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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources,
RD&GR
Central Water Commission
Project Appraisal (South) Directorate

To,
The Chief Engineer,
North Coast, Irrigation and CAD Department,
Vishakhapatnam,
Andhra Pradesh-531001

Sub:- Detailed Project Report (DPR) of B.R.R of Vamsadhara Project Phase-II of Stage-II, Andhra Pradesh-reg

With reference to the above project proposal, kind reference is invited to the fact that the DPR of this project was submitted to CWC for appraisal on 24.08.2017.

During appraisal of the project, certain compliance with respect to Irrigation Planning aspects were sought vide CWC letter dated 14.03.2019, and reminder were also issued vide Letter dated 29.04.2019. In addition to this, clarification with respect to any possible change in scope of the project was also sought. It was also requested to submit the updated Cost Chapter of the Project based on latest SoR. *However, reply with respect to any compliance is awaited from the project Authorities.*

It may also be recalled that the above issue was highlighted in a DO Letter dated 10.10.2019 to Special Chief Secretary, (Minor, Medium and Major Irrigation), Government of Andhra Pradesh by Joint Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS. However, there has been no response.

Further, kind reference has also been drawn to **paragraph 4.21 of Guidelines for Submission, Appraisal and Acceptance of Irrigation and Multipurpose Projects, 2017**, relevant part of which is reproduced below for ready reference: *“If the deficiencies communicated by CWC/ Other Central Agency are not attended and the DPR is not upgraded by the Project Authority within three (3) months from the date of communication of deficiencies, the DPR/RCE shall be treated as sent back/ returned to Project Authority and the project will be deleted from the list of projects under appraisal”*

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Further, when an Inter-State Water Disputes Tribunal has been constituted, Clause 3 (i) of MoWR, RD & GR letter dated 16th January, 2006 may please be referred (copy enclosed), which states “*That in basins where a Tribunal has been constituted for the first time for examining issues relating to Inter-State allocations of water, the CWC shall not consider its techno-economic clearance of a project except with the prior consent of the Tribunal concerned*”. Clause 3(ii) of the said letter further states that “*Techno-economic and Investment Clearance could however be considered for those projects, for which an agreement is reached among co-basin states under intimation to the Tribunal*”.

The above is applicable on the project under reference, since neither any agreement among co-basin States exists, nor any prior consent from Vamsadhara Water Dispute Tribunal has been enclosed by the project authorities.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the DPR of this project be treated as returned and the Project be deleted from the list of projects currently under appraisal in CWC, unless the pending issues are addressed urgently by the State Govt. Therefore, in case you wish to avoid return back of the DPR, you may kindly respond urgently on the pending issues, and also submit the requisite compliance at the earliest.

The matter may please be treated as MOST URGENT.

(N. Mukherjee)

Director, PA (S)

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Special Chief Secretary, (Minor, Medium and Major Irrigation), Govt. of AP.