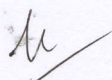


**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE NEPAL-INDIA JOINT TEAM  
OF EXPERTS (JTE) ON SAPTA KOSI HIGH DAM MULTIPURPOSE  
PROJECT HELD ON OCTOBER 12-13, 2001 IN KATHMANDU**

1.0 The Fourth Meeting of the Joint Team of Experts (JTE) between Nepal and India was held on October 12-13, 2001 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Nepalese delegation was led by Mr. Keshab Bahadur Chand, Director General, Department of Electricity Development, Ministry of Water Resources, His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N) and the Indian delegation was led by Shri S.K. Das, Member (River Management), Central Water Commission (CWC), Government of India (GOI). The composition of the Nepalese and Indian delegations is attached as Annex-I.

2.0 Mr. K.B. Chand, the leader of the Nepalese Team, extended a warm welcome to the Indian delegation and wished that their stay in Kathmandu be pleasant and comfortable. He pointed out the importance of utilizing the water resources of the Kosi River for the mutual benefit of both Nepal and India. He also emphasized the need to finalize the Inception Report at the earliest so that the mobilization for field investigations could be started at the earliest.

3.0 Shri S.K. Das, the leader of the Indian Team, thanked the Nepalese side for the arrangements made for their stay at Kathmandu. He also stressed that the Joint Project Offices and Field Offices for undertaking the studies need to be established at the earliest. He pointed out that most of the issues had been settled in the Third JTE Meeting, except for issues on committed use of water for irrigation and the flood cushion to be provided. He expressed the hope that this meeting would resolve these issues and finalize the Inception Report. He also





stated that the field investigation works could be started as soon as the necessary approval from GOI was obtained.

4.0 The two delegations held detailed discussions on the various items of the agreed agenda, a copy of which is attached as Annex-II, and arrived at the following decisions:

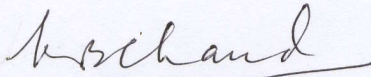
4.1 Both sides agreed to the Inception Report attached hereto as Annex-III. This report would be a guiding document for the Joint Study Team upon approval from the respective governments.

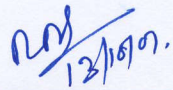
4.2 Both sides agreed that a Joint Project Office – Sapta Kosi and Sun Kosi Investigations (JPO-SKSKI) and related field offices need to be opened at the earliest, preferably by January 31, 2002.

4.3 Both sides agreed to expedite the necessary processes and approvals required for setting up of the offices mentioned in para 4.2 above.

5.0 The meeting was conducted in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Signed at Kathmandu on October 13, 2001.

  
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His Majesty's Government of Nepal

  
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Member (River Management)  
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2. Shri Shailendra Pande ..... Member  
J.S. & F.A. MOWR, New Delhi
3. Shri M.L. Goyal ..... Member  
Commissioner (ER), MOWR, New Delhi
4. Smt. Meera Shankar ..... Member  
Joint Secretary (North), MEA, New Delhi
5. Shri B.P. Singh ..... Member  
Chief Engineer (LGB)  
CWC, Patna
6. Shri A.K. Ganju ..... Member  
Member, GFCC
7. Shri M.M. Rawal ..... Representing Member (H), CEA  
Director, CEA, New Delhi
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1. Smt. Nagma M. Mallick  
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Indian Embassy, Kathmandu
2. Shri T.K. Sinha  
Superintending Engineer  
WRD, Bihar
3. Shri A.K. Sinha  
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## List of Participants from Nepalese Side

1. Mr. Keshab Bahadur Chand ..... Team Leader  
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Department of Electricity Development
2. Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Thapa..... Member  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Water Resources
3. Mr. Lekh Man Singh ..... Member Secretary  
Deputy Director General  
Department of Electricity Development
4. Dr. Umesh Nath Parajuli ..... Member  
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Department of Irrigation
5. Mr. Sudesh Kumar Malla ..... Member  
Sr. Divisional Engineer  
Department of Electricity Development
6. Mr. Sunil Bahadur Malla ..... Member  
Sr. Divisional Engineer  
Department of Electricity Development
7. Mr. Surendra Mananda Bajracharya..... Member  
Sr. Divisional Engineer  
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### Invitee

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**AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT TEAM OF EXPERTS  
(JTE) FOR SAPTA KOSI HIGH DAM MULTIPURPOSE PROJECT**

1. Detailed discussion on the remaining issues of the Revised Inception Report
2. Finalization of the Inception Report.
3. Schedules for mobilization and setting up of Joint Project Office and related Field Offices.
4. General discussions on the formalities for the grant assistance to study the projects.
5. Any other relevant issues.

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