

**MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF
INDIA - NEPAL JOINT TEAM OF EXPERTS (JTE) ON SAPTA KOSI
HIGH DAM MULTIPURPOSE PROJECT
(MARCH 21-23, 2001 at NEW DELHI)**

In pursuance to the decision taken at the first meeting of the Nepal - India Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR) held in October 1-3, 2000 at Kathmandu, the 3rd Meeting of the Joint Team of Experts (JTE) between India and Nepal was held at New Delhi on March 21-23, 2001. The Indian delegation was led by Shri S K Das, Member (River Management), Central Water Commission (CWC), Government of India (GOI), New Delhi and delegation of His Majesty's Government of Nepal was led by Mr. Mahendra Nath Aryal, Executive Director, Water & Energy Commission Secretariat, His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN). The composition of the Indian and Nepalese delegations is at Annex-I.

2. The two delegations held detailed discussions on the various items of the agreed Agenda, a copy of which is at Annex-II, and arrived at the following decisions.

2.1 Time Frame for Preparation of Detailed Project Report

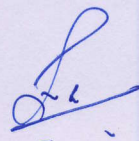
Besides a period of 3 months required for mobilisation activities, a duration of 18 months would be required for carrying out detailed investigations/field works and a further time of 9 months for Design & Studies including preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). However, during the mobilisation and preparation of DPR, only the Joint Project Office (JPO) of the Sapta Kosi Sun Kosi Project Investigations (SKSKI) would be in position. The field Divisions would remain in operation for 24 months only whereas the Sub-Divisions offices will be required for a period of 18 months.

2.2 Organizational Structure to the JPO - SKSKI

The Organization Structure & Staff proposed for JPO-SKSKI by the technical teams in the second meeting held on March 18-20, 2001 at New Delhi was agreed to with the following understanding:

- (i) Joint Project Office (JPO-SKSKI) would be opened at Biratnagar in order to expedite the surveys & investigations at sites and to have better supervision on the field works.





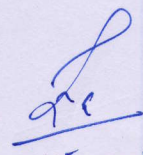
- (ii) A liaison office would be set up at Kathmandu and would be headed by an Officer of the rank of Senior Engineer.
- (iii) Two Sub-Divisions required for command area surveys in India (Bihar state) could be opened at appropriate locations or the work could be entrusted by JPO-SKSKI to Department of Water Resources, Government of Bihar as Deposit Work.
- (iv) The proposed staff strength of the above offices along with organization chart has been agreed as given at Annex-III&IV. However, the proposed strength would apply after approval of the Government of India.

2.3 Pay and Allowances for JPO - SKSKI staff & other Experts

In regard to Pay and Allowances to be paid to the JPO-SKSKI personnel, the two sides agreed as under :

- (i) Indian personnel posted in Nepal would be governed by the rules and regulations of Government of India (GOI) in so far as their salary and other entitlements are concerned and would be paid from GOI funds. Similarly, Nepalese personnel deployed in the JPO-SKSKI would be governed by the rules and regulation of His Majesty's Government of Nepal in regard to their salary and other entitlements and would be paid by His Majesty's Government of Nepal.
- (ii) In addition, the Indian personnel posted in Nepal would be paid a Compensatory Allowance (CA) from the JPO-SKSKI funds. The Nepalese personnel posted at JPO-SKSKI (in Nepal) would be paid a Bilateral Project Investigation Allowance-Nepalese Personnel (BPIA-NP) from the JPO-SKSKI funds. It would be recommended to the GOI to keep this allowance the same as being paid by Joint Project Office -Pancheshwar Investigations (JPO-PI) to the Nepalese staff at Kathmandu. Similarly, the Indian personnel, if posted in India, would be paid a Bilateral Project Investigation Allowance - Indian Personnel (BPIA -IP) from the project funds.
- (iii) Indian and Nepalese personnel deployed with JPO-SKSKI and with its Field Offices would also be entitled to draw per diem allowance while on tour away from their headquarters, in connection with the investigation works. The per-diem would be paid from the JPO-SKSKI funds. The per diem allowance as proposed on the following lines, would be applicable on approval of the Government of India:





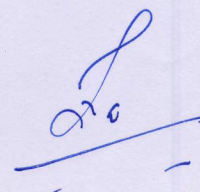
- (a) Regarding tours in the project area, per-diem allowance for all the JPO-SKSKI personnel (Nepalese as well as Indian officers) would be same. It would be recommended to the GOI to keep this allowance the same as being paid by JPO-PI to the Nepalese and Indian staff. The project area would also be defined separately by the JTE in consultation with the two Project Managers.
- (b) The Indian Officials while on tour in the Nepalese territory (away from the Project Area) would be paid per-diem, as per existing GOI rules. Similarly, the Nepalese Officials would be entitled to the per diem allowance at Government of India's applicable per diem plus free accommodation for night stay when they visit India in connection with the Project. However, Indian officials while on tour (away from their headquarter) in the Indian territory would be entitled to a Daily Allowance as per Annex-V enclosed.
- (c) The per-diem allowance for visits of Indian experts (other than JPO-SKSKI personnel) in connection with field investigations, studies or JTE meetings, would also be borne from JPO-SKSKI funds and paid as per existing GOI rules. The per-diem allowance for the Nepalese experts (other than JPO-SKSKI personnel) for visit to the Project Area in connection with the field investigation, studies, etc would be paid at par with JPO-SKSKI personnel as stated above.
- (iv) The allowances as mentioned in (ii) & (iii) above will be enforced in consultation with GOI.

2.4 Budget and Financial Procedure

It was agreed that the budget, accounts and financial procedures of the JPO-SKSKI as well as field offices under it would be as per the norms of the GOI, who would be funding the activities in the form of grant assistance. The monthly statement of accounts prepared by JPO-SKSKI would be submitted to GOI with a copy of the same to the HMGN.

2.5 Mandate for JPO-SKSKI

It was agreed that the mandate for Joint Project Office – Sapta Kosi and Sun Kosi Investigations and responsibilities assigned to the Project Managers would be as given at Annex-VI.



2.6 Financial power to be delegated to the Project Managers

With a view to complete the task of field investigations within the proposed period of eighteen months, the Project Managers should be delegated enhanced financial powers in respect of hiring of office buildings, hiring of motor vehicles and powers for award of works to the National agencies. Proposed financial powers to the Project Managers is attached in Annex-VII that would be delegated in consultation with the Government of India.

2.7 Cost Estimates for DPR preparation

The details of works and preliminary cost estimates for Survey and Investigation of Sapta Kosi High Dam and Sun Kosi Multipurpose Project (I-Works) was discussed and further refined as per Annex-VIII. The cost of establishment would be worked out after the amount of CA, BPIA-NP, BPIA-IP and rate of per-diem at common norms for the project area are finalized. The above would require formal approval of GOI.

2.8 Inception Report

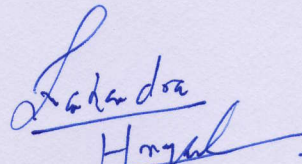
The Revised Inception Report – December, 1999 prepared by HMGN was also discussed in detail by the two sides and most of the issues were resolved. However, the existing consumptive use of water for irrigation and provision of flood cushion in the reservoir need to be further discussed and resolved in subsequent meetings.

3. The meeting was held in the most cordial atmosphere.

Signed on March 23, 2001 at New Delhi.



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