

Minutes of the 5th CCI-PMG Meeting Chaired by Chief Secretary,
Government of Uttarakhand
(Dehradun, 11-08-2014)

The 5th CCI-PMG Meeting regarding fast tracking of approval in respect of projects having investment of Rs. 1000 crore and above was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand on 11 August, 2014 in Dehradun. The Meeting was attended by the following officers:

1. Sri Anil Swarup, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India.
2. Sri Rakesh Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand.
3. Sri S. Ramaswamy, Principal Secretary, Planning, Government of Uttarakhand.
4. Dr. Umakant Panwar, Secretary, Power, Government of Uttarakhand.
5. Sri Rajinder Kumar, PCCF, Government of Uttarakhand.
6. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, Planning, Government of Uttarakhand.
7. Sri Manoj Chandran, Additional Secretary, Forest and Environment, Government of Uttarakhand.
8. Sri G.P. Patel, M.D., UJVNL.
9. Sri V.K. Badoni, Additional G.M., THDC India Ltd.
10. Sri Anil Chawla, D.G.M, T.H.D.C India Ltd.
11. Sri A.K. Sharma, D.G.M, THDCIL, Tehri.
12. Sri L.K. Sachdev, Executive Engineer/Construction, Northern Railway.
13. Sri B.K. Kaushal, G.M. Project, HPPCL, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
14. Sri S. Singhal, Director Project, UJVNL, Uttarakhand.
15. Sri S. Mittal, GM, UJVNL, Uttarakhand.
16. Sri Kishore, HPPCL, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
17. Sri V.K. Sheel, Dy. Manager, THDCIL.
18. Sri J.S. Tilara, Dy. Secretary, Transport, Uttarakhand.
19. Sri J.P. Berry, S.O. Transport-1, Uttarakhand.
20. Sri Virendra Singh, Information Officer to Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand.

At the outset, Additional Secretary, Planning, Government of Uttarakhand presented a brief description of progress of the concerned projects.

Project wise major points discussed in the meeting are as follows:



1- Vishnugad-Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project (THDCIL)

The Representative of THDCIL raised the issue of law and order and clarified that the District Administration of Chamoli is providing all necessary support. The District Magistrate, Chamoli vide letter no. R-6111/तीस-एमबी/2012-2014 Dated 09 August, 2014 has communicated that 4 meetings have been organized with representative of Vishnugad-Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project and residents of villages of Baula, Durgapur, Harsari and Jaisal to resolve all pending issues. On certain points the consensus has been arrived between THDCIL and local affected farmers. The District Magistrate, Chamoli has also mentioned about the pending writ petition with the Hon'ble High Court on issue of Harsari habitation of village Hat. The District Magistrate, Chamoli has assured the THDCIL to provide all necessary support and cooperation required to resolve the pending issues related to local affected farmers.

Regarding the declaration of non forest land as reserve/protected forest, the Department of Forest has submitted the proposal for the consideration of Department of Law. In this regard the Additional Secretary, Forest apprised that after getting necessary approval from competent level the Department of Forest and Environment will declare the said non forest land as protected forest.

To resolve the law and order and local issues arising on account of hydro power and other energy related projects, the Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand has directed to constitute a Coordination Sub-Committee (each for Garhwal and Kumaun Division) headed by the Divisional Commissioner on the line of Coordination Sub-Committee of Tehri Dam Project. A separate order will be issued in this regard by Department of Energy.

2- Bawana- Nangal Spurline (Uttarakhand Portion)

It was communicated by GAIL that the project is on hold for 02 years.



3- Roorkee-Deoband new Railway Project

After considering the views of the representative of Indian Railways and the Government of Uttarakhand the committee recommended that the project shall be dropped.

The Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of Uttarakhand apprised the Committee about the amount of Rs. 120 crore given to Indian Railways to develop the said project. The Committee has recommended that it is a bilateral issue and it should be resolved bilaterally.

4- Tehri Pumping Storage Plant

The order regarding lifting the ban on Asena Quarry has been issued by State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) on 31-5-2014. The Environment Clearance (EC) has been granted with some conditions. Condition 4 (to avoid blasting) and condition 5 (as per mine plan) are contradictory in nature. Since approved mining plan is considered by SEIAA, the THDC is demanding to allow the quarrying from Asena with drilling and blasting method, as done in the past.

Principal Secretary, Geology and Mining asked THDCIL to send the matter to Department of Geology and Mining, Government of Uttarakhand for consideration. The Committee also recommended that the matter should be sent to SEIAA for reconsideration.

5- Bowla Nand Prayag

In the context of flash floods of 2013 the design of the project was needed to be reviewed and the revised design was to be submitted to CEA.

In this regard revised Cross Sections of Alaknanda river near Bowla Nand Prayag HEP Barrage and Power House site, after flash floods during June, 2013 have been submitted to CEA by General Manager (New Projects), UJVN Limited vide his letter No. 1191/UJVNL/03/GM(C-NP/BNP/BNPHEP) dated 02-08-2014.

CEA/CWS may be requested for early issue of TEC.



6- Kishau Multipurpose Project

Issue of power sharing between the two States i.e. Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh was raised by the representative of HPPCL, Himachal Pradesh. It was clarified that the issue has already been addressed in the meeting of Group of Officers held on 20 February, 2014 at Cabinet Secretariat, Rastrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. The minutes of meeting have been circulated by Director, Cabinet Secretariat, vide his letter no. 1/67/3/2013-Cab III dated 27-2-2014.

A CCI-PMG Meeting with Government of Himachal Pradesh is scheduled at Shimla in September, 2014. The matter will be taken up in that meeting. Additional Secretary, Government of India invited the Secretary, Power, Government of Uttarakhand to attend the said meeting.

The Additional Secretary suggested that the references of Lakhwad Project should be uploaded in CCI-PMG Portal.

The Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat apprised the committee that following steps are being taken at Government of India level :-

1. Digitization clearances of projects.
2. Time bound clearances of projects.
3. To promote digitization of State level clearances of projects.

In this regard the State of Punjab, Gujarat and Karnataka have already digitized State Level Clearances. He also suggested Government of Uttarakhand to take benefits from experiences of above mentioned States and customize the software as per requirement.

4. In the light of Hon'ble Supreme Court order regarding hydro electric projects the Additional Secretary, Government of India suggested to route the hydro electric projects below 25 MW through Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India. He also suggested to form a State Policy of Small hydro electricity projects to expedite the project clearances.

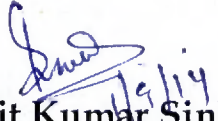


The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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1. PS to Chief Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Uttarakhand.
2. PS to Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, GoI.
3. Principal Secretary, Transport/Planning, Govt of Uttarakhand.
4. Principal Secretary, Forest, Government of Uttarakhand.
5. Commissioner, Garhwal/Kumaun, Uttarakhand.
6. Principal Secretary, Power, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
7. Secretary, Energy, Govt of Uttarakhand.
8. Additional PCCF & Nodal Officer, Govt of Uttarakhand.
9. Deputy Chief Engineer/C/NR.
10. Director (Projects)/Executive Director (Projects), GAIL (India) Limited 16, Bhikaji Cama Place New Delhi-110066.
11. GM(S&LR), GAIL (India) Limited, GTI-PARC Building, Plot no-24, Sector16A Noida-201301.
12. DFO, Dehradun and Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority.
13. District Magistrate, Chamoli/Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.
14. Director, Geology and Mining, Uttarakhand.
15. Sri B.K. Kaushal, G.M. Project, HPPCL, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
16. Sri V.K. Badoni, Additional G.M., THDC India Ltd.


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