To,
The Executive Director,
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Sub: Revised Administrative Approval of Gadgadi Large Minor Irrigation (LMI) Project in Ratnagiri District due to increase in height of dam

Ref: Executive Director, KIDC, Thane’s letter No. कोणपालित/तां २/गाड़गडी/लाइव डिनी मंजूरी/५२१ सन २०१४ dated 12/02/2014

1.0 Please refer to your above mentioned letter submitting a proposal of 3rd Revised Administrative Approval of Gadgadi Large Minor Irrigation (LMI) Project in Sangameshwar Taluka of Ratnagiri District due to increase in height of dam for MWRRA’s approval.

2.0 It is proposed to increase the dam height from 35.20 m to 45.50 m. Due to which the live storage will increase from 11.722 Mm³ to 27.810 Mm³. The project will irrigate 1,500 ha against earlier 996 ha, with reservation for drinking & industrial use. Thus there is increase in ICA by 50%, increase in Live Storage by 136% and with an estimated cost Rs. 196.78 crore.

3.0 As per the Para 2.1 of WRD’s GR dated 10/06/2013, due to increase in ICA by more than 10%, increase in Live Storage by more than 1% & costing more than Rs. 25 crore, this project should get first
Tecâno-economically scrutinized & cleared from the State Level Technical Advisory Committee (SLTAC) & on receipt of that, it should be submitted to MWRRA for review & clearance.

4.0 The Authority has to clear such proposal under Section 11(f) of MWRRA Act keeping in view Hon. Governor’s directive issued from time to time. Vide Para 5 of Hon. Governor’s Directive for FY 2013-14, the physical backlog remains only in Amravati Division & vide Para 16; it was directed that priority of expenditure should not be diluted by taking up new irrigation projects.

5.0 The Gadgadi LMI project as proposed in RAA, will create additional potential in Ratnagiri District and result in thin spreading of funds. As there is no physical backlog in Ratnagiri District, the Authority can not clear the proposal even after the SLTAC clearance in view of the Hon. Governor’s directive for FY 2013-14. Hence the Gadgadi LMI project proposal is returned herewith.

6.0 Whenever the Hon. Governor’s directive for FY 2014-15 will be issued for taking up new projects in Ratnagiri District, this project may be resubmitted to MWRRA with the clearance from SLTAC for according clearance under Section 11 (f) of the MWRRA Act, 2005.

Encl: Project Report

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