

**RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON SHARING OF THE GANGA/GANGES WATERS AT FARAKKA
BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH HELD AT NEW DELHI FROM
20TH TO 24TH JULY, 2006**

1. The Thirty-fourth Meeting of the Joint Committee on sharing of waters of the Ganga/Ganges at Farakka was held at New Delhi from 20th to 24th July, 2006. The Indian delegation was led by Shri S. P. Kakran, Commissioner (Ganga), Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, Member, Joint Rivers Commission and Chairman, Joint Committee. The Bangladeshi delegation was led by Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan, Member Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) and Co-Chairman, Joint Committee, Bangladesh side. The list of participants is given at Annex-I.
2. At the outset, the Team Leader of Indian side welcomed the Bangladesh Team Leader and his delegation. The Bangladesh Team Leader expressed his sincere thanks to the Leader of Indian Team for making excellent arrangements for their stay at New Delhi.
3. The Joint Committee reviewed the working arrangements of sharing the dry season flows of the Ganga/Ganges at Farakka from 1st January to 31st May, 2006 and monitoring thereof by the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Observation Teams stationed at Farakka in India and at Hardinge Bridge in Bangladesh.

The Committee examined the field data collected during the period from 1st January to 31st May, 2006 and noted that these were collected in accordance with the procedures and guidelines laid down by the Committee at its First Meeting held at Dhaka in December, 1996.

5. It was decided that before commencement of observation in the next dry season the Committee should, well ahead of time, decide upon the location of the measurement sites at Farakka in India and at Hardinge Bridge in Bangladesh by considering suitability of alternative sites, if required, taking into consideration of VVD, HVD, Mass Curve and other relevant factors.

6. The Joint Committee held in-depth discussions with regard to the implementation of the arrangements contained in the Treaty of December, 1996 for sharing the Ganga/Ganges waters at Farakka between Bangladesh and India for the dry season of 2006. After detailed discussions, the Joint Committee finalized its Annual Report of the year 2006 for submission to the two Governments.
7. The Joint Committee expressed its special thanks and deep gratitude for the assistance, co-operation and courtesy it received from various Government Departments, Institutions and Organizations including Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of the Republic of India, Farakka Barrage Project Authority, Central Water Commission (CWC) and Government of West Bengal in India and Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Kushtia O & M Circle, Surface Water Hydrology and other related offices of Bangladesh Water Development Board in Bangladesh.
8. The Joint Committee decided to place on record the commendable work done by the members of the Joint Observation Teams both at Farakka in India and at Hardinge Bridge in Bangladesh without which it would not have been possible for the Joint Committee to carry out its functions efficiently.
9. The Committee proposed to hold its next meeting in November, 2006 in Bangladesh alongwith field visits.

New Delhi
24 July, 2006

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S. P. KAKRAN



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TAUHIDUL ANWAR KHAN



Annex-I

Sl No.	Indian Delegation		Bangladesh Delegation	
1.	Shri S. P. Kakran Commissioner(Ganga) & Member Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission	Leader of the Delegation	Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission	Leader of the Delegation
2.	Shri Ravi Shanker Senior Joint Commissioner (Ganga) Ministry of Water Resources	Member	Mr. Mir Sajjad Hossain Director Joint Rivers Commission Bangladesh	Member
3.	Shri Manoj Kumar Mohapatra Under Secretary (BD) Ministry of External Affairs Government of India New Delhi	Member	Mr. Golam Mustafa Executive Engineer Joint Rivers Commission Bangladesh	Member
4.	Shri B.B Haldar Executive Engineer, Lower Ganga Division, Central Water Commission, Berhampore.	Special Invitee	Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Counsellor and Head of Chancery Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh at Kolkata India	Special Invitee




APPENDIX -10

COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT TEAM AT FARAKKA DURING 2006

