To,
The Executive Director,
Konkan Irrigation Development Corporation,
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Sub: Revised A. A. of Virdi Large Minor Irrigation (LMI) Project in Sindhudurg District

Ref: Executive Director, KIDC, Thane’s letter No. कोपाचियम/लं.१/विर्दी/२०१४/सन २०१४ dated 10/02/2014

1.0 Please refer to your above mentioned letter submitting a proposal of 1st Revised Administrative Approval of Virdi Large Minor Irrigation (LMI) Project in Dodamarg Taluka of Sindhudurg District for MWRRA’s clearance.

2.0 As per the proposal, dam site is to be shifted due to PAP’s objection & increase the dam height for supplying irrigation water to Usap, Pikule & Khokral villages through tunnel. Due to this; the gross storage of Virdi LMI project will increase from A. A. approved provision of 14.868 Mm³ to 22.70 Mm³ & will irrigate 1,895 ha against earlier A. A. approved provision of 1,320 ha. This will lead to increase in ICA by 43%, increase in Live Storage by 53% & with estimated cost Rs. 151.57 crore.
3.0 As per the Para 2.1 of the WRD’s GR dated 10/06/2013, the State Level Technical Advisory Committee (SLTAC) has cleared this proposal vide their letter dated 31/01/2014.

4.0 As per the Section 11(f) of MWRRA Act, the Authority is required to clear water resources projects 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 and vide Para 16; it was directed that priority of expenditure should not be diluted by taking up new irrigation projects. As the Virdi LMI project will create additional potential and will resulted in thin spreading of funds, the proposal is rejected.

5.0 Whenever the Hon. Governor’s directive for FY 2014-15 will be issued for taking up new projects in Sindhudurg 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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