDC/Shivani LIS/298 dt. 20-3-2010 regarding the proposal of revised A.A. for Tadhava Shivani lift irrigation scheme, it is to inform that after scrutiny of the proposal it is seen that no change in scope is involved in the project. Hence clearance from this Authority under Section 11 (f) of the Act, which is for new water resources projects only, is not required. The proposal submitted by you is returned herewith.

3/- In view of the para no. 4.0 of this letter and with reference to your Marathi letter no. 810/मुंबईलंका/लालनाला सुप्रमाणिकमण्डल/२०१० वि. १६-३-२०१० regarding the proposal of 4th revised A.A. to Lalnala project, it is to inform that after scrutiny of the proposal it is seen that no change in scope is involved in the project. Hence clearance from this Authority under Section 11 (f) of the Act, which is for new water resources projects only, is not required. The proposal submitted by you is returned herewith.

D.A. : booklets 4 nos.

[Signature]
SECRETARY
MWRRA

[Copy to the file of Tadhava Shirani L.I.S.]