INDIAN SIDE

1. Shri B. B. Haldar
Executive Engineer
Lower Ganga Division
CWC, Berhampore
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
2. Shri M. K. Ghosh
Assistant Engineer
Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
3. Shri Bhaskar Dutt
Junior Engineer
Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
4. Shri S. C. Roy
Junior Engineer
Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
5. Shri P. K. Dhali
Research Assistant
Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
6. Shri K. K. Deb
Junior Engineer
Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
7. Shri A. K. Yadav
Assistant Silt Analyst
Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
8. Shri R. K. Sanyal
Gauge Assistant, B.J. Sub-Div.
CWC Krishnagar
(16.05.2006 to 31.05.2006)
9. Shri D.D. Sarkar
Junior Engineer, B.J. Sub-Div.
CWC Krishnagar
(16.02.2006 to 28.02.2006
and 10.04.2006 to 04.05.2006)
10. Shri B.R. Pal
Gauge Assistant, CWC, Berhampore
(08.02.2006 to 15.02.2006, 01.03.2006 to
30.03.06, 05.05.06 to 15.05.2006)
11. Sh C.R. Mandal
Junior Engineer, CWC Krishnagar
(01.01.2006 to 15.01.2006)
12. Sh. S.Das
Junior Engineer, CWC Krishnagar
(01.02.2006 to 07.02.2006)

BANGLADESH SIDE

1. Mr. Md. Fazlur Rahman
Executive Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(01.01.2006 to 15.03.2006)
2. Mr. Md. Jahid Hossain Jahangir
Executive Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(16.03.2006 to 31.05.2006)
3. Mr. Riazuddin Ahmed
Executive Engineer
North Eastern Measurement Division
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka
(01.01.2006 to 15.03.2006)
4. Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain
Executive Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(16.03.2006 to 31.05.2006)
5. Mr. Md. Mahmudur Rahman
Sub-Divisional Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(01.01.2006 to 16.03.2006)
6. Mr. Mahmud Ilias
Sub-Divisional Engineer
North Eastern Measurement Division
Bangladesh Water Development Board,
(01.01.2006 to 15.03.2006)
7. Mr. Golam Mostafa
Deputy Director
North Eastern Measurement Division
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka
(16.03.2006 to 31.05.2006)
8. Mr. Mohammad Mahadi Hasan
Assistant Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(16.03.2006 to 31.5.2006)

APPENDIX -11

COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT TEAM AT HARDINGE BRIDGE DURING 2006

INDIAN SIDE

1. Shri Chandeshwar Singh
Deputy Director,
Flood Management Planning Directorate,
Central Water Commission, New Delhi
(01.01.2006 to 20.02.2006)
2. Shri M. K. Saha,
Executive Engineer,
Lower Brahmaputra Division,
Central Water Commission,
Jalpaiguri, West Bengal
(21.02.2006 to 10.04.2006)
3. Shri K. K. Rajan,
Executive Engineer,
S. W. R. Division,
Central Water Commission,
PO. Kochi-682020
(11.04.2006 to 31.05.2006)
4. Shri K. Ravindran
Extra Assistant Director
BCD (NW & NWS),
CWC, New Delhi
(01.01.2006 to 20.02.2006)
5. Shri M. Poddar
Extra Assistant Director
CWC, New Delhi
(21.02.2006 to 10.04.2006)
6. Shri N. Chattopadhyay
Assistant Engineer
U.D. Sub Division
CWC, Distt.-Bokaro, Jharkhand
(11.04.2006 to 31.05.2006)

BANGLADESH SIDE

1. Mr Md. Abdul Hai Baqui
Executive Engineer
Northern Measurement Division, BWDB,
Pabna
(01.01.2006 to 10.03.2006)
2. Mr.Md. Daulatuzzaman
Sub Divisional Engineer
Northern Measurement Division, BWDB,
Pabna
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
3. Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman
Deputy Director
Northern-Measurement Division, BWDB,
Pabna
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)
4. Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain
Section Officer, Bheramara
Northern Measurement Division, BWDB,
Pabna
(01.01.2006 to 31.05.2006)

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