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D.O. No. F-12011/1/2023-Coord

12th February, 2025

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your D.O letter dated 24.10.2024, I would like to bring to your notice the following significant matters of DoWR, RD & GR.

(i) Under the Indus Waters Treaty, India and Pakistan has differences on two Indian hydroelectric projects (HEPs), namely Kishenganga HEP (330 MW) on river Kishenganga (a tributary of Jhelum) and Ratle HEP (850 MW) on river Chenab main. On the request of India, the World Bank had appointed Mr. Michel Lino as the Neutral Expert (NE) in October 2022 and on the request of Pakistan, the Bank had constituted so called Court of Arbitration. India considers CoA as illegal and is not participating in its proceedings. Both India and Pakistan are participating in the NE proceedings. In the NE proceedings, three meetings have been held so far. India had submitted its Memorial on 31st August 2023.

(ii) Pakistan raised the issue of the competence of NE to determine seven points of difference raised by India under Paragraph 7 of Annexure F to the Treaty. After written and oral submissions by both India and Pakistan, **The Neutral Expert on 7th January 2025 has given decision that the Points of Difference falls within his competence. This decision strengthens India's position with regard to the parallel proceedings not being compliant with the Indus Waters Treaty.** The Neutral Expert will now proceed to render a decision on the merits of the Points of Difference, after hearing the Parties further.

(iii) **India at World Economic Forum 2025:** The 55th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting was held from January 20-24, 2025, in Davos, Switzerland, with the theme "**Collaboration for the Intelligent Age**". Shri C.R. Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti participated in the forum as a part of high-level Indian delegation comprising five Union Ministers. The event presented an opportunity for India to strengthen its global position through strategic policies, investments, and collaborative efforts. During various discussions, Hon'ble MoJS highlighted the deep commitment of GoI to water conservation and the large-scale efforts made to strengthen water resources management in the country. He also called for strengthened international cooperation and collective action to address water scarcity aggravated by climate change, overpopulation and overuse. The event also featured a water panel discussion on "**Bringing global impact in water sustainability**". Distinguished global experts from NMCG, UNICEF and Water Aid shared innovative approaches and strategies for advancing global water sustainability.

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(iv) **Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:** Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring the live storage position of 155 important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletins every Thursday. The total live storage capacity of 155 reservoirs as on 06.02.2025 is 180.852 BCM. As per the bulletin, live storage available in these reservoirs is 110.204 BCM. This available live storage is 123% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 119% of average storage of last ten years. Out of the 155 Reservoirs, 20 reservoirs are of Hydro-Electric projects having total live storage capacity of 35.299 BCM and 15 Reservoirs of these had Storage more than the average of last 10 years.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,



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