

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH (37th) MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SHARING OF THE GANGA/GANGES WATERS AT FARAKKA BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH HELD IN DHAKA ON 28th SEPTEMBER, 2007.

1. The 37th meeting of the Joint Committee on sharing of the Ganga/Ganges waters at Farakka was held in Dhaka on 28th September, 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.
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 37th 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.
4. The Joint Committee appraised the working arrangements of sharing the dry season flows of the Ganga/Ganges at Farakka from 1st January to 31st May, 2007 and monitoring thereof by the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Observation Teams stationed at Farakka in India and at Hardinge Bridge in Bangladesh.
5. The Committee examined the field data collected during the period from 1st January to 31st May, 2007 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.
6. 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 Vertical Velocity Distribution (VVD), Horizontal Velocity Distribution (HVD), Mass Curve and other relevant factors.


7. 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 2007. After detailed discussions, the Joint Committee finalized its Annual Report of the year 2007 for submission to the two Governments.
8. The Joint Committee wishes to express its special thanks and deep gratitude for the assistance, co-operation and courtesy received from various Government Departments, Institutions and Organizations including 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 and 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.
9. 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.
10. The Committee decided to undertake its next visit to the joint observation site at Farakka in India and hold its 38th meeting at Kolkata in January, 2008 on mutually convenient dates.

Dhaka
28th September, 2007

Sd/-
S. P. KAKRAN
Co-Chairman



Sd/-
MIR SAJJAD HOSSAIN
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. Sanjeev Singla First Secretary (Political and Visa) High Commission of India, Dhaka	Special Invitee	Ms. Preeti Rahman Assistant Secretary (South Asia-I) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Government of Bangladesh	Special invitee
4.	Mr. Praveen Kumar Deputy Commissioner Central Water Commission, Ministry of Water Resources	Member		

COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT TEAM AT FARAKKA FOR THE YEAR 2007

- INDIAN SIDE**
1. Shri B. B. Halder
Executive Engineer, Lower Ganga Division,
CWC, Berhampore
(01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 2. Shri Bhadan Pal
Assistant Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division,
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2007 to 15.01.2007
& 11.02.2007 to 18.02.2007)
 3. Shri N. Pal
Assistant Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division,
CWC, Farakka
(16.01.2007 to 02.02.2007)
 4. Shri N. Chattopadhyay
Assistant Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division,
CWC, Farakka
(03.02.2007 to 10.02.2007)
 5. Shri A. K. Hazra
Assistant Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division,
CWC, Farakka
(19.02.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 6. Shri Bhaskar Datta
Junior Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 7. Shri K. K. Deb
Junior Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 8. Shri P. K. Dhali
Research Assistant, Lower Ganga Sub-Division
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 9. Shri S. C. Roy
Junior Engineer, Lower Ganga Sub-Division,
CWC, Farakka
(01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 10. Shri A. K. Yadav
Assistant Silt Analyst, Lower Ganga Sub-Division, CWC,
Farakka
(01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 11. Sh. C.R. Mandal
Junior Engineer, B.J. Sub-Division,
CWC Krishnagar
(01.01.2007 to 31.01.2007)
 12. Shri D.D. Sarkar
Junior Engineer, B.J. Sub-Division,
CWC Krishnagar
(01.02.2007 to 28.02.2007)
 13. Shri T.K. Dutta
Junior Engineer, B.J. Sub-Division,
CWC, Krishnagar
(01.04.2007 to 30.04.2007)
 14. Shri R. K. Sanyal
Gauge Assistant, B.J. Sub-Division
CWC Krishnagar
(01.03.2007 to 31.03.2007
and 01.05.2007 to 31.05.2007)

- BANGLADESH SIDE**
1. Mr. Golam Mustafa
Executive Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(01.01.2007 to 15.03.2007)
 2. Mr. Md. Salim Bhuiyan
Executive Engineer
Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka
(01.01.2007 to 15.03.2007)
 3. Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman
Deputy Director
Northern Measurement Division
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Pabna
(01.01.2007 to 15.03.2007)
 4. Mr. Arifuzzaman Khan
Assistant Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(01.01.2007 to 15.03.2007)
 5. Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain
Executive Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(16.03.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 6. Mr. Md Mansur Ali Biswas
Deputy Director
Surface Water Hydrology
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka
(16.03.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 7. Mr. Golam Mostafa
Deputy Director
Surface Water Hydrology
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka
(16.03.2007 to 31.05.2007)
 8. Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed
Sub Divisional Engineer
Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh
(16.03.2007 to 31.05.2007)

APPENDIX -11

COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT TEAM AT HARDINGE BRIDGE DURING 2007

INDIAN SIDE		BANGLADESH SIDE	
1.	Shri A. K. Srivastava Deputy Director, National Water Academy, Central Water Commission, Pune (01.01.2007 to 20.02.2007)	1.	Mr Md. Abdul Hai Baqui Executive Engineer Northern Measurement Division, BWDB, Pabna (01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
2.	Shri Suresh Chandra Mishra Executive Engineer Middle Ganga Division II Central Water Commission, Lucknow (21.02.2007 to 11.04.2007)	2.	Mr. Md. Daulatuzzaman Sub Divisional Engineer Northern Measurement Division, BWDB, Pabna (01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
3.	Shri SBV Somayajulu Executive Engineer, Lower Krishna Division, Central Water Commission, Hyderabad (12.04.2007 to 31.05.2007)	3.	Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman Deputy Director Northern-Measurement Division, BWDB, Pabna (21.03.2007 to 31.05.2007)
4.	Shri Ramesh Kumar Assistant Director, Training Directorate, Central Water Commission, New Delhi (01.01.2007 to 20.02.2007)	4	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Section Officer, Bheramara Northern Measurement Division, BWDB, Pabna (01.01.2007 to 31.05.2007)
5.	Shri D K Roy Extra Assistant Director, NHD Directorate (NBP) Central Water Commission New Delhi (21.02.2007 to 11.04.2007)		
6.	Shri Dhananjay Kumar Assistant Director EWU Directorate Central Water Commission, New Delhi (12.04.2007 to 31.05.2007)		