To,
The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Sinchan Seva Bhavan,
Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001.

Sub: No objection for processing for environment & forest clearance and keeping on shelf by MWRRA to the Zari (Medium) LIS in VIDC, Nagpur

Ref: मु.अ. जलसंपदा विभाग, नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. २४१८/ नाता.४/ झारी/09 दि. २९/०६/२००९, २५६१ दि. २६/०५/२०१० व ३०७८ दि. ०६/०८/२०१०.

1.00 The Project Zari (Medium) LIS, Taluka Arjuni (Morgaon), District Gondia in Wainganga sub basin of Godavari basin was received for clearance by MWRRA under Section 11 (f) of the Act, vide above reference.

2.00 This project is having irrigation potential in Bhandara & Gondia district. As per Hon. Governor’s directives for FY 2010-11, there is no backlog in Bhandara & Gondia District. Hence there is no need to take up new irrigation projects in these Districts, as irrigation backlog is removed.

3.00 The project presently meets the required techno-economic norms relating to hydrology, B/C ratio.

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4.00 The 12.94 Mm³ water made available to Zari LIS by curtailing 680 ha of H.W. Paddy area of Itiadoh project. As the Itiadoh project is included in the MWSIP, the water use efficiency is likely to increase on completion of rehabilitation work. The curtailment of 680 ha of H.W. Paddy area of Itiadoh project should therefore be reduced to minimum.

5.00 Environmental clearance is required for this project as per Notification of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, September 2006. The environmental angle clearance may be obtained from Competent Authority as stipulated by MoEF.

6.00 Zari (Medium) LIS involve diversion of 23.23 ha forest land. A clearance for diversion of this forest land needs to be obtained from Competent Authority & no work should be initiated on this project without this approval.

7.00 The MWRRA is pleased to convey its No objection to VIDD, Nagpur vide Para – 22 and 28 of Hon. Governor’s directives for the annual plan 2010 – 11, for the limited purpose of obtaining Administrative Approval and the budget provision required for obtaining statutory clearance i.e. environment & forest clearance. Thereafter the project should be kept on shelf till district-wise backlog comes up for review.

8.00 If on completion of the review, the need for this project is established, then the project may be resubmitted to MWRRA with revised techno-economic viability with reference to updated cost & compliance of condition mentioned in Para 4 and 5 above for according clearance under Section 11 (f) of the MWRRA Act, 2005 before implementation of this project.

(S.V. Sodal)
Secretary, MWRRA

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