

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE FORTIETH MEETING OF THE JOINT  
COMMITTEE ON SHARING OF THE GANGA/GANGES WATERS AT  
FARAKKA BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH HELD AT KOLKATA  
FROM 11<sup>th</sup> TO 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER' 2008

1. The 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Committee on sharing of the Ganga/ Ganges waters at Farakka was held at Kolkata on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.
2. 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.
3. At the outset of the meeting, the Team Leader of Indian side welcomed the Bangladesh Team Leader and his delegation at Kolkata for the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Committee. The Bangladesh Team Leader expressed his sincere thanks to the Indian Team Leader for making excellent arrangements for their stay at Kolkata.
4. The Joint Committee appraised the working arrangements of sharing the dry season flows of the Ganga/Ganges at Farakka from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008 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 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008 and noted that these were collected in accordance with the procedures and guidelines laid down by the Committee at its First Meeting held in Dhaka in December, 1996.
6. It was decided that before commencement of joint observations in the next dry season the Committee should, at the onset of the dry season, 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 2008. After detailed discussions, the Joint Committee finalized its Annual Report of the year 2008 for submission to the respective 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 Water Resources, Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, High Commission of India, Dhaka, Farakka Barrage Project Authority, Central Water Commission (CWC) and Government of West Bengal in India and Ministry of Water Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Bangladesh High Commission, New Delhi, Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, Kushtia O & M Circle, Surface Water Hydrology and other offices of Bangladesh Water Development Board in Bangladesh.
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 Bheramara (Hardinge Bridge) in Bangladesh and hold its 41<sup>st</sup> meeting in Dhaka in January, 2009 on mutually convenient dates.

Kolkata  
12<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

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(MIR SAJJAD HOSSAIN)  
Co-Chairman

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(S.P. KAKRAN)  
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. Syed Masud Mahmood Khundoker Deputy High Commissioner Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, India	Special Invitee
3.	Mr Praveen Kumar Deputy Commissioner (Ganga) Ministry of Water Resources	Member	Mr. Md. Salim Bhuiyan Director, Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh	Member
	Mr. Debashish Biswas Acting Head, Branch Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, Kolkata	Special Invitee	Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain Executive Engineer, Joint Rivers Commission Bangladesh	Member
			Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin Senior Assistant Secretary Ministry of Water Resources Bangladesh	Special Invitee
			Mr. Mohammad Monirul Islam First Secretary Bangladesh High Commission New Delhi	Special Invitee

## COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT TEAM AT FARAKKA FOR THE YEAR 2008

## INDIAN SIDE

1. Shri M. K. Saha  
Executive Engineer,  
Lower Ganga Division,  
CWC, Berhampore.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
2. Shri A. K. Hazra  
Assistant Engineer,  
Lower Ganga Sub-Division,  
CWC, Farakka.  
(01.01.2008 to 15.01.2008)
3. Shri Bhaskar Datta  
Junior Engineer,  
Lower Ganga Sub-Division,  
CWC, Farakka.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
4. Shri K. K. Dev  
Junior Engineer,  
Lower Ganga Sub-Division,  
CWC, Farakka.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
5. Shri P. K. Dhali  
Research Assistant,  
Lower Ganga Sub-Division,  
CWC, Farakka.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
6. Shri S. C. Roy  
Junior Engineer,  
Lower Ganga Sub-Division,  
CWC, Farakka.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
7. Shri A. K. Yadav  
Assistant Silt Analyst,  
Lower Ganga Sub-Division,  
CWC, Farakka.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
8. Shri Bani Ranjan Pal  
Gauge Assistant,  
(01.01.2008 to 31.01.2008)
9. Shri D. D. Sarkar  
Junior Engineer,  
B.J. Sub-Division,  
CWC Krishnagar  
(01.02.2008 to 20.02.2008  
and 16.04.2008 to 30.04.2008)
10. Shri R. K. Sanyal  
Gauge Assistant, B.J. Sub-Division  
CWC Krishnagar

