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Creation of Gujarat State Water Mission

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Preamble:

The Govt. of India has launched the National Water Mission(NWM) as part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change(NAPCC) formulated by the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change. The objective of NWM is Conservation of Water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management. Achieving the goals of the NWM involve a co-ordinated multi-disciplinary approach involving several key departments of the State Govt. like Agriculture, Industry, Drinking Water(both rural & urban). Govt. of India therefore requested to consider establishing a State Water Mission for successfully implementing the mission objectives and to consider aligning the programmes and schemes of the Gujarat State in the Water Sector with the goals of National Water Mission(NWM).

Resolution:

After careful consideration, Government of Gujarat constitutes the Gujarat State Water Mission as desired by the Ministry of Water Resources to act as a nodal agency at the state level which will go a long way in spearheading the mission in Gujarat State to achieve the objectives mentioned in the National Water Mission(NWM).

Terms of Reference: Stage-I - Taking Up The Prioritized Strategies

A. Research, Studies & Capacity Building

- Development of water resources information system
- Research and studies on all aspects related to impact of climate change on water resources including quality aspects of water resources with active collaboration of all research organizations working in the area of climate change
- Reassessment of basin-wise water situation
- Projection of the impact of climate change on water resources particularly in areas vulnerable to climate change.
- Research in area of increasing water use efficiency in agriculture, industry and domestic sector
- Undertake Pilot projects for improvement in water use efficiency in

collaboration with focus on areas vulnerable to climate change

- Capacity building and awareness programme including those for Panchayati Raj Institutions, Water Users' Associations, urban local bodies dealing with water and primary users with active involvement of NGOs.

B. Improvement in Management Practices

- Promote participatory irrigation management
- Encourage participation of NGOs in various activities related to water resources management, particularly in planning, capacity building and mass awareness
- Involve and encourage corporate sector / industries to take up support and promote water conservation, augmentation and preservation within the industry and part of corporate social responsibility
- Adequate provision for operation and maintenance of water resources projects
- Incentivize use of efficient irrigation practices and fully utilize the created facilities

C. Expeditious Implementation of Specific Strategies

- Expeditious implementation of water resources projects particularly the multipurpose projects with carry over storages benefitting drought prone and rain deficit areas
- Promotion of traditional system of water conservation
- Intensive programme for ground water recharge in over-exploited areas with active involvement of PRIs, ULBs and NGOs
- Conservation and preservation of wetland
- Systematic approach for coping with floods - preparation of master plan for flood management with due emphasis on non-structural measures for flood management namely flood forecasting, flood plain zoning etc.

D. Policy & Planning

- Review of State Water Policy
- Preparation of guidelines for different uses of water e.g. irrigation, drinking, industrial etc. particularly in context of basin-wise situations
- Planning on the principle of integrated water resources development and management - planning of water resources from state perspective for meeting the requirements for various purposes particularly the drinking water and food production with due consideration to the environmental issues.

Stage-II - Comprehensive Planning for Water Resources Management

Stage-III - Implementation of Various Activities Emerging Out of Comprehensive Plan

Set up of Gujarat State Water Mission:-

The following shall be the members of the Gujarat State Water Mission:

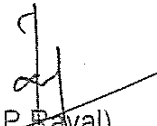
(i)	Chief Secretary	Chairman
(ii)	Adviser to Hon'ble Chief Minister(WR)	Member
(iii)	Additional chief Secretary, Forest & Environment	Member
(iv)	Principal Secretary (WS)	Member
(v)	Principal Secretary (Narmada)	Member
(vi)	Principle Secretary , Agriculture	Member
(vii)	Principle Secretary , Industries	Member
(viii)	Secretary, Urban Development	Member
(ix)	Secretary(WR)	Member
(x)	Commissioner, DRDA	Member
(xi)	Chief Engineer (P & M) W.R.Deptt.	Member Secretary

All the concerned department will process and submit their proposals and agenda for consideration of the Member Secretary so that advance date, time and place for the meeting can be decided and advance intimation of the meeting along with agenda can be communicated to all the members.

The Gujarat State Water Mission shall review the terms of reference from time to time and whenever changes are suggested by National Water Mission. Modifications will be made based on suggestion received from members as well as Government of India.

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