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**1st Meeting of the Dvisoray Board for Implementation of National Water Mission Moots Concerted Efforts for Achieving the Identified Goals of the Mission**

The 1st meeting of the Advisory Board for implementation of National Water Mission (NWM) in the Ministry of Water Resources was held here in New Delhi today under the chairmanship of Union Water Resources Minister Shri Harish Rawat. Speaking on the occasion Shri Rawat thrust upon creating mass awareness to foster Conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management.

The meeting in detail discussed the operational plan for achieving following stipulated goals of NWM:

Comprehensive water data base in public domain and assessment of the impact of climate change on water resources; Promotion of citizen and State actions for water conservation, augmentation and preservation; Focused attention to vulnerable areas including over-exploited areas; Increasing water use efficiency by 20% and Promotion of basin level integrated water resources management.

The meeting also stressed for preparation of State Specific Action Plan for Water Sector, in a participatory manner, Promotion of citizen and state action for water conservation, augmentation and preservation with the second goal of human resources development alongwith capacity building as well as awareness cration.

The baseline study of measure/medium water resources projects to get information on the present status of water use efficiency by 20% was also suggested. The Central Water Commission has already identified 138 measure and 73 Medium Irrigation Projects for base line study of water use efficiency.

The establishment of National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (NFWUE), its potential role and Incentivisation of industries, farmers, local bodies and Water User Associations also discussed. In addition, an action plan for coping with food also came up for discussion in the meeting.

The National Water Mission is one of the eight missions on Climate Change established on the recommendations of National Action Plan on Climate change (NAPCC) formulated by the Prime Ministe's Council on Climate Change and monitored by PMO.

The Planning Commission has indicated an outlay of Rs. 1390 crore for XIIth Plan for implementation of NWM and the same has been revised to Rs. 1490 crore after including Rs. 100 crore for HR and Capacity Building Component .

The members of Advisory Board include Union Water Resources Minister, State Ministers from, Punjab, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh, Planning Commission, Secretaries or their Representatives from the Union Ministries: Finance, Science & Technology, Agriculture & Cooperation, Environment & Forest, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Panchayati Raj, Urban Development, Earth Sciences, Rural Development, Water Resources, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Current Existing Members from Planning Commission, , Tata Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Action for Food Production (AFPRO), BAIF Development Research Foundation, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, President, Indian Water Resources Society, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Chairman, Central Water Commission, Chairman, Central Ground Water Board, JS & FA, Ministry of Water Resources and Mission Director, National Water Mission.

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