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Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority**Minutes of the 12/2018 Authority Meeting****November 20, 2018 Time:12:30p.m.**

The 12/2018 Meeting of the Authority. There was only one item for discussion. The following are the minutes of the meeting.

Item No.1: To direct the State Government and the RBAs to publish individual lift irrigation entitlement data base on the website and take appropriate steps to prohibit water thefts especially from the reservoir submergence.

The subject matter was discussed in view of the prevailing drought situation in 151 talukas of the State as also low availability of water in dams, especially in Marathwada, Nagpur and Amravati regions.

Further, as per the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 31/10/2018 in the matter of SLP No. 21241/2017, the Petitioner has expressed his concern that there is huge amount of theft of water particularly in the dam area. In response, the Additional Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the State has assured to the Hon. Supreme Court that the steps will be taken so that there is no unauthorized lifting of water from dams.

The matter was discussed in the meeting and it was agreed to direct to the State Govt. to implement the provisions of the Section 14 (1) and 11 (s) of the MWRRRA Act, 2005 so as to prohibit such unauthorized water lifting from the reservoirs, canals and the notified river stretches in the State by taking necessary actions with immediate effect. Accordingly, it was resolved as follows:

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Resolution No. 24

Whereas due to less rainfall in the State, the severe drought has been declared in 112 talukas and medium drought is declared in 39 talukas of the State;

And Whereas the live storages in Marathwada, Nagpur and Amravati regions as on October 15, 2018 were 25.53%, 43.38% and 57.62%, respectively;

And Whereas, as per the provisions in section 14(1) of the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority Act, 2005 ("Act" for short), from the date of commencement of the Act, no person can use any water from any water source without obtaining the Entitlements from the respective River Basin Agencies;

And Whereas the section 11(s) of the Act, entrusts this Authority the function of developing State Water Entitlement database;

And Whereas this Authority is of the opinion on that all such entitlement database should be in the public domain;

Now therefore, having considered the gravity of issue and relevant provisions of the Act, this Authority directs the State Government and the River Basin Agencies to publish the data regarding lifting permissions given from the State sector reservoirs, canals and the notified rivers stretches in the State on their website within 30 days from the date of issue of these directives and also prohibit unauthorized lifting of water from such reservoirs with immediate effect.



(K.P. Bakshi)
Chairman, MWRRRA

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