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 Salai (Mokasa) M.I. Tank, Taluka Parshivani, District Nagpur in Godavari basin was received for clearance by MWRRA under above mentioned Section of the Act, vide Reference (2) above.

3.00 (i) The Project is cleared by CE, HP, Nashik for water availability.
(ii) The BC ratio is more than 1 and project is from non-backlog area.
(iii) The Project is within prescribed cost norms in terms of Rs / 1000 cu.m. of Gross Storage.
(iv) The project has a total potential of 369 ha. in SRE.

4.00 This project is in Nagpur District, which was not in backlog as on June 1994. Irrigation Potential created in June 1994 in S.R.E. in Nagpur was 2,07,450 ha (37.45% of net sown area, more than the State Average 35.11%) and Potential created till June 2006 was 2,56,590 ha (46.32% of net sown area, more than the State Average 35.11%).

5.00 As per Hon. Governor of Maharashtra Directives dated 6th March 2006 for Annual Plan 2006 – 07 vide clause 7.2, Backlog as on 1st April 1994 is being considered for allocation under backlog removal and vide 7.9, new projects may be taken up if they are really necessary for removal of backlog.

6.00 As Nagpur District was not in backlog as on June 1994 and any new / ongoing projects will create additional potential. Hence this project if implemented will add to the existing created potential which in any case is more than what is required to qualify the district as backlog.

7.00 In view of above, the MWRRA has no objection to the Salai (Mokasa) M.I. Tank, involving diversion of 9.00 ha forest land, being processed for forest clearance only. Final clearance under Section 11(f) of the MWRRA Act should be obtained subsequently with updated cost after forest clearance is received and before the project is taken up for construction.
8.00 The Receipt of this Memorandum may please be acknowledged.

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