To

The Executive Director,
Vidarbhia Irrigation Development Corporation,
Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Civil Lines,
Nagpur - 440 001.

Sub - Clearance for change in scope of Vidrupa River Project in Buldhana district (Raising height of Dam)

Ref - 1) CE, WRD, Amravati’s letter no मूललिखितम/प्र. अ./विदुर्गा/ था. क्र. 336 / २२५२ Dated २/६/२०१०

2) CE, WRD, Amravati’s letter no मूललिखितम/प्र. अ./विदुर्गा/ था. क्र. 336 / २२३२ Dated २३/६/२०११

The above project for approval of change in scope was received on 8/7/2010 vide reference (1). The project remained under correspondence till 1/3/2011, when the modified proposal was submitted by the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division No. 2, Chikhali, who attended this office as per instructions of CE, WRD, Amravati vide reference (2). The original proposal envisaged raising the height of the dam by 1.125 m resulting in additional storage of 1.439 Mm³ and consequently additional irrigation of 159 ha. This change in scope was as per approval of VIDC conveyed on 21/8/2009, as informed by CE, WRD, Amravati vide reference (1). While the modified proposal envisaged the same change in height, the additional irrigation was shown as 200 ha. The Authority’s observations on the modified proposal were handed over to the EE on 22/3/2011. The EE resubmitted the project on 21/6/2011 where the raising of height was shown now as 0.985 m with same additional ICA of 159 ha as previously shown. It thus appears that the changes are being made at EE level only in an adhoc manner to reply to the queries raised by MWRRA without any reference to the change in scope as approved by VIDC.
The Authority has now examined the proposal with reference to the approved change in scope of irrigation 159 ha irrespective of the actual change in FRL or storage. It is seen that the change in ICA is 18.9% of the original ICA of 840 ha, which is less than 20%, being the norm prescribed by MWRRA for change in scope requiring MWRRA clearance in case of minor & medium projects. Hence clearance of MWRRA is not considered necessary and VIDC may process for revised AA as per prescribed procedure. However the various comments / observations of MWRRA given from time to time may be kept in view while approving for revised AA.

Copy forwarded to:

1) Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Sinchan Seva Bhavan, Shivaji Nagar, Amravati. DA: 7 Booklets.

2) Superintending Engineer, Buldhana Irrigation Project Circle, Sangam Chowk, Near Tata Ground, Buldhana - 443 402.

3) Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division No. 2, Chikhali, District Buldhana.