Conditional Clearance of Mangalwedha (Major) LIS in Solapur District under MKVDC, Pune, by MWRRA under Sec.11 (f) of Act.


AUTHORITY MEMORANDUM

1.00 Section 11 (f) of the MWRRA Act (Act No.XVIII of 2005) reads as below:

“To review and clear water resources projects proposed at the sub-basin and river basin level to ensure that a proposal is in conformity with Integrated State Water Plan and also with regard to the economic, hydrologic and environmental viability and where relevant, on the State’s obligations under Tribunals, Agreements, or Decrees involving interstate Entitlements:

Provided that, while clearing the new water resources projects by the concerned for construction proposed by River Basin Agencies, the Authority shall ensure that Governor’s Directives issued from time to time, relating to investment priority for removal of regional imbalance are strictly observed;

Provided further that, in respect of the projects situated in Marathwada and Vidarbha Regions, the powers to accord administrative approval or revised administrative approval, under this clause, shall in accordance with the Governor's directives, be exercised by the concerned River Basin Agency”.
2.00 A project report of the Mangalwedha (Major) Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS), Taluka Mangalwedha, District Solapur in Bhima sub-basin of Krishna basin, was received for clearance by MWRRA under above mentioned Section of the Act, vide above Reference.

3.00 (i) The Mangalwedha LIS consists of lifting water in two stages by constructing Gunjegaon Barrage on Man river which will be fed by Ujjani (Bhima) Right Bank Canal (URBC) to irrigate 11820 ha in 35 villages. The command area lies in drought prone area of Mangalwedha Taluka of Solapur District.

(ii) As per the WALMI report, submitted on 31/08/2012 to WRD, 54.90 Mm³ water can be made available. As the report was approved by the Government on 09/10/2012, there is no need for separate approval from MWRRA.

(iii) The State Level Technical Advisory Committee (SLTAC) has accorded conditional clearance to this project in their 37th Meeting held on 13/05/2014. The Principal Secretary (WRP & D), WRD, vide letter dated 31/07/2014, informed that Central Design Organisation has prepared the detailed designs for this project which complies the SLTAC’s conditions.

(iv) The Cost of the Project is Rs. 530.04 crore and BC ratio is worked out as 1.61 for project which is more than 1.5 norm for major & medium project.

(v) The Secretary to the Governor vide letter No. RB/DB/CR-3165 /Mangalwedha/2014/695 dated 06/08/2014 communicated that the State Government may take up Mangalwedha (Major) LIS subject to fulfillment of all the statutory & other conditions, procedures, norms & clearances and also on condition that the additional resources shall be made available for this project without affecting the availability of funds for ongoing projects.

4.00 The LIS command area comes within Solapur district. As per Hon. Governor's directives for FY 2014-15, there is no backlog in Solapur District. However Para 13 of the directives implies that the State Cabinet has power for the selection of new projects.
5.00 Environmental clearance is required for this project as per Notification of Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India, September 2006. The environmental clearance may be obtained from the Competent Authority as stipulated by MoEF.

6.00 It is presumed that Mangalwedha (Major) LIS does not involve diversion of forest land. A certificate to this effect needs to be furnished from the Forest Department.

7.00 The MWRRA is, therefore, pleased to accord Conditional clearance to Mangalwedha (Major) LIS under Sec.11 (f) of the MWRRA Act subject to compliance of the Secretary to the Governor’s letter No. RB/DB/CR-3165/Mangalwedha/2014/695 dated 06/08/2014 and environment and forest clearances.

8.00 This conditional clearance is issued under registered No. 102 and is referenced under MWRRA / 2014 / PRCL / MKVIDC / 85 / 559 dated 13/08/2014 in the office of the Authority.

9.00 The Receipt of this Memorandum may please be acknowledged.

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