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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development
& Ganga Rejuvenation
(National River Conservation Directorate)

Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110003
Date: 06 August, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 30.07.2026 (in virtual mode) to review the progress of Cauvery and Periyar River Basins under Condition Assessment & Management Plan (CAMP)- reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, NRCD on the above subject matter and to forward herewith the Minutes of Meeting for information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above.

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As per list Attached.

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Minutes of the Meeting

Subject: Review Meeting of Cauvery and Periyar River Basin under Condition Assessment Management Plan (CAMP) Project.

Reference: Meeting convened by virtual mode on 30.07.2026.

Venue: NRCD, Conference Hall, Antyodaya Bhawan

Date & Time of Meeting: 30.07.2026 at 04:30 PM

A review meeting of the Cauvery and Periyar River Basin under the ***Condition Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) Project*** was held on 30.07.2026 in virtual mode under the chairmanship of the Joint Secretary, NRCD. The progress of project activities, status of deliverables, key findings, challenges, and the roadmap for timely completion of the project were reviewed and discussed. List of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

A. **Cauvery River Basin**

2. At the outset, Dr. Sabita Madhvi Singh, Scientist 'E', NRCD, informed that two Consortium Institutes (CIs), namely IISc Bengaluru and NIT Tiruchirappalli (NIT Trichy), are implementing the CAMP Project activities in the Cauvery River Basin. She further informed that, as of now, a total of **22 reports** have been uploaded on the project portal.

3. Joint Secretary, NRCD, sought an update from the Consortium Institutes (CIs) on the progress of project deliverables in the Cauvery River Basin. He enquired about the number of reports prepared and submitted and whether they had been shared with the concerned State Government departments for review and comments.In response, Dr. Praveen C Ramamurthy, IISc Bengaluru, and the representative of NIT Tiruchirappalli informed that **24 reports** have been prepared and submitted under the CAMP Project for the Cauvery River Basin. They further informed that the reports have been shared with the concerned State Government departments for review and comments.

4. Joint Secretary, NRCD observed that several project activities were still pending and sought clarification on how the reports had been considered complete. He also enquired whether the concerned State Government departments had reviewed the reports and requested cGanga to explain the review mechanism adopted before finalization.

Dr. Praveen C. Ramamurthy clarified that all reports under the CAMP Project had been completed. He stated that the data presented during the meeting was only to explain the methodology adopted for data collection, analysis, and preparation of the reports, and did not reflect their completion status.

B. **Periyar River Basin**

5. At the outset, Dr. Sabita Madhvi Singh, Scientist 'E', NRCD, informed that two Consortium Institutes (CIs), namely IIT Palakkad and NIT Calicut, are implementing the CAMP Project activities in the Periyar River Basin. She further informed that, as of now, a total of **29 reports** have been uploaded on the project portal. She informed that the Consortium Institutes (CIs) had submitted the Utilization Certificates (UCs) and requested release of funds for FY 2026–27. She further apprised that the proposal for IIT Palakkad had been approved for disbursement,

while the proposal for NIT Calicut is under process.

6. Joint Secretary, NRCD, sought an update from IIT Palakkad and NIT Calicut regarding the progress of deliverables under the CAMP Project. He requested the Consortium Institutes (CIs) to indicate the number of reports submitted so far and confirm whether the reports had been shared with the concerned State Government departments.

In response, Dr. Athira informed that **34 reports** had been prepared and submitted under the CAMP Project and shared with the concerned State Government Departments. She further stated that the remaining reports are under preparation in consultation with the State Government Departments and cGanga and are expected to be finalized within one month.

7. Joint Secretary, NRCD sought the views of the State Government representatives on the status of the reports. They confirmed receipt of the reports and assured that their comments would be shared with the Consortium Institutes at the earliest. He further enquired whether the Government of Kerala had formulated any policy or framework for the reuse of treated wastewater, emphasizing its importance for sustainable water resource management and river rejuvenation.

In response, Dr. Athira informed that the treated wastewater generated from decentralized Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) is being utilized for horticultural purposes in nearby areas. However, she stated that she did not have specific information regarding the existence of a state policy or framework on the reuse of treated wastewater in Kerala.

8. After detailed discussions, the following recommendations / decisions were emerged:-

i. Consortium Institutes (CIs) shall complete and submit all the remaining pending deliverables under the CAMP Project within one month.
(Action: IISc Bengaluru, NIT Trichy, IIT Palakkad & NIT Calicut; cGanga)

ii. The concerned State Government departments shall coordinate closely with cCauvery team and provide necessary support for the collection and sharing of requisite data to facilitate the preparation and timely finalization of the remaining reports under the CAMP Project.
(Action: State Govt. Dept.; IISc Bengaluru & NIT Trichy; cGanga)

iii. IISc Bengaluru and NIT Trichy shall submit the pending Utilization Certificates (UCs) to NRCD at the earliest to facilitate timely processing and release of funds.
(Action: IISc Bengaluru & NIT Trichy)

iv. Consortium Institutes (CIs) shall ensure that all reports are shared with the concerned State Government departments for their review and comments. The State Government departments shall examine the reports and furnish their comments/suggestions to the respective Consortium Institutes at the earliest to facilitate timely finalization of the reports.
(Action: State Govt. Dept.; IISc Bengaluru, NIT Trichy, IIT Palakkad & NIT Calicut)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure-I

List of Participants

1. Shri Zaigham Ali Khan, Joint Secretary (NRCD) - Chairperson
2. Dr. Sabita Madhvi Singh, Scientist-E, NRCD
3. Dr. Praveen C Ramamurthy, Professor, IISc Bengaluru
4. Dr. R Manjula, Associate Professor, NIT Trichy
5. Dr.S.Saravanan, Associate Professor, NIT Trichy
6. Dr. G. Thampi, Professor, NIT Calicut
7. Dr. Athira P, Associate Professor, IIT Palakkad
8. Dr. Praveena Gangadharan, Associate Professor, IIT Palakkad
9. Dr. P.S. Rao Director (Tech), Govt. of Karnataka
10. Dr. S. Siva Kumar, CE, WRD, Trichy, Govt of TamilNadu
11. Dr. Rattish Menon, Kerala SPCB, Govt of Kerela
12. Shri Jagdeep Kumar, Technical Assistant, NRCD
13. Shri Vishal Kapoor, cGanga
14. Shri Rahul, cGanga