

## Status of Dwarkeswar Gandheswari Reservoir Project, West Bengal

- a) **Project Proposal:** The project proposal envisages the construction of:
- A dam across Dwarkeswar River about 27 km. upstream of Bankura town.
  - A dam across Gandheswari River about 15 km. upstream of Bankura town.
  - A barrage at Pratappur across the River Dwarkeswar at 2 km downstream of the confluence point of Dwarkeswar and Gandheswari rivers.
  - Four main canals taking off from the left and right banks of the proposed dams over Dwarkeswar and Gandheswari respectively. Another main canal off-taking from the left bank of the proposed barrage at Pratappur is also proposed. All the five main canals will be having their distributary system to supply water to the command.

b) **Salient Feature**

1. Date of receipt of DPR	:-	28.09.2015
2. Date of circulation	:-	14.10.2015
3. Estimated Cost	:-	Rs.3552.37 Cr. (PL 2013)
4. Category of project	:-	New Major/Irrigation.
5. River/Basin	:-	Dwarkeshwar&Gandheswar/Ganga
6. Districts Benefitted	:-	Bankura
7. C.C.A	:-	38500 ha
8. B.C.Ratio	:-	1.977

c) **Appraisal Status**

- International and Interstate aspects had been accepted.
- Compliances on the Observations of CWC on Irrigation Planning (01.04.2016), Construction material and soil survey (1.11.2016), Ground water (17.08.2016), Agriculture (01.04.2016) and Plant Planning (13.04.2016) aspects are awaited from Project Authority.
- The State Govt. were requested either to submit further 3 sets of DPR for examination of design aspect or to submit CDO certificate vide letter dated 28.10.2015. The same has not been submitted till date.
- The Statutory Clearances such as Forest Clearance and clearance from MoTA have not been submitted till date. Project Authorities were also requested to submit clearance from Kolkata Port Trust. The same has not been submitted till date.
- During the review meeting held on 01.04.2016, representative from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare stated that the information may be submitted in prescribed format duly authenticated by Director of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal which was noted by the Project Authorities present in the meeting. However the same has not been submitted till date.
- During the review meeting held on 01.04.2016, the Project Authority agreed that the compliances on the comments / observations of CWC/CSMRS/CGWB on above pending aspects will be submitted within one month. The same has not been submitted till date.
- Review meeting was also held on 25.10.2016 and project authorities were invited to discuss Dwarkeswar-Gandheswari Reservoir Project, but the project couldn't be discussed as the project authorities did not turn up for the meeting.

As per guidelines for Submission, Appraisal and Acceptance of Irrigation and Multipurpose projects, 2017, If deficiencies reported by CWC are not attended 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. Since it has been more than 1 year, the project may be treated as returned to Project Authority.