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Mr. Shashi Shekhar
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Dear Mr. Shekhar:

***INDIA: National Hydrology Project (P#152698)
Project Appraisal Mission (August 1–5, 2016)***

I would like to thank the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR) and all concerned officials for the support extended to the World Bank appraisal mission for the National Hydrology Project (NHP) from August 1–5, 2016. Detailed discussions were held with central and state agencies grouped according to major river basins in Delhi and the wrap-up meeting was concluded under the chairmanship of Dr. Amarjit Singh, Officer on Special Duty, MoWR, RD&GR on August 5. The Aide Memoire summarizing the mission findings and the status of project preparation is attached.

I am pleased to learn that full agreement was reached with the Government of India on all design elements of the project and the appraisal has been completed. Consequently, we would like to schedule project negotiations in the near future. While the readiness is reassuring, highlighted below for your attention are the key actions agreed to be undertaken in advance of negotiations which will also facilitate timely and smooth implementation:

- Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between MoWR, RD&GR and each Implementing Agency (IA) to agree on the general terms of project implementation including transfer of funds;
- All IAs to open bank accounts to enable transfer of funds from MoWR, RD&GR;
- Establishment of Project Management Units (PMUs) by the remaining 20% IAs that have not yet formulated PMUs with core team;
- MoWR, RD&GR to finalize the Project Operational Manual including the consolidation of Project Implementation Plan, Annual Work Plan, Procurement Plan, Financial Management Manual and Procurement Manual; and
- MoWR, RD&GR to finalize key procurements including the request for proposal for the technical and management consultancy.

MoWR, RD&GR may also wish to consider including an option for retroactive financing in the project so that states could commence procurements immediately and retroactively finance contracts that are executed prior to project effectiveness. As you may know, World Bank policies include the possibility of retroactive financing for expenditures incurred less than one year prior to Board approval of the project for a maximum amount not exceeding 20 percent of the project cost provided World Bank procurement procedures are complied with.

I look forward to receiving your written communication to confirm the completion of the above actions prior to negotiation as this will enable us to send the official invitation for negotiations to the Government of India. We also encourage you to seek DEA's advice early on for a suitable date for negotiations. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Task Team Leader, Ms. Anju Gaur (email: agaur@worldbank.org) and Co-task Team Leader, Mr. Chabungbam Rajagopal Singh (email: csingh5@worldbank.org).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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