Clearance to Popatkhed Minor Irrigation Project Stage-II, Tal. Akot, Dist. Amavari in Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC), Nagpur, by MWRRA under Section 11 (f) of the Act.

Reference: CE(WR), WRD, Amravati’s letter No.MI/Popatkhed Stage-II/1325/2008 dt. 5.4.2008.

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 Popatkhed Minor Irrigation project in Tapi Puna Sub basin in backlog district received for clearance by MWRRA under above mentioned Section of the Act, vide Reference (i) above.

3.00 (i) This Project is cleared by CE, Hydrology Project, Nashik, for water availability.
(ii) The BC ratio is 1.38.

(iii) This project is within prescribed cost norms in terms of Rs.36279 / 1000 cu.m. of gross storage.

(iv) This project have a total potential of 1905 ha. SRE against total backlog of 116950 ha of Akola in SRE by June 2006.

4.00 Environmental clearance is required for these projects as per Notification of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, September 2006 even these projects are categorised under minor irrigation projects. The environmental angle clearance may be obtained from State Level Committee as per the stipulation in the MoEF’s Notification as above.

5.00 The total provision for 2008-09 for Major, Medium, M.I. and L.I. Schemes available with VIDC, Nagpur for Amravati Region is to the tune of Rs.1448.40 cr. In addition to this roll over allocation for Rs.500 cr. (Year 2007-08) is also available with VIDC. Hence no financial constraints to take up this scheme for execution.

6.00 The balance cost of Major, Medium, M.I. and L.I. Schemes in Amravati Region as on 1.4.2008 is to the tune of Rs.5484.78 cr.

7.00 The MWRRA is, therefore, pleased to accord clearance to the above project under Section 11 (f) of the MWRRA Act as per salient features appended herewith.

8.00 This clearance is issued under reference No. 20 dated 22/04/2008 and is registered under No. MWRRA / 2007 / PRCL / Vidarbha /129/ dated 22/04/2008 in the office of the Authority.

9.00 The Receipt of this Memorandum may please be acknowledged.

(S.V. Sodai)
Secretary, MWRRA

Encl: One Abstract Sheet

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Note: The Total Backlog of Akola district as on June 2006 in S.R.E. is 116950 ha. The project has total potential in S.R.E. is 1905 ha. Conversion factor 164 - (1162 x 164 = 1605 ha). This project is in backlog district.