

Revised norms for sanction of grants for operation and maintenance of major and medium irrigation projects.

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Government of Gujarat  
Water Resources Department  
Govt. Resolution No. WMU-1087(3)/2.2  
Dated 20.12.1988  
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

READ:- (i) G.C.Memo No. P/47/65370/8/B dated 16.2.1983  
(ii) GR No. EST-1177-5-G dated 15.1.1980  
(iii) GR No. GEN/3987/270/K6 dated 11.2.1987

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PREAMBLE:

The existing norms for operation and maintenance grants for irrigation projects had been fixed under Govt. Circular at Sr.No.(i) above dated 16.2.1983. Similarly, workload norms for set up of a sub-division for irrigation managements are fixed under Govt. Resolution at Sr.No.(ii) above dated 15.1.1980.

The norms for operation and maintenance grants for irrigation projects have not been revised for the last five years. A huge investment has been incurred by the State Government for the purpose of creating assets like Major and Medium irrigation projects. For the purpose of proper up keep of these assets and to improve the efficiency of irrigation systems adequate provision for operation and maintenance is found necessary.

Government of Gujarat has also entered into agreement with the World Bank for assistance of major and medium irrigation schemes under Credit No.1011-IN and No.1496-IN respectively. As per the agreed covenants of the agreement, Government of Gujarat has to make adequate financial provision for operation and maintenance of irrigation projects. Further a Committee to study the financial requirements for proper maintenance and management

of irrigation projects was also constituted by Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources under Government of India, Resolution No. 6/19/86-8-II dated 19.5.1987, on the basis of the recommendations by the National Conference of Irrigation and Water Resources Ministers of State and Union Territories held in July 1986. The recommendations in the report of this Committee (May 1988) were also taken into consideration while deciding the revised norms.

In order to carry out detailed systematic study of the allocation for O&M grants necessary for proper upkeep of the irrigation systems including their operation and maintenance costs, a study group was constituted by the Government of Gujarat under Resolution dated 11.2.1987 at Sr.N No.(iii) above. The study Group headed by Secretary(F) and Financial Adviser(N) carried out detailed studies covering operational staff cost, other recurrent operational cost, maintenance staff cost etc. by holding six meetings and submitted its report. The recommendations in the report of the study Group for revising the norms for the maintenance and operational cost for major and medium irrigation projects were under consideration of the Government for sometime past.

#### RESOLUTION

After careful consideration, Government is pleased to decide the revised norms for operation and maintenance for major and medium irrigation projects as under :-

- (a) Rs. 180/- per ha. of utilised potential i.e. gross irrigated area per annum for O&M works. Cut of this, allocation for head works shall be to the extent of Rs. 30/- per ha. for ungated spillways and Rs. 40/- per ha for gated spillways.

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(b) Rs. 60/- per ha. of unutilised potential per annum.

(c) Rs. 90/- per ha. of CCA per annum for establishment.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department dated 28th October, 1988 on this Department file of even number.

By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat,

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To

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The Personal Secretary to Minister, Finance  
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The Personal Secretary to Secretary, Water Resources Department.  
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Gandhinagar.  
All Officers, Water Resources Department, Sachivalaya,  
Gandhinagar.  
All Area Development Commissioners.  
All Superintending Engineers  
All Executive Engineers  
All District Development Officers  
All Project Branches/ PM Cell, P. Branch, Budget Branch, L-IV  
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