

**AGREED MINUTES OF THE FIRST TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING ON THE
SAPTA KOSI HIGH DAM
(JUNE 5-12, 2000 AT KATHMANDU)**

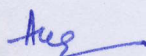
In pursuance to the decision taken in the second meeting of the Joint Team of Experts (JTE) of India and Nepal on Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project (Nepal) held in Kathmandu, Nepal on January 7-9, 1997, the first technical level meeting was held in Kathmandu from June 5-12, 2000. The seven-member Indian Team was led by Mr. A.K.Shangle, Chief Engineer (Yamuna Basin), Central Water Commission (CWC), Government of India (GOI), whereas the six-member Nepalese team was led by Mr. Lekh Man Singh, Deputy Director General, Department of Electricity Development, His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N). The composition of the Indian and Nepalese Team is enclosed at Annexure – I.

2. The site visits were undertaken by both the teams between June 6 and 8 by road/foot and by helicopter on June 10. Both the teams visited Biratnagar, Katari, Janakpur, Chatra, Barahkshetra (by trek), Dharan and Kurule (by helicopter).

3. Opening the discussion at the beginning of the meeting the Team Leader of the Nepalese side extended a warm welcome to the Leader and members of the Indian Team and wished that their stay in Nepal be pleasant and comfortable. The Team Leader of the Indian side, while making his opening remarks, recalled the understandings reached during the second meeting of the JTE and informed that CWC had earlier carried out joint investigations for Sapta Kosi high dam project and based on which a Feasibility Report had been prepared. He also informed that the revised Inception Report prepared by the Nepalese side had already been examined by the GOI and that it be discussed and finalised in the next JTE meeting. He also hoped that this meeting would be able to assess the scope of work, prepare the cost estimates, identify the available infrastructure and discuss the revised Inception Report, which could be put up to the next JTE meeting for acceptance.

4. The draft details of works required for the preparation of joint Detailed Project Report of Sapta Kosi High Dam at Barahkshetra and Sun Kosi Diversion Scheme at Kurule was discussed in detail and was accepted by both sides, after field visits, as the basis of carrying out further investigations, finalisation of cost estimates and for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). Based on the scope of works described in the Inception Report, the preliminary cost estimates were also worked out. A copy of the details of works and preliminary cost estimates is enclosed at Annexure – II. It was agreed that the same would be put up to the next meeting of JTE for consideration and acceptance.

5. The Indian side presented their observations on the revised Inception Report prepared by HMG/N. Among others, the points discussed included, (i) inter-se priority for implementation of Sapta Kosi high dam (Barahkshetra) and Sun Kosi diversion scheme (Kurule); (ii) potential flood control benefits to the downstream areas; and (iii) sediment/silt control benefits. The Indian side informed that the formal comments on the revised Inception Report would be sent to the HMG/N through diplomatic channels soon

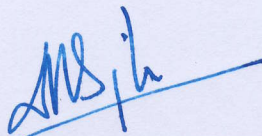


after this meeting. It was agreed that the Inception Report would then be put up to the next JTE meeting for discussion and finalisation.

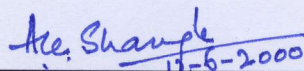
6. Both sides appreciated the need for early finalisation of cost estimates and Inception Report.

The discussions were held in a most cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Signed at Kathmandu on June 12, 2000.



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