

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE THIRTY NINTH (39th) MEETING OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON SHARING OF THE GANGA/GANGES WATERS AT FARAKKA
BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH HELD IN DHAKA ON MAY 22, 2008
(INCORPORATING VISIT TO JOINT OBSERVATION SITE AT HARDINGE BRIDGE,
BHERAMARA ON MAY 21, 2008).

1. The 39th meeting of the Joint Committee on sharing of the Ganga/Ganges waters at Farakka was held in Dhaka on May 22, 2008 after visit to the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge, Bheramara on 21 May, 2008. The Bangladeshi delegation was led by Mr. Mir Sajjad Hossain, Member, Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) and Chairman, Joint Committee, Bangladesh side. The Indian delegation was led by Mr. S. P. Kakran, Commissioner (Ganga), Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, Member, Joint Rivers Commission and Co-Chairman, Joint Committee. 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**.
2. At the outset, the Team Leader of Bangladesh side welcomed the Indian Team Leader and his delegation. The Indian Team Leader expressed his sincere thanks to the Leader of Bangladesh Team for making excellent arrangements for their stay at Dhaka and for the field visit to joint observation site.
3. The Joint Committee inspected the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge on May 21, 2008. The Bangladesh side placed before the Committee an index plan of the Hardinge Bridge reach of the Ganga/Ganges and river cross sections including Horizontal Velocity Distribution (HVD), Vertical Velocity Distribution (VVD) and Mass Curve for the alternative site locations 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, 2007.
4. The Committee noted that the Joint Discharge Observation at the Hardinge Bridge during the dry season of 2008 had commenced on 1st January 2008 at the cross section 10000 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge side. The Joint Committee observed a number of probable discharge observation sites of the Ganga/Ganges river 2500 ft., 8500 ft., 9000 ft., 9500 ft. and 10000 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge.
5. The Joint Committee also observed the flow measurements at RD 1080 m., 1125m. and 1170m. at the cross section at 10000 ft. upstream of Hardinge Bridge and found that the discharge observations are conducted as per procedure.
6. On the day of Joint visit at Hardinge Bridge site, the river discharge was recorded as 35306 cusec by the Joint Observation Team.
7. 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 10000 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. The Committee agreed the joint

8. The Committee also examined the data related to daily observation and found that data were collected as per procedure of the joint observation at Hardinge Bridge set out earlier by the Joint Committee.
9. The meeting was held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.
10. The Joint Committee agreed to hold its next meeting in New Delhi on mutually convenient dates for finalization of its annual report of 2008.

Signed on 22 May, 2008 at Dhaka.

