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जल संकार जल संकारन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्रालय अस शक्ति भवन रफी मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110001 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION SHRAM SHAKTI BHAWAN RAFI MARG, NEW DELHI-110001

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Dear 197 Kumen,

As you would be aware, the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) is implementing National Hydrology Project (NHP) with World Bank assistance as a Central Sector Scheme, with a total outlay of Rs.3679.7674 crore.

- 2. The National Hydrology Project would be instrumental in improving the extent, quality, and accessibility of water resources information, decision support system for floods and basin level resource assessment, planning and to strengthen the capacity of targeted water resources professionals and management institutions in India. The ultimate beneficiaries of NHP would be rural/urban water users; population affected by floods and droughts, farm families with improved irrigation and management; stakeholders across the energy, inland waterways, environment, and agriculture ministries; research and educational institutions; and non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and the private sector.
- 3. Keeping in view the importance of capacity building of the professionals, significant amount of the project fund is allocated for capacity development for sustainability of the development process in the water sector. Regular trainings are being conducted under this project for various stakeholders, especially for State Government Officials involved in the project. In this context, it is observed that the officials from many Implementing Agencies (IAs) are not able to participate in the trainings due to lack of timely approvals. Sometime, due to late approval of nominations, the officers from IAs are not able get train reservations as per their entitlements. Thus, unable to attend the trainings/workshops/meetings.
- 4 Considering the importance of the project, I am of the opinion that the State Project Monitoring Unit (SPMU) be adequately empowered, with delegated powers for nomination of officers to the trainings/workshops/meetings and to allow air travel of concerned officials on case to case basis.
- I am sure that you would appreciate the importance of National Hydrology Project and the crucial role that officers of your state shall play in the successful implementation of NHP and do the needful in this regard.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

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