## BANGLADESH SIDE

1. Mr. Md. Belayet Hossain  
Executive Engineer, Mapping Cell Division,  
Bangladesh Water Development Board,  
Dhaka.  
(01.01.2008 to 15.03.2008)
2. Mr. Md. Saiful Hossain  
Executive Engineer,  
Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre,  
Bangladesh Water Development Board,  
Dhaka.  
(01.01.2008 to 15.03.2008)
3. Mr. Md. Mahmudur Rahman  
Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Joint Rivers Commission,  
Bangladesh.  
(01.01.2008 to 15.03.2008)
4. Mr. Mohammad Mahadi Hasan  
Assistant Engineer,  
Joint Rivers Commission,  
Bangladesh.  
(01.01.2008 to 15.03.2008)
5. Mr. Md. Jahid Hossain Jahangir  
Executive Engineer  
Joint Rivers Commission,  
Bangladesh.  
(16.03.2008 to 31.05.2008)
6. Mr. Md. Daulatazzaman  
Sub Divisional Engineer  
Northern Measurement Division,  
Bangladesh Water Development Board,  
Pabna.  
(16.03.2008 to 31.05.2008)
7. Mr. Md. Salim Gazi  
Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Surface Water Hydrology,  
Bangladesh Water Development Board,  
Dhaka.  
(16.03.2008 to 31.05.2008)
8. Mr. Arifuzzaman Khan  
Assistant Engineer,  
Joint Rivers Commission,  
Bangladesh.  
(16.03.2008 to 31.05.2008)

## COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT TEAM AT HARDINGE BRIDGE DURING 2008

## INDIAN SIDE

1. Shri R. Azhagesan,  
Executive Engineer, Cauvery Division,  
Central Water Commission,  
HMT Post, Bangalore - 560 031.  
(01.01.2008 to 20.02.2008)
2. Shri R. Thangamani,  
Executive Engineer, Hydrology Division,  
Central Water Commission,  
Chennai - 600 042, Tamil Nadu.  
(21.02.2008 to 11.04.2008)
3. Shri Ajay Kumar,  
Executive Engineer, North Eastern Inv. Division II,  
Central Water Commission,  
Zemabawk Aizawl - 706 017, Mizoram.  
(12.04.2008 to 31.05.2008)
4. Shri Kaila Sreenadhudu  
Assistant Engineer, Lower Krishna Sub Division II,  
Central Water Commission,  
Vijayawada 520 001.  
(01.01.2008 to 20.02.2008)
5. Shri B. Chandran  
Assistant Engineer, Lower Tugabhadra Sub Division,  
Central Water Commission,  
Kurnoon, Andra Pradesh.  
(21.02.2008 to 11.04.2008)
6. Mr. Jacob Cherian. C  
Extra-Assistant Director,  
Project Appraisal (N) Directorate,  
Central Water Commission, New Delhi.  
(12.04.2008 to 31.05.2008)

## BANGLADESH SIDE

1. Mr Md. Nawshad Ali,  
Executive Engineer,  
Northern Measurement Division,  
BWDB, Pabna.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.03.2008)
2. Mr. Md. Kabibur Rahaman,  
Executive Engineer,  
Northern Measurement Division,  
BWDB, Pabna.  
(01.04.2008 to 31.05.2008)
3. Mr. Md. Daulatazzaman  
Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Northern-Measurement Division,  
BWDB, Pabna.  
(01.01.2008 to 10.03.2008)
4. Mr. Md. Tofazzal Hossain  
Assistant Engineer,  
Northern-Measurement Division,  
BWDB, Pabna.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
5. Mr. Md. Mofazzal Hossain  
Section Officer, Bheramara,  
Northern Measurement Division,  
BWDB, Pabna.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)
6. Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim  
Surveyor Section Officer, Bheramara,  
Northern Measurement Division,  
BWDB, Pabna.  
(01.01.2008 to 31.05.2008)





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**ANNEXURE - "C"**

**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.**

**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.