

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE THIRTY FIFTH (35TH) MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SHARING OF THE GANGA/GANGES WATERS AT FARAKKA BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH HELD AT KOLKATA ON APRIL 14, 2007 (INCORPORATING VISIT TO JOINT OBSERVATION SITES AT FARAKKA ON APRIL 12, 2007)

The 35th meeting of the Joint Committee on sharing of the Ganga/Ganges waters was held at Kolkata on April 14, 2007 after visit to the joint observation sites at Farakka on April 12, 2007. The Indian delegation was led by Shri S. P. Kakran, Commissioner (Ganga), Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission and Chairman, Joint Committee. The Bangladesh delegation was led by Mr. Mir Sajjad Hossain, Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission and Co-Chairman, Joint Committee. The list of participants is given at **Annex-I**. The list of Observation Teams presently stationed for joint observation at Farakka and Hardinge Bridge is given at **Annex-II**.

2. At the outset, the Team Leader of the Indian side welcomed the Bangladesh Team Leader and his delegation. The Bangladesh Team Leader thanked the Indian Team Leader for making excellent arrangements for their stay at Kolkata and Farakka.
3. The joint monitoring of flows of river Ganga/Ganges at Farakka started on 1st January, 2007 at section 1030m downstream of Farakka Barrage and in the Feeder Canal at section 535m downstream of the Head Regulator
4. The Indian side placed before the Committee cross sections, HVD, VVD, Mass curves for different sections at 1030m, 1230m, 1430m, 1730m, 1900m, 2000m and 2653m downstream of the Barrage for the Ganga/Ganges and for 535m, 635m and 1850m downstream of the Head Regulator in the Feeder Canal.
5. The Joint Committee inspected the discharge observation sites downstream of the Farakka Barrage of the Ganga/Ganges and downstream of the Head Regulator for the Feeder Canal on April 12, 2007. The Committee observed a number of probable discharge observation sites at 1030m, 1230m, 1430m, 1730m, 1900m, 2000m, and 2653m downstream of the Barrage in the Ganga/Ganges and at 535m, 635m and 1850m downstream of the Head Regulator of the Feeder Canal.
6. The Joint Committee closely observed the flow measurements at RD 325m and 350m at the cross section at 1030m downstream of the Barrage during the field visit. After examination of details and relevant information and on the basis of site inspection, the Committee decided that the joint observations would be continued at the present site i.e. 1030m downstream of the Farakka Barrage for the Ganga/Ganges. During the visit to the Feeder Canal site the Committee closely observed flow measurements at RD 126m and 133m at the cross section 535m downstream of the Head Regulator. After examination of details and

relevant information and on the basis of site inspection, it was decided by the Joint Committee that discharge observation in the Feeder Canal would be continued at 535m downstream of the Head Regulator of the Feeder Canal.

7. The Committee also inspected the Navigation Lock and Control Room of the Farakka Barrage Project. The Committee discussed various aspects of discharge observations at Farakka below the Barrage and the Head Regulator. The Committee reviewed the flow availabilities at Farakka during different 10-day periods of the current dry season and sharing procedure followed by the Joint Observation Team at Farakka.
8. During discussions in the meeting, the Bangladesh side mentioned that out of total ten 10-day periods from January 01 to April 10, 2007, Bangladesh has received less quanta of water on five occasions (January 1st, 2nd and 3rd and February 1st and 2nd 10-day periods) than its share shown in Column-4 of Annexure-II of the Ganges Water Treaty, 1996. The Bangladesh side in this regard referred to the provisions of Article II (ii) of the 1996 Ganges Waters Treaty and requested the Indian side to do the needful to avoid such occurrence.
9. The Indian side stated that the provisions of the Treaty are being honoured by India in letter and spirit, and emphasized that the releases being made to Bangladesh at Farakka are in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty under Annexure-I & II. The Indian side clarified that the schedule enclosed as Annexure-II of the Treaty is only indicative and it can be followed only when the actual availability corresponds to the average flows. Therefore, it cannot be compared with flows during a particular year, as the flows during a particular year depend upon hydro-meteorological conditions in that year.
10. The Joint Committee agreed to undertake its next visit to the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge and hold 36th meeting at Dhaka in May, 2007 on mutually convenient dates.

Signed on April 14, 2007 at Kolkata.

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(S. P. KAKRAN)

Chairman



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(MIR SAJJAD HOSSAIN)

Co-Chairman



Sl. No.	Indian Delegation	Bangladesh Delegation
1.	Mr. S. P. Kakran Commissioner (Ganga) and Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission	Mr. Mir Sajjad Hossain, Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission
2.	Mr. Ravi Shanker Senior Joint Commissioner(Ganga), Ministry of Water Resources	Mr. Md. Zulfiquar Rahman Deputy High Commissioner High Commission of Bangladesh in New Delhi, India
3.	Mr. Praveen Kumar Deputy Commissioner Ministry of Water Resources	Mr. Md. Jahid Hossain Jahangir Executive Engineer Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
4.	Mr. M. K. Mohapatra Under Secretary Ministry of External Affairs	
5.	Mr. B. B. Haldar Executive Engineer, Lower Ganga Division Central Water Commission, Bherhampore	

Sl. No.	Indian Observers		Sl. No.	Bangladesh Observers	
	Farakka			Farakka	
1.	Mr. B. B. Haldar Executive Engineer	Team Leader	1.	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Executive Engineer	Team Leader
2.	Mr. A. K. Hazra Assistant Engineer	Member	2.	Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed Sub-Divisional Engineer	Member
3.	Mr. S. C. Roy Junior Engineer	Member	3.	Mr. Md. Mansur Ali Biswas Deputy Director	Member
4.	Mr. K. K. Dev Junior Engineer	Member	4.	Mr. Gholam Mostafa Deputy Director	Member
5.	Mr. Bhaskar Datta Junior Engineer	Member			
6.	Mr. P. K. Dhali Research Assistant	Member			
7.	Mr. A. K. Yadav Assistant Silt Analyst	Member			
Hardinge Bridge			Hardinge Bridge		
1.	Mr. S. B. V. Somayajulu Executive Engineer	Team Leader	1.	Mr. Md. Abdul Hai Baqui Executive Engineer	Team Leader
2.	Mr. Dhananjay Kumar Assistant Director	Member	2.	Mr. Md. Daulatazzaman Sub Divisional Engineer	Field Team Leader
			3.	Mr. Md. Tofazzal Hossain Assistant Engineer	Member
			4.	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Section Officer	Member