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

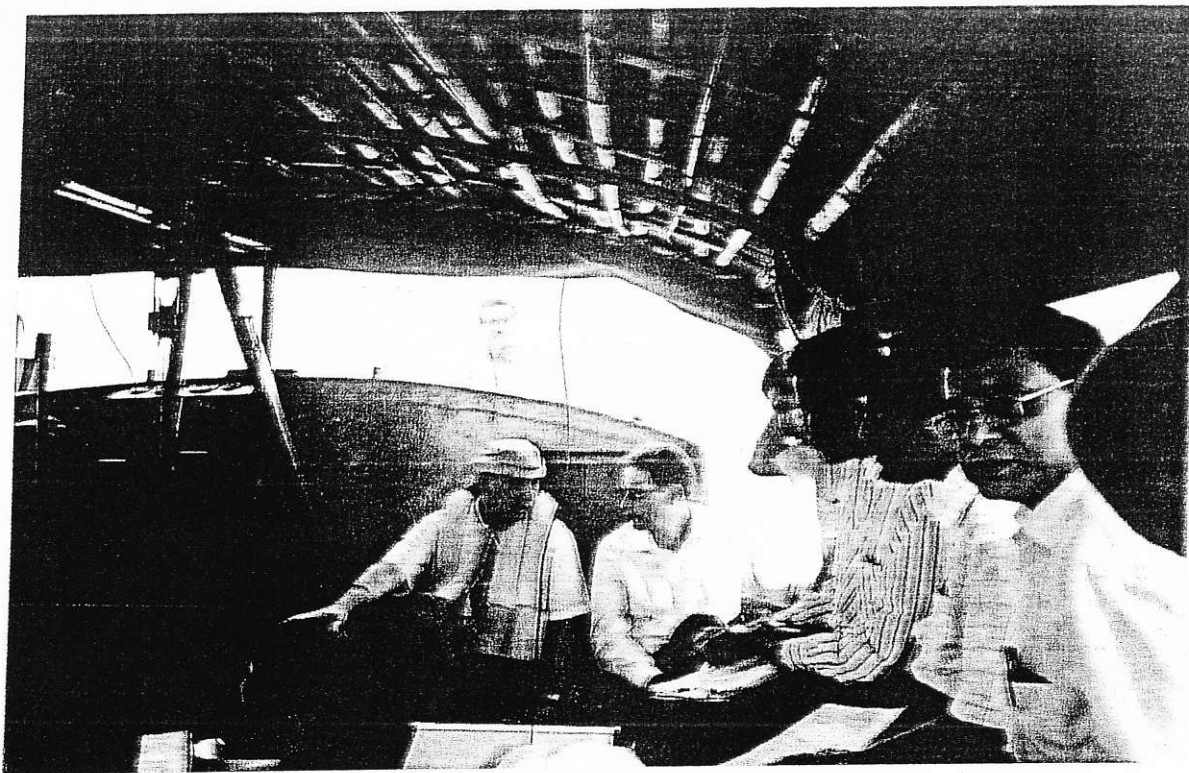
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(MIR SAJJAD HOSSAIN)
Chairman

ANNEX -I

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) Ministry of Water Resources	Member	Mr. Md. Salim Bhuiyan Director, Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh	Member
3.	Mr. Aseem Mahajan Deputy secretary Ministry of External Affairs	Special Invitee	Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood Director (SA) Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Special Invitee
4.	Mr. Praveen Kumar Deputy Commissioner(Ganga) Ministry of Water Resources	Member	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Executive Engineer Joint Rivers Commission Bangladesh	Member
5.	Mr. M. K. Saha Executive Engineer Central Water Commission Ministry of Water Resources	Special Invitee		

Sl. No.	Indian Observers		Sl. No.	Bangladesh Observers	
	<u>Farakka</u>			<u>Farakka</u>	
1.	Mr. M. K. Saha Executive Engineer	Team Leader	1.	Mr. Md. Jahid Hossain Jahangir Executive Engineer	Team Leader
2.	Mr. A K Hazra Assistant Engineer	Member	2.	Mr. Md. Daulatazzaman Sub-Divisional Engineer	Member
3.	Mr. S C Roy Junior Engineer	Member	3.	Mr. Md. Salim Gazi Sub-Divisional Engineer	Member
4.	Mr. K K Dev Junior Engineer	Member	4.	Mr. Arifuzzaman Khan Assistant Engineer	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			
	<u>Hardinge Bridge</u>			<u>Hardinge Bridge</u>	
1.	Mr. Ajay Kumar Executive Engineer	Team Leader	1.	Mr. Md. Kabibur Rahman Executive Engineer	Team Leader
2.	Mr. Jacob Cherian. C Extra-Assistant Director	Member	2.	Mr. Md. Tofazzal Hossain Assistant Engineer	Field Team Leader
			3.	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Section Officer	Member
			4.	Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim Surveyor	Member

VISIT TO JOINT OBSERVATION SITE AT HARDINGE BRIDGE
AND THIRTY NINTH (39TH) MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE



Visit to Joint Observation Site at Hardinge Bridge



Exchanging the Records of discussions of 39th Meeting of Joint Committee by Members, JRC