

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SHARING OF THE GANGA/GANGES WATERS AT FARAKKA BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH HELD AT DHAKA ON 28 MAY, 2007 (INCORPORATING VISIT TO JOINT OBSERVATION SITE AT HARDINGE BRIDGE, BHERAMARA ON 27 MAY, 2007).

1. The 36th meeting of the Joint Committee on sharing of the Ganga/Ganges waters at Farakka, was held at Dhaka on 28 May, 2007 after visit to the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge, Bheramara on 27 May, 2007.
2. The Bangladesh delegation was led by Mr. Mir Sajjad Hossain, Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) and Chairman, Joint Committee, Bangladesh side. 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 Co-Chairman, Joint Committee, Indian side. The list of participants is given at Annex-I. The list of observers presently stationed for joint observation at Farakka and Hardinge Bridge is given at Annex-II.
3. At the outset, of the meeting, the Team Leader of Bangladesh side welcomed the Indian Team Leader and his delegation at Dhaka for the 36th meeting of the Joint Committee. The Indian Team Leader expressed his sincere thanks to the Bangladesh Team Leader for making excellent arrangements for their stay at Dhaka and for the field visit to the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge, Bheramara.
4. The Joint Committee inspected the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge on 27 May, 2007. The Bangladesh side placed before the Committee an index plan of the Hardinge Bridge reach of the Ganga/Ganges and river cross sections including HVD, VVD and Mass Curve for the sites at 2500 ft., 8500 ft., 9000 ft., 9500 ft. and 10,000 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge on the basis of survey conducted during November, 2006.
5. The Committee noted that the Joint Discharge Observation at the Hardinge Bridge during the dry season of 2007 had commenced on 1st January 2007 at the cross section 9500 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge.
6. The Joint Committee observed a number of probable discharge observation sites of the Ganga/Ganges river at 2500 ft., 8500 ft., 9000 ft., 9500 ft. and 10000 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge. The Joint Committee also observed the flow measurements at RD 990m, 1935m and 1080m at the cross section at 9500 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge and found the observations satisfactory.

7. On the day of joint visit at Hardinge Bridge site, the river discharge was recorded as 60,560 cusec by the Joint Observation Team.
8. The Committee after examination of details and relevant information and on the basis of site inspection observed with satisfaction that the joint observation site at the section 9500 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge was in conformity with the guidelines for the joint observation at Hardinge Bridge set out earlier by the Joint Committee.
9. Mr. Jalal Uddin Md. Abdul Hye, Chief Engineer, Hydrology, Bangladesh Water Development Board, Mr. Abdul Hai Baqui, Team Leader Bangladesh side of the Joint Observation Team and Shri. S. B. V. Somayajulu, Team Leader, Indian side of the Joint Observation Team at Hardinge Bridge were present during the field inspection and discussions at Bheramara.
10. The meeting was held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. It was decided that the next meeting of the Joint Committee on Sharing of the Ganga/Ganges Waters at Farakka for finalization of its Annual Report for the year 2007 would be held at New Delhi/Dhaka in October, 2007 at mutually convenient dates.

Dated: 28 May, 2007

Sd/-
(MIR SAJJAD HOSSAIN)
Chairman



Sd/-
(S. P. KAKRAN)
Co- Chairman



Sl. No.	Indian Delegation		Bangladesh Delegation	
1.	Mr. S. P. Kakran Commissioner (Ganga) and Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission	Leader of the Delegation	Mr. Mir Sajjad Hossain, Member, Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission	Leader of the Delegation
2.	Mr. Ravi Shanker Senior Joint Commissioner(Ganga), Central Water Commission, Ministry of Water Resources	Member	Mr. Md. Jahid Hossain Jahangir Executive Engineer Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh	Member
3.	Mr. Praveen Kumar Deputy Commissioner Central Water Commission, Ministry of Water Resources	Member	Ms. Preeti Rahman Assistant Secretary (SA-1) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	Special Invitee
4.	Mr. B. B. Halder Executive Engineer, Lower Ganga Division Central Water Commission, Bherhampore	Special Invitee		

A. Joint Observation Team at Farakka

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			

B. Joint Observation Team at 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. Anisur Rahman Deputy Director	Member
			4.	Mr. Md. Tofazzal Hossain Assistant Engineer	Member
			5.	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Section Officer	Member

**INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY THE ENGINEER TO
INDIAN SIDE OF JOINT TEAM IN DUPLICATE**

(To be sent by 0800 hours every day)

Were any adjustments made in releases after the daily regulation about 1400 hours of previous day? Yes/No.

If any adjustments were made in releases indicate quantum of such adjustment and consequent estimated releases to Feeder Canal; including navigation lock and time of making such adjustment, quantum of such adjustment and consequent estimated releases to Bangladesh and time of making such adjustment; each adjustment should be indicated individually.

Specimen Information

Releases to Feeder Canal reduced by estimated 1000 cusec at 1800 hours, reducing estimated release to Feeder Canal from 40,000 cusec to 39,000 cusec from 1800 hours onwards. Release to river increased by estimated 1000 cusec at 1800 hours increasing estimated release to river Ganga from 45,000 cusec to 46,000 cusec from 1800 hours onwards.

The Navigation Lock was operated on 15.01.97 and release to Feeder Canal increased by 3.00 cusec from 0830 hrs. to 1030 hrs. on 15.01.97 increasing release to Feeder Canal from estimated cusec to estimated cusec.

To Indian side of Team of
Joint Committee.

Engineer-in-charge
Head Works in Farakka.

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**DAILY GAUGE RECORD AT FARAKKA OF FEEDER CANAL
AND RIVER BELOW FARAKKA BARRAGE**

1. Date :
2. Gauge readings :

Hours	Feeder Canal		Ganga Below Farakka Barrage	
	At discharge site	At slope gauge Downstream	At Discharge site	At slope gauge Downstream
0800				
1200				
1600				
2000				
2400				

Authorised member of the
Team from Bangladesh.

Authorised member of the
Team from India.

(Signature)

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