

Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Irrigation & Public Health

NOTIFICATION

No. IPH-B(A)-1-1/2013.

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Government of India in the Ministry has sanctioned the Swan River Flood Management Project from Daulatpur Bridge to Gagret Bridge in main Swan River & all tributaries joining the main Swan River from Daulatpur Bridge to Santokhgarh Bridge in District Una, Himachal Pradesh (Flood Control, estimated Cost Rs. 922.48 Crore at March 2013 Price Level.)

The proposal envisages construction of embankments and anti-erosion works (total length 387.58 km) on both the banks of main Swan river from Daulatpur bridge (RD 58390) to Gagret bridge (RD 47500) as well as 55 number of tributaries joining the main Swan river on both banks. Apart from that, 22 RCC culverts and 1740 RCC pipe drainage structures have also been proposed. The project would provide benefit to 7163.49 ha area and 2,35,834 population of 165 villages in Una district of Himachal Pradesh. The project would be completed in 48 months.

Government of India, in the Ministry of Water Resources have further advised that for ensuring safer passage of flood water through villages as well as intra village and inter village drainage of flood water the State government need to move forward the "room for the river" approach by diverting their focus from engineering/structural flood management solutions to non structural as well as catchment area treatment measures/water shed management for restoring the health of natural drainage.

In order to provide an integrated framework for utilizing multiple sources of funding and activities relating to protection and management of Swan River and its catchment through channelization and other allied activities for stabilization of the river drainage system, therefore, in exercise of the executive power of the State under Article 162 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to constitute the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority as a specially empowered the State Govt. entity with the Chief Minister of HP as its chairperson.

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The H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall function through a Governing Body and an Executive Committee.

GOVERNING BODY:

(i) Chief Minister -	Chairperson.
(ii) IPH Minister -	Vice Chairperson
(iii) Minister of Industries (as Minister from Una District)	Member
(iv) Chief Secretary	Member
(v) Secretary* (IPH)	Member
(vi) Secretary* (Finance & Planning)	Member
(vii) Secretary* (Agriculture)	Member
(viii) Secretary* (Horticulture)	Member
(ix) Secretary* (Panchayati Raj & Rural Development) -	Member
(x) Engineer in Chief (IPH)	Member
(xi) Engineer-in-Chief (Project), IPHH.P.	- Member Secretary

(* the term Secretary to the Govt. of HP includes Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Commissioner cum Secretary.)

The Governing Body shall lay down the broad policy framework for the functioning of H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority and review its working from time to time and shall meet twice a year. The Governing Body would have the powers of the Cabinet and issues pertaining to the Swan River Channelization which otherwise may require to be taken to the Cabinet for approval shall be approved in the body. The body shall also resolve the inter-sectoral issues requiring immediate intervention for the successful implementation of the Project.

The Governing Body shall in particular:

- (i) lay down and/ or approve rules and procedures for the functioning of the Governing Body and its Executive Committee, subject to the overarching objectives and core principles of H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority;

- (ii) monitor the progress of the utilization of funds released by the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority and shall ensure quality control in the implementation of work;
- (iii) Approve the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) prepared by the Executive Committee. This will also include the description of activities, approval of number of tenders to be invited in a particular year their cost, material requirement and time line of completion;
- (iv) Approve the annual reports and audited accounts of the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority;
- (v) Ensure inter-departmental coordination. The Committee will resolve the issues of inter- sectoral co-ordination with the line departments/ sectors like Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development, Forests and other Projects working in the area who will ultimately benefit from the success of Channelization.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

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| (i) IPH Minister HP | Chairperson |
| (ii) Minister of Industries (as Minister from Una District) | Member |
| (iii) Secretary IPH to the Govt. of HP | Member |
| (iv) Secretary Finance to the Govt. of HP | Member |
| (v) Engineer in Chief IPH | Member |
| (vi) Engineer in Chief (Projects) IPH | Member Secretary |

POWERS & FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the Administrative Department and Finance Department and shall in particular discharge the following functions:

- (i) The Executive Committee take all steps for giving effect to the **H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority** and overarching objectives and core principles, in accordance with rules and procedures approved by the Governing Body and the approved APO;

- (ii) approve the activity wise and tender wise APO of the State for various activities with clear timeline and responsibility of carrying out activity, submit it to the Governing Body for each financial year, and obtain the Governing Body's approval for release of funds.
- (iii) approve the break-up of the proposed activities, material requirement and estimated costs with time line for each proposed activity.
- (iv) supervise the works being implemented in the State out of the funds released from the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority;
- (v) be responsible for proper auditing of both receipt and expenditure of funds;
- (vi) develop the code for maintenance of the account at the implementing agency level;
- (vii) submit reports to the Governing Body for review / consideration;
- (viii) prepare detailed Annual Report by end-June for each financial year.
- (ix) The Annual Report shall provide, inter alia, for—
 - (a) the details of various works done, material procured and the amount spent;
 - (b) the details of the amount received by the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority from various sources; and
 - (c) the observations made in the audit report.

In case it is not possible for the Executive Committee to meet, emergent business shall be transacted on file to be routed by the Member Secretary to the Chairperson through the Secretary IPH provided that in matters where concurrence of the Finance Department would have been required in the normal government process, the file shall be routed through the Secretary Finance of the Govt. of HP.

FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS:

The H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall create and maintain a separate Account and funds approved by the state and central governments shall be credited into this account by the by the IPH Department. In addition to this,

- (i) The State Government may also credit to the Account:
 - a. Grants or aid received;
 - b. Any loan take by the Authority or any borrowings made by it; and

- c. Any other sums received by the Authority by way of benefaction, gift or donations
- (ii) The moneys received in the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall be kept in interest bearing account(s) in nationalized bank(s) and periodically withdrawn for the works as per the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) approved by the Governing Body of the Authority.

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES:

- (i) H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall prepare, in such form and at such time in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the H.P. Rivers Channelization Authority.
- (ii) H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall adopt financial regulations and procedures, in particular the procedure for approval and implementing the APO as prescribed and applicable in IPH Department.
- (iii) H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed in consultation with the Accountant General concerned.
- (iv) The accounts of the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall be audited by the Accountant General at such intervals as may be specified by him and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Authority to the Accountant General.
- (v) The Accountant General and any other person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority shall have the same rights and privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Accountant General generally has in connection with the audit of the Government accounts and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect the office of the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority.
- (vi) The accounts of the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority as certified by the Accountant General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit report thereon and annual report, shall be forwarded

annually to the State Government and the MoWR by the H.P. Swan River Channelization Authority.

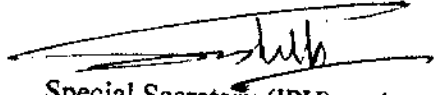
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By order

(Vineet Chawdhry)
Addl. Chief Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. IPH-B(A)-1-1/2013, Dated Shimla-2, 20 th February, 2014
Copy is forwarded to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, HP.
3. The P.S. to the IPH/ Industries/Agriculture/RD Minister, H.P.
4. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P.
5. All Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of H.P.
6. The Engineer-in-Chief (Project), IPH, Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra ,H.P.
7. The Engineer-in-Chief, IPH H.P, US.Club, Shimla .
8. The Secretary to the Governor H.P., Shimla-2.
9. All CEs/SEs, IPH in H.P.


Special Secretary (IPH) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh